



## Joan Dorothy Barren

November 24, 1918 - March 13, 2019

Joan Dorothy Barren, 100, of Orlando, Florida passed away Wednesday, March 13, 2019. She was born on November 24, 1918 in London, England. Joan immigrated to north Miami from England with her husband and two children in 1954, and moved to Davie, where they made their home. She was a charter member of the South Florida Calligraphy Guild, and was recognized as one of the top 10 seniors in Broward County for her volunteer work in the schools. Always one to know how to turn a phrase, she was an avid crossword puzzler and was chosen to compete on Jeopardy! Joan moved to Orlando in 2006 to join her daughter and her family. Her company was always enjoyable and she made friends everywhere she went, engaging strangers with thoughtful observations and sharing her own experiences from an entire century.

Everyone came to know her as “Nana,” and she enjoyed her daily cuppa tea (and the occasional margarita) and visiting with her great-grandchildren. She enjoyed playing Mah Jongg , cards and dominoes with friends at the local Senior Center right up until the end. If you knew Nana, you probably had an envelope with your name written on it in her familiar calligraphy. In November, friends and family from near and far gathered to pay their respects and celebrate Joan’s milestone 100th birthday, complete with greetings from the Queen.

She was a delight to spend time with, and her family adored her. We will miss her very much.

Joan is preceded in death by her husband, Herbie Barren and daughter-in-law, Estelle Silver Barren. She is survived by her daughter, Joanna Barren Hayes (husband, Jim Hayes) of Orlando, Florida; son, Mark Barren of Potomac, Maryland; grandchildren, Courtney Hayes Hoffmann (husband, Eric Hoffmann), Ryan Hayes (wife, Judith Garabo Hayes), Allison Barren Weintraub (husband, Andy Weintraub), Jennifer Barren Gordon (husband, Scott Gordon), and Sarah Barren; and great grandchildren, Will Hayes, Jack Hayes, Luke Hoffmann, Lily Hoffmann, Zak Weintraub, Drew Weintraub, and Dylan Weintraub.

Joan made friends wherever she went and will be missed by all who knew her.

# Tribute Wall

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“*Joan came to New Orleans with knitted items in hand for my first daughter. I felt such gratitude for this lovingly made gift. I remember her stories, too, about being in London during the bombing raids in WWII, when her first child was just a baby. She was in the Underground many nights with a small baby. What courage!! Missing her presence on this earth.*

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**Toni Eastham** - March 23, 2019 at 08:53 PM

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“*Joan was such a Lovely Lady...My memories of her are precious ones. She copied my fathers eulogy in her beautiful calligraphy and it is in a frame with pictures of my father on my wall...I will always think of her when I see tt and say a little prayer... Be at peace Joan! Love, Marlene*

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**Marlene Moran** - March 22, 2019 at 04:49 PM