



## Mrs. Charon Ann Winans

July 6, 1939 - March 3, 2021

Charon Ann Bertelsen Winans, 81, of Tallahassee, passed away on Wednesday, March 3, 2021, at Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare.

A daughter of the late Aage F. Bertelsen, who emigrated from Denmark, and the late Linda G. Bresser Bertelsen, who emigrated from England, she was born in Lawrence, Michigan on July 6, 1939. She is also preceded in death by her brother, Bruce Bertelsen; and sister, Brenda Branyan.

She learned her work ethic starting at the age of five while she grew up picking berries on a farm in Michigan. After high school she owned and operated "The Teddy Bear" restaurant near Western Michigan University for several years where she met her husband. They made their way from Michigan to Florida where she worked at the Brown Derby for more than 18 years.

A very creative worker, she learned from her father, who was a journeyman fine furniture maker in Denmark, earning several awards and honors during his career. She was also a talented artist and craftsman which was perfected while she began and ran her own arts and craft business, Wooden Choice, for over 25 years. This entrepreneurial adventure was purveyed to most of the states east of Mississippi.

Survivors include her husband of almost 60 years, Jan L. Winans; son, Sean M. Winans (wife, Beth); daughter, Kanani K. Johnson (husband, Kent); grandchildren, Michael, David, Zoe, Mia, Joel and Ryan; and a sister, Barbara Forbes.

The family will have a gathering at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Toys for Tots or Red Hills Church of Tallahassee.

Online condolences may be expressed at [www.abbeyfh.com](http://www.abbeyfh.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ I loved MOM (an adopted mom). My husband and I rented the "little house" next door to them for 7 years. She called us "the kids." We loved it! She refused to be called the landlady and not once did she raise the rent, even after I encouraged her to do so, she simply said, "Nah, I'm good, that is greedy, I hate greed!" I think she knew that we didn't have the money and she wanted us to succeed in our new business. She and Jan took care of us, even gave us money for our wedding, way too much I thought, but that was them, they wanted to help us and they did, always. When a friend or family member would pull up in the driveway of the little house, Mom would stand on her front porch and yell, "FRIEND OR FOE?!" LOL, she wanted to make sure she knew who was on her property and what the folks' intentions were. She was no nonsense, told it like it was, an American patriot, loved the country, had a work ethic that did not quit, and was one heck of a mom and grandma (look at the proof of these amazing Winans and Johnson kids and grandkids!). We will miss stopping by and seeing her, we did not do it enough. I wish we would have stopped more often, but I have to remember the times we did, it was quality time and time well spent. She had a great smile, perfect smile, it was the real thing, honest to the core, no pretension, no ulterior motives, just HONEST and straight! We love you Mom, we miss you, but we know you are in Jesus' care and we cannot wait to be up there with you! God is good! I know you are up there rooting for us all, rooting for America, rooting for the truth to shine through as that was what you stood for the most in our eyes - TRUTH. I am so happy you are in heaven, no pain, youthful, and working at something you love. I remember you correcting me once, "Oh, we will have jobs in heaven!" I have wondered a lot what yours might be, maybe taking care of children and loving on them like you did your grandkiddos here. You were a beautiful treasure, inside and out.

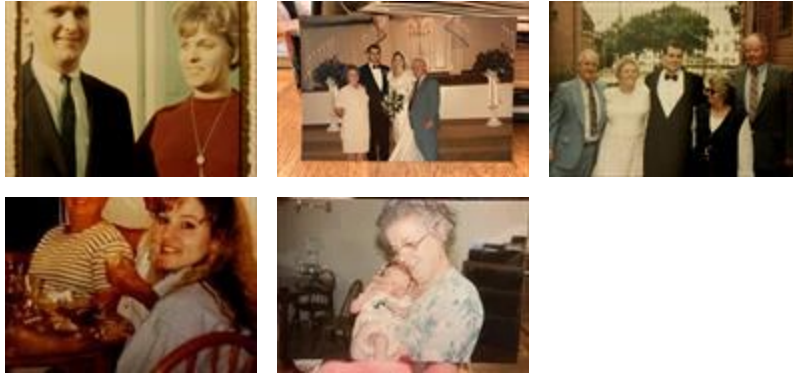
*Love you bunches Winans and Johnsons, thank you for sharing this precious lady with us and treating us like family.*

*Janet & Jimmy Stringer :)*

**James & Janet Stringer** - April 18, 2021 at 11:45 PM

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“ *A few more pictures to remember my mom.*



**Kanani** - March 16, 2021 at 06:50 PM

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“ *Pictures of my mom.*



**Kanani** - March 11, 2021 at 05:42 PM

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“ *Sure will miss seeing Charon when going over to visit Jan. Deepest condolences to him, Kanani, Sean, their spouses and grand kids. Look forward to a celebration in her honor! Dave Anderson*

**David J Anderson** - March 10, 2021 at 05:32 PM

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*Thank you Dave!*

**Kanani** - March 16, 2021 at 06:51 PM