



## Carolyn F McGrath

March 11, 1947 - February 9, 2026

Carolyn Francis McGrath went to be with her Creator, on February 9, 2026. She was 78 years old. Carolyn was born in Norfolk, Virginia on March 11, 1947 to Helen Vick Francis and James Wilson Francis and grew up in Ocean View, Virginia. Carolyn was known for her humor, quick wit, and her love of family. She attended Tidewater Academy and graduated from Granby high school in Norfolk, Virginia. She also attended North Carolina Wesleyan University in Rocky Mount, North Carolina. Carolyn together with her late husband, Paul McGrath, owned and operated Dan's Fan City in Jacksonville, Florida for 30 years. Carolyn's greatest joys were working in her garden, traveling with her late husband and sitting on the patio of her lakefront home with her cat, Rocky. Her favorite vacation was spending time at their second home that they built together in Steinhatchee, which they named Southern Comfort. She is survived by her son, Brendon Mee (Stephanie); step-children Paul McGrath Jr. (Pam) Ann Cazares (Jim), Kate Beadle (Jamie), sister Donna Carlton (Jim); grandchildren Luna, Krista and Emma Mee; niece Abby Waters (Scott); nephew Bo Carlton (Hannah). She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and sister, Patricia.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the wonderful memory care staff at The Fountains at Mill Cove for their loving care, compassion, and support over the past 20 months. We are also deeply grateful to the staff at VITAS for their care, dignity, and kindness during Carolyn's final days.

Donations may be made to the Cure Alzheimer's Fund.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Probably Passed each other at Granby but I left due to integration. 10 years later we were at VNB where she stared with those eyes and worked in state wide billing conversion. We dated, went to NYC with Patsy, in red Volks, and stayed in Spanish Harlem apartment with bath in kitchen. Toured NYC and back to Norfolk to her 3rd floor Alp-like apt on Redgate in Ghent. Went to Lynchburg and hiked in snow for miles. Separating happened and Carolyn made choices. Became a mother and eventually moved to Florida and owned a fan store. Lost contact but reunited via text for a great while until we met again at Donna's. Carolyn was different but the same and continued to change and she was aware of it but knew not what IT was but now we do. I'll miss her.

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**Jeff Stant** - February 23 at 10:09 AM