



Josephine E. Snyder

November 14, 1931 - May 22, 2017

Josephine was born in Sellersville, Pa., November 14, 1931, to Frederick and Victoria Richter.

Josephine was involved with music at an early age which continued through her life. She was married in 1950 to Gerald L. Snyder. Together they raised three daughters. In 1956, she began working with a band known as "The Keynotes", making TV and personal appearances, and studio recordings. Soon after her move to Florida from Pennsylvania, she worked with another band known as the D.R.'s. She served as church organist for several Catholic churches in the area: St. Joseph's, Bradenton, St. Bernard's, Holmes Beach, and lastly St. Mary, Star of the Sea, on Longboat Key.

A musician of many talents, "Jo" was Musical Director for the Riverfront Theater for 30 years, and served the same for the Sarasota Players and Venice Little Theater. Most recently, before her health began to fail, she appeared as keyboardist for the group "Dreamclassics", which was led by her husband, Gerry.

She is survived by her husband, Gerald, of Bradenton, daughters Christine Lauen (husband, David of Bonifay Fl.) Valerie (Mrs. Lawrence Westfall) of Palmetto, Florida and Monica (Mrs. Jim Ballard) of Austin, Texas. She is also survived by 5 grandchildren: Stephanie Ford (Atlanta, Ga.), David Lauen Jr. (Atlanta, Ga.), Christopher Lauen (Bonifay, Fl.) ,Brannon Westfall (Palmetto, Fl.), and Diana Towner (Houston, Tx.) She also had 12 Great Grand Children: Eli Ford, Tessa Ford, Georgia Ford, Amelia Ford, Tucker Lauen, Arena Lauen, Sadie Lauen, Miah Lauen, Houston Towner, Christine Towner, and Penny Westfall.

Visitation will be 6-8 P.M. on Wednesday May 24, in the Chapel of Toale Brothers Funeral Home (Bradenton).

The Funeral Service will be held Thursday morning May 25, at 9:30 a.m. at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church - Chapel. 2850 75th St West Bradenton.

Committal service will be Mansion Memorial Park, Ellenton, Florida.

Arrangements are being handled by Toale Brothers Funeral Home, Bradenton.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Manatee Performing Arts Center in memory of Josephine Snyder.

Jo worked in Production Control in the 60's and 70's