



## Jo Ann Anderson

June 22, 1931 - March 23, 2025

Celebrating in heaven today with Jesus and all her loved ones, Jo Ann Houston Anderson proudly drew her first and last breaths in her beloved Sand Ridge community in Lexington, Tennessee. Born June 22, 1931, she passed peacefully on Sunday morning, March 23, 2025, having lived a blessed life of 93 years. Preceded in death by her beloved husband of over 50 years, Earl Anderson, and later in life husband, William Stewart, son Stanley Houston Anderson, daughter Nancy Ann Anderson, parents Noah Arthur and Chessie Houston, and brothers Lyman and Harry Houston. She leaves behind her son, Timothy Earl (Kara), four grandchildren Ashley Anderson, Chad Anderson (Jessica), Hayden Anderson (Alexis), Avery Raines (Wilson) and six great-grandchildren Jadyn Anderson, Evy, Ella, and Eli Anderson, James Anderson, Jr., and Anderson Raines.

Jo Ann will be remembered for several things. First and foremost, she was a child of God and lovingly served her church, Sand Ridge Baptist her entire life. When she was not at home caring for her husband and three children, you could always find her at the church serving as a teacher, a mentor, a volunteer, and a friend.

Second, she was an energetic caregiver. She lovingly sacrificed everything for her special needs daughter, Nancy, for 56 amazing years. Nancy was blessed to have such a special mother fighting for her health, happiness, and wellbeing every day. When Jo Ann's mother passed too soon, she made sure her father was fed and cared for every day for over 20 years.

Thirdly, she loved to have fun! She was self-deprecating, always making fun of herself first. She was witty, funny, and strong and stubborn. She was competitive and loved to win, especially when playing her favorite card game, Rook. When asked of her childhood, a story she told was that she was the fastest cotton picker in the county. No one could prove otherwise, so we all just gave her that one. And let's not forget she was a warrior shopper. Turn her loose in the mall, and not only would you be hard-pressed to keep up, you would be exhausted when you got back home.

Jo Ann had a powerfully strong network of friends. Friends who cared deeply for each other, were there for each other, and loved each other through good times and bad. She lived in community with others the way God intended. And now, she is with her new heavenly community, where she is already putting together her new, winning Rook team.

Her family would like to thank all the caregivers and medical teams that have supported Jo Ann and Nancy over the last few years. They were a special part of the family and helped to make Jo Ann's wishes come true – to spend her final days at home.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday, March 29 at Sand Ridge Baptist Church with services to follow at 1PM.

Memorial donations can be made to Easter Seals of Lexington 759 West Church Street Suite 8 Lexington, TN 38351 or Sand Ridge Baptist Church 7535 Highway 412 West Lexington, TN 38351

# Tribute Wall

PK

“ Ms JoAnn was. A. Beautiful Person in side and out. A Friend always no matter what. And the Best Moma to her Kids. She Loved them so Much. And she Loved Mr. Earl. God Bless you All.  
Love Pam



Pam Kelley - April 12, 2025 at 01:26 AM

DW

“ Delton & Florena Williams lit a candle in memory of Jo Ann Anderson



Delton & Florena Williams - March 27, 2025 at 05:23 PM

LR

“ Love, Allyson & Chris Raines planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jo Ann Anderson.

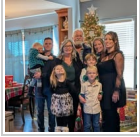
Love, Allyson & Chris Raines - March 27, 2025 at 02:45 PM

LR

“ Love, Allyson & Chris Raines purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jo Ann Anderson.



Love, Allyson & Chris Raines - March 27, 2025 at 02:45 PM



“ *condolences to the family and friends* ”



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**Carla Davis** - March 26, 2025 at 02:22 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jo Ann Anderson.* ”



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March 25, 2025 at 06:15 PM



“ *Anyone that was around Ms. Jo Ann for any period of time was a better person for it. In my thoughts and prayers.* ”

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**Steve Wilkinson** - March 25, 2025 at 04:23 PM



“ *Lifting the family up in prayer. ✨🙏✨* ”



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**Bethel Schneider** - March 25, 2025 at 01:27 PM

JS

“ Jerry Stegall lit a candle in memory of Jo Ann Anderson



Jerry Stegall - March 25, 2025 at 12:48 PM



“ Cotton Rhodes lit a candle in memory of Jo Ann Anderson



Cotton Rhodes - March 25, 2025 at 11:42 AM

DB

“ Danny & Shelia Beecham lit a candle in memory of Jo Ann Anderson



Danny & Shelia Beecham - March 25, 2025 at 10:05 AM

DD

“ So sorry for your loss she was a sweet lady always loved her. She will be missed.



Donna Dickey - March 25, 2025 at 08:53 AM

BW

“ *Barbara Willis lit a candle in memory of Jo Ann Anderson*



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**Barbara Willis** - March 25, 2025 at 12:47 AM

BW

*J.o Ann was a sweet lady and A good friend*

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**Barbara Willis** - March 25, 2025 at 12:49 AM

CW

“ *Such a sweet lady. Friends with my aunt Glenda Douglas for decades. I remember her from my visits to see my family and go to Sand Ridge in the summers as a child. I still got to occasionally see her during visits later on. Always so sweet & kind. She is loved & will be missed. Prayers & comfort to her family.*



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**Christina Wolfenbarger** - March 24, 2025 at 11:44 PM

TA

“ *Such a sweet lady. Condolences from the Ayers family.*



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**Teresa Ayers** - March 24, 2025 at 11:35 PM

JA

“ *Joyce Alexander lit a candle in memory of Jo Ann Anderson*



joyce alexander - March 24, 2025 at 09:29 PM

BO

“ *Having known Jo Ann all of my life, she was a true Christian lady. With the highest regards for all of the family , to know God’s blessings in knowing Nancy was one of life’s greatest gifts, to know Nancy was to love her. I always admire Earl, Jo Ann, Stan, Tim and little Nancy, all made Henderson County a better place to live. Enjoy those streets of Gold, with your love ones, you earned it.*

BobbyCogdell - March 24, 2025 at 08:38 PM

SH

“ *I Will Love you always!!*

Shelia - March 24, 2025 at 08:28 PM

JE

“ *Jim Edgemon lit a candle in memory of Jo Ann Anderson*



jim Edgemon - March 24, 2025 at 05:50 PM

SV

“ Steve And Elizabeth Vineyard lit a candle in memory of Jo Ann Anderson



Steve and Elizabeth Vineyard - March 24, 2025 at 05:35 PM



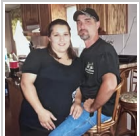
“ I enjoyed doing her nails and the conversation we had she was a special lady and she loved God ❤️

Ann Roberts - March 24, 2025 at 05:20 PM

LS

“ Was so blessed to learn from her and Nancy in the late 80s how to live and thrive with a disability!

Linda Steiger - March 24, 2025 at 04:49 PM



“ Mary Sego lit a candle in memory of Jo Ann Anderson



Mary Sego - March 24, 2025 at 04:40 PM

IF

Prayers for the family at this sad and difficult time.

Imogene Frye - March 24, 2025 at 07:21 PM

FS

Sincere condolences to the family.

Fred Stephens - March 25, 2025 at 04:17 PM