



Joan Litchfield Quinn

June 23, 1937- July 19, 2015

Webster. MA/ Hobe Sound Florida

Joan Litchfield Quinn, 78, of Hobe Sound FL., passed away peacefully July 19th surrounded by her family after a courageous battle with cancer. Joan was born in Thompson, CT on June 23, 1937 to Charles and Anne (Zabka) Litchfield. She attended Thompson schools with her beloved sister Phyllis, who predeceased her in 1999. Following Tourtellotte High School, Joan attended UCONN where she would meet her first husband, Francis Quinn. Joan received her RN degree in nursing and later her MSN from the University of CT School Of Nursing.

After working in various hospitals including Saint Francis in Hartford, she would embark on her life's passion; working with the elderly, immersing herself in the field of gerontology, geriatrics, and elderly care management. Starting one of the first pilot programs in care management organizations in CT, called Triage, and later CT Community Care, Joan's company was instrumental in providing quality care management and transition services to individuals in the health care continuum. The lessons she learned in these early organizations were pivotal in her career as she strove to incorporate an empathetic, loving, motivational approach both in business with her co-workers and with the clients she served.

Joan's career had many milestones, but few positions could touch the friendships with people she made along the way. As kids my brothers and I would be introduced to many people who respected and admired our mother. We knew from an early age she was pretty special. Joan served as the first women Senior Vice President at Anthem Insurance Companies in CT where she specialized in Medicaid, Medicare, and serving high risk elderly and children with complex needs. She had great influence in the merger of Nevada and Colorado programs into both Anthem and Wellpoint. Joan moved on to become the Executive Director of UnitedHealth Group,

Evercare; the Interim Executive Director of the Alzheimer's Association CT Chapter and would become the interim CEO of the National Alzheimer's Capital Area Chapter in Fairfax, VA where she was working until the time of her death. Joan's talents were many and she showcased them when she started Quinn's Consulting, dealing with health and long term care, case coordination and transitional care.

Along the way Joan was an energetic and devoted board member and belonged to many national organizations such as the American Academy of Nursing, the Gerontological Society of America, and The National Academy of Certified Care Managers. She loved the boards she worked on including those for Duncaster, McLean, and ProHealth Physicians. Joan was also a published author and editor of many publications and was named a 2011 Notable Woman of Influence by the CT Women's Hall of Fame.

Joan was a proud, determined, conscientious business woman whose priority was always to make those people around her the best they could be and she always took the time to show she cared deeply for the individuals she worked with. She was blessed with an outpouring of support these last months from those friends in the long term health care profession that she worked with for so long. It was truly comforting and inspirational for her family.

Joan Quinn was extremely successful in the business world, but she always felt that her greatest achievement was in her private life with her family. She simply never failed to aid her family with any endeavor or need they might have. She was always there for them and they loved her deeply. Joan leaves behind her loving husband Paul Karapanos of Hobe Sound FL. Paul was at Joan's side day in and day out and made the last 17 years truly special for her, as well as making sure her final days were peaceful and full of joy. In addition, Joan leaves behind three sons and their families, Eric, wife Tamara, Eric's children Riley, Kelsey, and Carly; Kevin, wife Mary-Eleanor, and children Tom and Brian; and Matthew, wife Jennifer, and children Alex, Zachary, and Ethan. Joan also leaves her brother-in-law John Lewis, her two nephews Jon and David and David's family, wife Carrie, and son Andrew. Joan's 8 grandchildren were a special source of pride for her and they spent considerable time with her in Florida-

doing the Disney thing, riding her golf cart, playing tennis, and lounging in the pool. The grandchildren could also be seen at her cottage in Westerly, RI for the many family gatherings Joan liked to host, and at Webster Lake for cookouts and pontoon boat rides. Joan will be greatly missed.