



Joan Thomas

September 6, 1948 - March 25, 2022

Joan Diann Kilpatrick Thomas, “Ms. Joan,” went home to be with her Jesus on Friday, March 25th, 2022. Joan was born in Boaz, Alabama on September 6, 1948. She started her career working for Southern Bell in 1967, later South Central Bell, Bellsouth, and AT&T which brought her to Birmingham in 1970. She retired in 2004 after 35 years of service. She was always active in her church families as a dedicated volunteer and chaperone to the youth of South Roebuck Baptist Church, and later was a founding member of North Valley Church, where she acted in her hospitality gift as a door greeter. Joan was a proud mother to her daughters, Teri and KB, and doting grandmother to Daizy whom she enjoyed spending time with and spoiling on shopping trips. She was also a loving (and bossy) sister to George, Kathy, and Donna.

Joan loved big, lived big, and laughed big...and loud. Her larger-than-life personality and laugh would fill any room she entered with her contagious spirit. Though her daily life was simple, she was extravagant in her love for others. She always looked for ways to bless others, whether it was being there as a caregiver, making a pasta salad or banana bread, or opening her home and heart to those in need. She had a way, a gift, of making everyone feel like family. She loved to play games, especially cards and was a constant at her weekly bridge games. Joan was a self-proclaimed obnoxious Alabama fan and celebrated every touchdown, score, and win with firecrackers. Her adventurous spirit was always ready for a road trip to the beach or casino. She is preceded in death by her father, E.C. Kilpatrick; mother, Lorene Cagle;

sister, Kathy Marks; brother-in-law, Dale Fish; nephew, Kody Kilpatrick; niece, Sherrie Lemons; great nephew, Chris St. John; and best friends, Jane Johnson and Lou Loftin.

She is survived by daughters, Teri Thomas and Keri Beth "KB" Thomas, granddaughter, Daizy Mae Thomas; brother, George (Carolyn) Kilpatrick; sister, Donna Fish, and a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews.

Joan is also survived by a host of chosen families; Kenny and Misty Johnson and family, Kyle and Aponi Johnson and family, Kathy and Frankie Patton and family, Tim and Ellen Lindsey, chosen granddaughter, Tiffany Lindsey (Corey) Gray, and chosen grandchildren, Kinley Ann, Harper Morgan, Canaan Scott and Finn Thomas Gray.

Pallbearers will be Kenny Johnson, Kyle Johnson, Tim Lindsey, Tyler Lawley, Scott Gray, and Corey Gray, and honorary pallbearer, Brian Sims.

Visitation will be March 30th from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm and March 31st from 10:00 am-11:00 am with funeral service on Thursday, March 31st at 11:00 am at Deerfoot Memorial Funeral Home. Burial to follow at Union United Methodist Church Cemetery in Boaz, Alabama.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **30**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Deerfoot Memorial Funeral Home
5360 Deerfoot Parkway
Trussville, AL 35173

Funeral Service

MAR **31**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CW

“ I will never forget the time I got rid of Jim just so my mom Kathy Marks could have both of her sisters visit her for the last time while she still has life in her. It was the Best Blessing in the world to her. I love you all and will see you again someday. Give Mawmaw, Mom, Sherrie, and Chris a big kiss and hug from me. You and Chris can be the stars up there with all your humor. Love ya lots Aunt Joan! To your girls; I know it hurts but know she is so much better off than we are here on earth. No pain, no problems, just smiles and laughter. Besides she wouldn't want to be here to watch Auburn beat Alabama this year lol. Love you both Terri and KB, sorry we couldn't be there for you, but we were there in our hearts. Cristy, Mike, and Katie Watters

Cristy Watters - April 01, 2022 at 04:33 AM

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“ What an absolute joy and delight this lady was. I've only known Mrs. Joan since 2016 but what a beautiful spirit she had. I was with her through some of her roughest times, medically speaking and she was always a sweetheart no matter what she was physically going through. WE will miss her terribly and the staff here that always served her will always love her and know that we are better for knowing her. God Bless her family during this time.

Donna - March 31, 2022 at 11:24 AM

CP

“ I meet Ms. Joan @ SRBC. She was the "life of the party"...loving each and everyone she met. She loved being with the youth and would go on their trips. I had one youth come back and tell she was the "coolest chaperone ever - she acted like we did in the activities". She was definitely a one of a kind. There will be a open empty space in several people hearts, but just remember the good times and all the memories she made with each of you and that space will be filled. But she is now in a wonderful place... no pain and being rewarded for all her deeds she did here on this earth. Prayers to all the family.

Connie Peek - March 31, 2022 at 12:29 AM



“ Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Joan Thomas.



March 30, 2022 at 09:14 PM

JN

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Joanna Nobles - March 30, 2022 at 06:24 PM



“ 2 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Deerfoot Memorial Funeral Home - March 30, 2022 at 06:07 PM



“ 33 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Deerfoot Memorial Funeral Home - March 30, 2022 at 03:40 PM



“ *I will always remember your good listening ear when you and I were going thru tough times, your infectious laugh and your Auburn jokes! You could always make me laugh! Will love and miss you! Roll Tide!*

Joyce Jacobs Chadwick - March 30, 2022 at 02:29 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joan Thomas.*



March 29, 2022 at 05:50 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Joan Thomas.*



March 28, 2022 at 12:52 PM