



Georgiana Judith Brown

October 5, 1939 - March 19, 2024

Georgiana Judith Fatteross Brown, beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and dear friend to many, passed away with grace and peace on March 19, 2024, surrounded by family. She was born in October of 1939 in Hackensack, NJ to the late Thomas and Jean Fatteross (nee Fede).

“Georgie” was a long-time resident of South Hackensack, NJ until her retirement when she moved to Seaside Park, NJ to her dream house on the bay. Georgie was married to Joseph Brown, Jr. from 1964 to 1977 and was with her loving partner, Barbara Russell, for many years until Barbara’s death in 2008.

Georgie graduated from Hackensack High School in 1957 where she played softball and field hockey. As an adult she loved to play tennis and racquetball. Playing and watching sports became a lifelong love, which she passed on to everyone in the family. (Let’s Go Mets! Big Blue for life!) She received her Bachelor’s Degree in Science Education from Trenton State Teacher’s College, where she pledged Kappa Delta Pi sorority. After graduation, she taught at West Milford High School, where her claim to fame was having Ed Marinaro as a student. She took a 12-year hiatus from teaching to raise her daughters. Upon her return to teaching in 1980, she taught at Eastside High School in Paterson where she worked under the infamous Joe Clark. After several years at Eastside, she obtained a new teaching certification for K-8, which allowed her to obtain her final position teaching middle school science at Hackensack Middle School. Georgie could often be found in her classroom

early or late in the day with food, clothing, and other items to help her students who she cared for deeply.

While she was teaching, she returned to school and received her Master's Degree in Substance Abuse Counseling from Montclair State College in 1993. She retired from teaching in 2005 and moved "down the shore".

As a young mother, Georgie was involved with many activities, including as a Girl Scout Leader and President of the PTA. She was dedicated to many causes, including Native American welfare, LGBTQ+ Rights, and the preservation of Barnegat Bay, where she was an avid boater. She was a friend of Bill W. and a volunteer crisis counselor with CONTACT of Ocean and Monmouth Counties. She loved camping, fishing and crabbing, and taking care of her pets.

Above all else, she valued time spent with her family, including her children, Lyn (Chris), Jeannie, Jodie (Garry), and Mary (Brian). Georgie was devoted to her grandchildren: Melissa (Colin), Jennifer, Stephen (Erica), James (Hoda), Veronica (Dan), CJ (Emelia), Ian (Alex), Sydni, Victoria, Walter, Abigail, Josh, and Thomas, and great-grandchildren: Joanna, Madison, Anabelle, Amelia, and Tyler, all of whom brought her great joy and never failed to spark light in her eyes. Georgie is also survived by her brother, John Fatteross (Rosalie), and many beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Georgie's passing leaves a void in the hearts of those who knew and loved her deeply. She will be celebrated for her strength, independence, compassion, and intelligence, traits which she generously passed on. She leaves behind a legacy that will continue to inspire her family, friends, and the communities she served.

In lieu of flowers, your support would be welcome to the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust (www.sheldrickwildlifetrust.org) in their care for elephants or PFLAG Jersey Shore (www.pflagjerseyshore.org).

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR **30**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Van Tassel Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Georgiana Judith Brown.* ”



March 25, 2024 at 10:37 AM



“ *Stephen, Erica, and Tyler purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Georgiana Judith Brown.* ”



Stephen, Erica, and Tyler - March 24, 2024 at 08:36 PM



“ *Love Linda, Bob and Rich Calaerese purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Georgiana Judith Brown.* ”



Love Linda, Bob and Rich Calaerese - March 21, 2024 at 11:18 PM



“ *Georgie saved me from myself. She believed in me when I didn't know. Her love is unconditional. I am forever grateful for her choosing to love me when I didn't love myself.* ”

Robin Ferguson - March 20, 2024 at 07:53 PM