



Joan Pierwola-Compagnone-Hennessee

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Joan Carol Pierwola-Compagnone-Hennessee, 64, of Petersburg, Virginia, died Tuesday, May 24, 2011 from complications following surgery. Joan was born August 31, 1946, in Bridgeport, Connecticut. She was the second daughter to the late Joseph and Regina Pierwola, and sister to the late Sylvia Pierwola-Hildenbrand. After graduation from Notre Dame High School, in Fairfield, Connecticut in 1964, and later Albany Business School in Albany, New York, Joan had a successful career as an Administrative Assistant for various companies in Connecticut and Virginia, concluding her career as an acting Office Manager for Virginia Commonwealth University Food Services. In April of 1966, Joan married Theodore (Ted) C. Compagnone and was married for 38 years, until Ted's death in 2004. After being widowed, in May 2010, Joan married John Hennessee, sharing their lives together until her death, just a few days shy of their first anniversary. Joan celebrated life by spending time with family and friends. She especially enjoyed outdoor activities like camping, and recently, kayaking and bicycling. Joan also liked shopping and had a strange obsession with shoes, which she happily passed on to one of her granddaughters. Joan is survived by her husband, John Hennessee; two sons, Theodore J. Compagnone of Gloucester, Virginia, and Gregory P. Compagnone of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts; daughter, Jolene E. Compagnone-Stephens of West Point, Virginia; seven grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, May 28, at the Vincent Funeral Home, 417 11th Street, West Point,

Virginia. Reverend Steve Kruse will officiate. Burial will be at the West Point Cemetery following the memorial service.