

## Rhoda Dianne Yawn

In early 2022, our mom Rhoda Yawn was diagnosed with myopathy (a degenerative muscle disease). Unfortunately, on Wednesday, May 18th, 2022, she suffered a severe stroke. She passed away on May 27th, 2022. She is survived by her children Genevieve (John), Lauren (Allie), Jon (Stacey), her sister Rhonda (Harold, Madeline, Riley) and her beautiful grandchildren Preston and Bernard.



As children, she imbued us with the love of the natural world. Rhoda was a life-long lover of horticulture and could rattle off the Latin names of plants with ease. She ran her own business, a gift basket company called Gift Services in the Warehouse District of New Orleans, and we spent many days in local greenhouses as she searched for the perfect plants for her arrangements.

To celebrate Rhoda's life, we would like to create a beautiful, verdant garden that will allow us to heal and take comfort over the next few months and for years to come. Funds will go towards building garden beds and flower beds, seeds, and bulbs, in her children's homes.

Genevieve, Lauren, & Jon