



## Mrs. Muriel Lisbeth Cairnie (Ross) Cook

July 15, 1941 - November 4, 2021

Muriel Lisbeth Cairnie (Ross) Cook, 80, of Plant City, Florida, died in a car accident on November 4, 2021. Muriel was born in Boston on July 15, 1941. She grew up in Quincy, Massachusetts, before moving to the UK with her family in her teen years. It was there that Muriel met her future husband, Ian, an engineer who was working on the Cruachan hydroelectric power station. She was sufficiently impressed, and they married at the Cathedral in Oban, Scotland, on April 2, 1964. They lived in Lincolnshire, UK, until the early 1990's, after which they moved back to the US, and settled in Plant City.

Muriel was a talented artist, most certainly inheriting her artistic genes from her Scottish relatives. She dedicated herself to her watercolor paintings, her needlework, cross-stitch, knitting, and crocheting, creating beauty with much precision. She graciously shared her love of crafts and her creations with friends and family. Muriel was a member of the Art Guild in Plant City, serving as treasurer, and she worked at the local Strawberry Festival for many years. She was also a member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

Muriel was fascinated by genealogy, and she dedicated herself to researching her Scottish roots. Her efforts were rewarded when she received a letter from a very elderly John McCorquodale, from Lismore, who helped her piece together the puzzle of her ancestry. Over the years Muriel became close with many cousins, aunts, and uncles whose parents had come to Boston from Scotland in the early 1900's, with many family members eventually settling in Ohio and Wisconsin. The Cairnies from Edinburgh, Scotland, truly represented the American dream—working class people, applying their skills and work ethic, to become successful. More recently, Muriel was excited to discover she had relatives on her father's side in Louisiana and enjoyed visiting and getting to know them.

Muriel displayed a clever wit and had a wicked sense of humor. She was a keen observer of people and of life. She knew how to make those around her feel at ease and engage. She had a kind heart and generous spirit. Throughout her life, Muriel was devoted to animals. May the story of the 'Rainbow Bridge' be true, so that Muriel will be reunited with her much loved and adored doggies, specifically, Bobbie, Binkie,

Scooter, Tammy, Peachy, Laci, and Rosie.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ian Cook. She is survived by extended family in Colorado, Ohio, Wisconsin, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Vermont, South Carolina, Louisiana, and the United Kingdom. Muriel's wishes were to be cremated, with her remains to be interred at the Wollaston Cemetery in Quincy, Massachusetts, alongside her husband's. A memorial service will be held Tuesday, November 30, from 5:30-7.00 PM at the Project Access Resource Center at Walden Lake Apartments, 1400 Plantation Blvd in Plant City, Florida. Donations in honor of Muriel can be made to one of her favorite charities: Best Friends Animal Society, Inc, 5001 Angel Canyon Road, Kanab, UT 84741; The Retirement Home for Horses, Inc., 20307 NW CR 235A, Alachua, FL 32615; Critter Adoption and Rescue Effort, Inc., 1528 27th Street SE, Ruskin, FL 33570. Expressions of condolence at [HopewellFuneral.com](http://HopewellFuneral.com)

As Antoine de Saint-Exupery wrote in *The Little Prince*, "In one of the stars I shall be living. In one of them I shall be laughing. And so it will be as if all the stars were laughing when you look at the sky at night."

# Events

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**NOV**   **Memorial Service**                      05:30PM - 07:00PM

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Project Access Resource Center at Walden Lake Apartments  
1400 Plantation Blvd, Plant City, FL, US

# Comments

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“ Sorry that I have only just received the news and I'm saddened by the loss of my dear friend Muriel who I have had the pleasure to have known since the Mid 80's when I was a trainee accountant and with whom have kept in regular touch ever since. I even visited a when in Florida. So many memories but a few come to mind. Her love of horses - Muriel and I visited the retirement for horses Near Aylesbury in the UK. When in Florida we did the same travelling around the rest home for horses (her chosen charity) in a golf buggy, feeding the many horses carrots and apples. such lovely days.

I don't forget Ian, her husband, of course. The three of us went canoeing along the river eating lunch on the sandy banks. Muriel stood on the side of the canoe and flipped me over into the water. My sunglasses are at the bottom of that river somewhere!

