



Martha Callahan

April 2, 1947 - July 25, 2013

Martha (Marty) Ann Callahan, 66, of Pawleys Island, SC, passed away peacefully Thursday evening, July 25th, at Waccamaw Community Hospital in Murrells Inlet, SC, with her family by her side.

Born and raised in the Shenandoah Valley Region of Virginia, Mrs. Callahan was the daughter of the late Wayno and MaeBudd Vann, of Strasburg, VA. After graduating as Salutatorian, Class President, and President of the National Honor Society from Strasburg High School in 1965, Mrs. Callahan graduated from the College of William and Mary, in Williamsburg, VA, in 1969 with a Bachelor of Arts in English. Following graduation, she relocated to Fairfax County, VA where she initially worked with the Department of State, but soon moved on to teach middle school English in the local school system. After a decade, working as a teacher, she left the school system and became a stay-at-home mother focused on the nurturing and success of her two children. She, however, concurrently continued her love of tennis as an active player, member and associate of the Burke Racket and Swim Club. Soon after her children left for school, she moved to Pawleys Island, 9 years ago, to reside at Heritage Plantation.

Arriving, to live, in an area she long considered paradise; she began pursuing her lifelong long passion for art. Here, she summarily engaged in her continued study of the fine arts and began honing her painting skills. During this time, she became an accomplished artist. Mrs. Callahan's works were displayed and sold at the Island Art Gallery, the Breathe Art Consortium and

various restaurants in the greater Pawleys Island, SC area. The family is extremely grateful she has left such a legacy of her selfless and beautiful expression for future generations to enjoy.

She is survived by her loving husband of 43 years, James E. Callahan III; son, Major Troy D. Callahan (USMC) and his wife Danielle V. Callahan, of Cedar Point, NC; daughter, Carly C. Petrus, and her husband James Bradley Petrus, of Charleston, SC; grandchildren, Brennan T. Callahan, Emma V. Callahan, and Madison G. Petrus; sisters, Bobbie Jean Vann, of Burke, VA; Cyndie V. Ryman and her husband Wilson J. Ryman, of Edinburg, VA; mother in law, Mary Jane Callahan, of Pawleys Island; and niece, Channell R. Hood and her husband Timothy Hood, of Owensboro, KY.

A memorial service will be held at the Heritage Club, Saturday, August 3rd, 2013 at 6:00 PM with Rev. Wesley Peyton officiating. A celebration of Mrs. Callahan's life and reception will be held immediately following, at the same location.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to the Marty Callahan Foundation for Aspiring Artists c/o Breathe, PO Box 2684, Pawleys Island, SC 29585 or to All 4 Paws Animal Rescue Center, 67 Waverly Rd., Pawleys Island, SC 29585.

Those who desire, may sign the online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries, or may physically sign in at the service and celebration site. Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Service
AUG 3. Heritage Club

Tribute Wall

RP

“ Jim: Our prayers and thoughts are with you, Troy & Carly at this time. It is so very difficult to find words that can comfort at this time for any of you. I am so very grateful to have spoke with her on the phone the day we arrived for vacation down there this past July. We are also grateful for the time we spent with you, Jim! Troy and Carly, we are very good friends of the Pendley's. Because of this friendship, we have heard so many wonderful stories about the both of you growing up, we feel as if we know you both. Last year, while on vacation, Marty and I had many long talks about her passion for "Art & Paintings"! I was so very impressed and taken away by her talents when I viewed many paintings she had completed. Try to look to the skies -- someday she may send a message -- painting the beautiful blue sky with fluffy white clouds -- talk to the butterflies as well, if one lands on your shoulder, I feel certain it is "Marty" letting you know she is A.O.K. and loving her new home in a "Greater Paradise" than Pawley's Island!

Much Love,
Steve & Renee Pogue
Woodbridge, VA

Renee Pogue - August 04, 2013 at 10:27 AM

EB

“ Dear Jim,
Our sincerest condolences to you and your family in the passing of Marty. We have many fond recollections of our interactions with her while cruising with you and during our encounters "out and about" along the Waccamaw Neck. She was a great lady who will be missed by many. Our thoughts are with you at this difficult time.

Warmest regards,

Ed and Neats Blackhurst
Pawleys Island

Ed and Neats Blackhurst - August 03, 2013 at 10:45 AM

JF

“ Jim,
Extending deep and heartfelt sympathy to you and your loved ones. May God Bless and keep you and your family in His care now and forever.

Jacqueline Fernandez - August 02, 2013 at 04:19 PM

JR

“ Jim,
So sorry to hear about Marty.
We had a lot of great times together in the Aetna days.
There are not many people that stay married as long as you guys.
Be gratefull for all of that time together . It is a blessing that you will be able to cherish!

John

John Ross - August 01, 2013 at 07:33 AM

JC

“ We will sincerely miss Marty, our sister-in-law, who greatly enhanced our lives through her incredible art, tender nature and sensitive soul. She dearly loved her family and that will always remain tucked in our hearts forever. Rest in Peace!

Joyce Crompton - August 01, 2013 at 05:58 AM

JW

“ I am sending condolences to Callahan family for the loss of your dear love one. I hope that the promises of God, found in the Bible would comfort you and give you solace during your time of sorrow.-2 Corinthians 1:3,4.

Jean Worsley - July 31, 2013 at 09:22 PM

MB

“ With sympathy I express my condolences to the family. I pray that you keep calling upon the Lord with your cries for help and may the Almighty prove to be your refuge by providing you with all you need during this difficult time. The Sovereign Lord is the hearer of prayer and a refuge for all those trusting in Him.-Psalms 65:2;Psalms 72:12.

Ms. Brown - July 31, 2013 at 09:14 PM

PJ

“ Marty clearly and unselfishly loved her family. A great contributor who made life better for those with whom she made contact. Our prayers are with Jim and family

Phil & Lee janaro - July 31, 2013 at 08:26 PM

CB

We are sending our sympathy for your loss. She will be greatly missed in the Heritage community. We loss a wonderful artist to soon.

Connie and Pat Bell - August 01, 2013 at 11:12 AM