

Memorium for Joslyn Allen McGuire

Written by Frank McGuire 6/10/2023 with additions/subtractions from her siblings

Joslyn Allen McGuire passed away in Atlanta, GA on August 28, 2021. She was a beloved daughter of Henry G. and Mildred Gorman Allen of Oneida, NY. She is survived by her son, Thomas McGuire of Atlanta and siblings, Sister Prudence, Sister Lydia, Jennifer (Ginger) Allen of Tampa FL, brother Wilber Allen and sister-in-Law, Judy Allen of Oneida, NY.

Joslyn was born April 21, 1942, in Oneida, NY. She studied piano from Mrs. Trout starting at a very young age. She attended The Oakwood School (a Quaker school) in her last two years of high school. Then she attended Keuka College for two years, transferring to the University of Rochester, where she was with her beloved cousin, Sally Allen Mandel, and graduated with a major in history.

In 1967 Joslyn and Frank McGuire were married in the backyard of her family's home in Oneida. After moving to New Orleans in 1970, they headed to Atlanta for jobs in 1974. In 1983 they opened their own independent bookstore on Ponce de Leon Ave, called McGuire's Book Shop. They were well received and operated until 1990.

Joslyn lived in Atlanta since 1974 and in the Grant Park area since 1976. She was a sought-after piano teacher for some 40 years, first, as Atlanta's only Bastion-method instructor and, in later years, a teacher of the Suzuki method. At one time, she had over 50 private students each week. For two years, she served as the personal secretary for Atlanta Symphony Orchestra's music director, Yoel Levy. She sang with the Schola Nova *a capella* choir.

She read widely, followed events and politics, loved music and movies, and had a wide circle of friends. She was known for her Boxing Day dinner parties and other social events. In the 1980's she belonged to the Beyond War group in Atlanta.

Always a spiritual person, Joslyn joined the First Unitarian Universalist Church of New Orleans and later was active with Atlanta's Unitarian Phoenix Fellowship and the Unity Church of Atlanta. She ended with the Covenant Presbyterian Church of Atlanta.

Joslyn was a big part of every life that she touched.