

DEBORAH S. HIGHTOWER

Deborah (Debbie) L. Schwenn Hightower, 64, was called to Heaven on April 10. She was born and raised in Jacksonville and later moved to Callahan where she lived the last 33 years of her life. A devoted wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister and friend, she leaves behind a legacy of loyalty, kindness, devotion and love. She was married to Richard Hightower, Sr., for 45 years. During her lifetime she had many achievements. She graduated from high school with honors at the age of 16 and went on to work for USNR Irvington Moore for the next 30 years of her life. Her last work project involved being a purchasing agent for Honeywell, and she assisted the Marine Corps with stocking the ships at sea with supplies. She was an avid animal lover and enjoyed her equine adventures of her youth. Her life was spent caring for her family and being there for anyone who needed her. Her biggest gift was her generous nature, she never wanted anyone to go hungry or without and she made sure to take care of anyone who reached out to her. She was a kind soul who was often referred to as a second Mom or the favorite aunt and cousin. Her work colleagues enjoyed her candor, and the firm hand it took to run the show. She is preceded in death by her parents Evelyn and John R. Schwenn, Sr.; and her brother Ronnie Schwenn.

She is survived by her husband Richard Hightower Sr.; son Richard Hightower, Jr.; daughter Felicia (Jason) Cohoon; grandchildren Richard Hightower, III, Kody Hightower and Evelyn Cohoon; her sister Vicki (Gerald) Thorn; sister-in-law Sylvia Toth; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorial will be by cremation as it was her final request.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in her name to Community Hospice of Northeast Florida, as they provided a lot of help and care for her comfort for the final few weeks of her life.