Rest in peace Muriel, bless your heart.

Phil Hodgett

**Phil Hodgett** - December 08, 2021 at 07:28 AM

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“ I am saddened by the loss of a wonderful lady and an equally wonderful friend! She loved her dogs and cats and all of God's creatures. I am certain they will miss her as we do.

Bless you and may you rest in peace and to her family I am so sorry for your loss.

Mary Jane Wagoner



**Mary Jane Wagoner** - November 23, 2021 at 10:09 AM

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“ So sad to hear about the passing of 'Auntie Muriel'. Our family enjoyed so many happy weekends with Muriel and Ian in the UK, and I was lucky enough to also visit several times in Florida where there was always such a warm welcome. Muriel always had such a smile on her face, especially in the Florida sun, which i'll take with me as an inspiration in life.



Ian Jagger - November 22, 2021 at 11:52 PM

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“ My deep and sincere condolences to the family & friends of Mrs. Muriel Cook! I believe this big loss is not only within the family, but also with other people who knew and had a good relationship with her including me, her esthetician. I got to know Mrs. Cook by chance. She told me she searched on internet for a good esthetician near the place where she resided for her convenience. And I was lucky to be her choice after her first try and she became one of my regular and valued customers since Mar, 2021. Mrs. Cook was always humorous, positive and kindhearted. She enjoyed my facials service and never failed her generous appreciation of my work. I was so joyful that one time after a relaxing facial, she told me: Chau, can you drive me home? That was one of the compliments that I enjoyed the most! I still can believe that she had gone forever just a week after her last facial with me! It was a real shock and a remarkable loss for me as Mrs. Cook was one of my favorite customers! I will miss her a lot in my treatment room. Rest in peace, Muriel! I love you and am praying for your soul to reside in the Heaven by God's mercy and compassion.



Chau Le Esthetician - November 20, 2021 at 08:40 PM

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“ We feel shocked and very sad to hear of the news of Muriel, our dear friend of over fifty years. We were fortunate to enjoy her generous hospitality here in the UK and Florida.

Muriel became a much loved 'auntie' and her husband 'uncle' Ian to our two sons and will be greatly missed by us all.

Muriel was a very talented lady who shared those talents with many people. We kept in touch whether in person, telephone calls or correspondence, in particular, hearing her beloved doggy stories.

Our love and deepest sympathy to her family and many friends.

Barry and Eileen Jagger

Eileen and Barry Jagger - November 19, 2021 at 03:05 PM

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“ So sad to hear about Muriel’s passing. Her and Ian were always “Auntie Muriel” and “Uncle Ian” to my brother and I growing up. We enjoyed many weekends with them when they lived in the UK and always loved seeing their dogs Tammy, Binkie and Daisy too. In fact, they gave me my love of dogs so it was very special when Muriel sent me a painting she had done of my first dog Sammy as a present one year. Later on in life I was fortunate enough to be able to visit them several times in Florida and Muriel was able to travel to our wedding in 2010. I could see she was very happy with her life in Florida and very active in the community. I’ll always remember her as cheerful, caring and someone who made the best of each day.



Gareth Jagger - November 17, 2021 at 06:04 AM

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“ My deepest heartfelt sympathy to all Muriel’s relatives.  
Muriel and I were in touch since I met her in Cayman Islands. What a wonderful and interesting lady! I will miss her.  
Ilona from New Jersey

Ilona Ansons - November 14, 2021 at 01:57 PM

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Suzanne King - November 14, 2021 at 12:24 PM

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“ Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of Mrs. Muriel Lisbeth Cairnie (Ross) Cook.



November 13, 2021 at 03:11 PM

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“ I will miss our morning talks dear friend. I am so lucky you came into my life. Thank you.



Kimberly Singletary - November 12, 2021 at 11:43 AM

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“ Patti Millin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Muriel Lisbeth Cairnie (Ross) Cook



**Patti Millin** - November 12, 2021 at 08:20 AM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Muriel Lisbeth Cairnie (Ross) Cook.



November 12, 2021 at 08:10 AM