

### JEANETTE HAGEN BOWMAN



Jeanette “Candy” Hagen Bowman, 71, of Jacksonville, passed away December 26, 2023, at HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital following a courageous battle. She was born September 6, 1952 in Jacksonville, to the late Bert W. Hagen Sr. and Francine E. Grantham. Candy, as she was affectionately called by her family and friends, was a mother of four, a Gram to twelve grandchildren and a Great-Gram to one great-granddaughter. Candy enjoyed the Christmas holiday and shopping for Hallmark ornaments. She spent the last days of her life playing Yahtzee, watching Little House on the Prairie and could beat just about anyone at a good game of Jeopardy. Most of all, Candy loved her grandchildren fiercely and they were her pride and joy. Though Candy’s health was failing for years, few people knew the extent to which she struggled. Her joy in life and indomitable spirit kept her pushing through the pain. Candy surpassed the doctor’s expectations in her very own feisty spirit.

She is preceded in death by her husband William E. Bowman; two half-brothers John Hazouri and Kenneth Hagen; and brother-in-law Herb Ayars.

Candy is survived by her children Christie (Tim) Willingham, Matt Blanchard, Nicole Maddox and Adam (Amelia) Bowman; 12 grandchildren Lindsey Helton, Matthew and Kendall Blanchard, Braylin (Colby) Howell, Blake, Mitchell, Macy and Karly Maddox, William, Waylon, Weston and Walker Bowman; one great-granddaughter Kelsea Keener; two brothers Bert (Lyvonne) and Johnny (Chris) Hagen; sister Annette Ayars; a host of extended family and friends and especially Donna Greathouse, her longtime best friend.

As Candy’s family, we would like to express our deepest gratitude to Candy’s best-friend Donna “Dooner” Greathouse for the friendship and support that you extended to our mother, grandmother and sister. Donna’s unwavering presence and genuine care made a profound difference in her life, and we are eternally grateful for your compassion and friendship.

A Catholic Prayer Service was held Saturday, December 30 at Nassau Funeral Home with Father Bui officiating. The family received friends prior to the service.

Arrangements under the direction of Nassau Funeral Home, Callahan, 904-879-1770.

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