



## Leslie M. Scroggins

October 2, 1963 - August 12, 2022

Leslie Markley-Scroggins (Bushka), 58, of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida passed away Friday, August 12, 2022. She was born on October 2, 1963 in Johnson City, Tennessee.

Leslie was a mother, sister, chef, artist, and a friend to whomever she met. As a young chef, she worked among some of the top talent in Atlanta and was a natural in the kitchen, receiving many accolades and held her own in a predominantly male driven environment of the times. Shortly after moving to Florida, she collaborated on her 1st restaurant opening and began her own cooking adventure in her beloved Moonlight Bay Cafe in St. Petersburg in the early 1990s. That success lit the fire in her soul and she never stopped cooking! Whether she served the elite families on Palm Beach or shared a home-cooked meal with the homeless sitting under a tree to cool off from the summer sun, her incredible gift and talent in the kitchen shined through.

The artist's side would come out and her paintings would just start flowing from her mind to her hand and paint would be everywhere, but the finished pieces were always one of a kind, just like her. Leslie created many treasured works she shared at art shows or via the internet worldwide through the years.

Leslie lived a colorful and adventurous life, having lived in Georgia, New York, North Carolina, Costa Rica, Alabama, Louisiana, and South Florida. She

loved to travel and experience the world through the people, food, and color. She fought through her battles from a young age and sometimes she won, but tragically, this time, she lost.

Leslie is survived by her son, Dylan Scroggins; sister, Kitty Markley Gordon; brother, Jimmy Markley; partner, Douglas Grizzel; and numerous extended family and friends who loved her dearly.

Life celebrations & services will be held at a later date for all family and friends to tell stories and tales with a laugh and tears in our eyes.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *This funny lady will be missed. Always up for an adventure. Sweet dreams* ”



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**Tracy Decerchio** - August 30, 2022 at 08:42 AM

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“ *The stars sparkle much brighter now, my friend. There aren't words to describe how much I love and miss you.* ”

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**Kirsten Conger** - August 18, 2022 at 07:44 AM



“ *I'll always remember Moonlight Bay Cafe and the pineapple upside down cake Leslie always made for Dad. She will be missed. Love from Mama Quail* ”

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**Vicki Quail** - August 17, 2022 at 09:19 PM