



Joan Donaldson

August 16, 1932 - August 29, 2025

Joan Donaldson passed away peacefully in her home on August 29, 2025, after a recurrence of cancer. She was 93. She was born to Ann and John Hill on August 16, 1932, in Meadville, PA. She grew up in Linesville, PA, graduated from Linesville High School in 1950, and married the boy next door, Charles “Chuck” Donaldson. Two children, Lee and Kay soon followed. Chuck and Joan lived in the Linesville area while raising their family. They ran The Dutch Treat, a seasonal restaurant in Espyville, PA, for several summers before moving to Florida to escape the cold winters in 1978. In St. Petersburg, they managed a trailer park and an apartment building. In 1988, they bought Manatee Springs Mobile Home Park in Chiefland, FL, and moved to a quieter life in the country.

Chuck and Joan were active square dancers, traveling the country to attend square dancing conventions. Chuck was a popular square dance caller. Joan was a member of Eastern Star. She was a skilled seamstress and enjoyed crocheting afghans. She loved to play cards with her family, and she played bridge regularly until she got sick in the fall of 2024.

Joan was preceded in death by her sister Sally (Chuck) Higgins and her husband of 57 years, Chuck Donaldson. She is survived by her son Lee Donaldson; daughter Kay (Michael) Keen; grandchildren Lauren (Aric) Aumond, Alex (Madeline) Keen, and Jenny Keen; great grandchildren

Isabella, Joey, and Penelope; sister-in-law Esther (Dick) Ray; and several nieces and nephews and their children.

The family will hold a celebration of life at Bronson United Methodist Church, 235 N. Court Street, Bronson, FL, on September 20, 2025 at 2:00 PM. Joan's and Chuck's ashes will be laid to rest in the Linesville Cemetery next to their parents.

Arrangements have been placed under the care of the Rick Gooding Funeral Home Chiefland Chapel, with locations in Cross City 352-498-5400 and Chiefland 352-493-0050. Please sign the online guest book at rickgoodingfuneralhomes.com.