



JoAnn Blanton Council Norris

September 9, 1935 - January 16, 2021

JoAnn Blanton Council Norris, met her Savior Jesus Christ on Saturday, January 16, 2021 surrounded by her family. She was born on September 9, 1935 in Pike County, Alabama to Hurbert Hillary Blanton and Elizabeth Truman Beck Blanton. She attended Troy State Teachers College in her hometown, and after receiving her Bachelors Degree in Education, she began her teaching career in Montgomery, Alabama. Her brother Harold Blanton, encouraged her to move to Crawfordville, where he served as principal of Crawfordville High School. She met her landlord Dennis Council, and soon after became his bride. She loved the Crawfordville Community and her many students. Dennis and JoAnn moved to Tallahassee, where she taught at Kate Sullivan and Hartsfield Elementary until she retired after 33 years of service. After retirement Dennis and JoAnn returned to Crawfordville where they built their home on the Council Homestead. During retirement they enjoyed renovating a cabin in Andrews, North Carolina, and spending time with family and friends there. They also loved bus tours, going to Maine and the Grand Canyon. A family trip to Alaska was also a highlight. JoAnn (Grand Jan, GiGi, as her grandchildren called her) loved attending ballgames, dance and music recitals, horse shows and any event where her grandchildren performed, cheering then on and afterward treating them with flowers and ice cream. Dennis passed away in 2005, and JoAnn met her high school sweetheart, Marvin Norris after a reunion they enjoyed 8 years of marriage until his death in 2018.

JoAnn was an active member of Crawfordville First Baptist Church, where she served as a deacons wife, active in Bible School, Young at Heart, taught the Gleaners Sunday School Class and helped start the Christmon Tree Tradition and Wednesday night dinners.

JoAnn was predeceased by her parents Hubert and Elizabeth Blanton, brother Harold Blanton and sisters Hilda Smith and Linda Edison. She was blessed to love and be loved by two husbands, Dennis Council and Marvin Norris, also deceased. She is survived by her two daughters Tanya English and her husband Brian and Ann Payne and her husband Mark and five grandchildren Justin (Lisa), Annabeth (Walker), Elizabeth, Ansley Kate and Ayden Grace. The family wishes to express their deepest gratitude to JoAnn's primary caregiver Cynthia Godbolt, for over 15 years of love and dedication during her lengthy illness, and also the Big Bend Hospice for the past two weeks of providing support and compassion.

A Celebration of her Life will be held at the Crawfordville First Baptist Church, Monday, January 18, 2021 at 11:00 AM, and the family will receive friends starting at 10:00 AM one hour prior to the start of the service. Interment will follow at the Council Cemetery.

Donations may be made to the First Baptist Church of Crawfordville Gleaner's Sunday School Class 3086 Crawfordville Hwy. Crawfordville, Florida; 850-926-7896; www.crawfordvillefbc.com and/or Big Bend Hospice 1723 Mahan Center Blvd. Tallahassee, Florida; 850-878-5310; www.bigbendhospice.org

Skip and Trey Young are assisting the family. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

Cemetery Details

Council Cemetery

Crawfordville Hwy.
Crawfordville, FL 32327

Previous Events

Gathering of Friends

JAN 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Crawfordville First Baptist
3086 Crawfordville Highway
Crawfordville, FL 32327

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Young Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of JoAnn Blanton Council Norris*



Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services - January 17, 2021 at 04:07 PM

KW

A heart warming beautiful tribute.

Karen Wells - January 17, 2021 at 06:22 PM

LR

This was so sweet. God bless you, Mrs. JoAnn. May you Rest In Peace. Xoxo

Lucia Roney - January 18, 2021 at 09:51 AM

SC

This is a beautiful memorial tribute to Mrs. JoAnn she was a very special Lady in many,many ways.

Sheena Taff Cooper - January 21, 2021 at 06:06 PM

EB

“ Mrs. JoAnn taught me in 5th and 6th grades at Crawfordville. Although (not bragging) I won the math, history and citizenship crowns one year for the highest grade averages.. Thinking I was in trouble when asked to step outside the classroom to the hallway, she asked me would I be willing to chose only one crown so other classmates would have a crown also. I chose citizenship. She explained to me that citizenship was an excellent choice because it stood for how you treated others and that would mean so much in life. I never forgot that and ever time I think of her, this comes to mind about how she cared about really teaching her students what really matted in life.

Elena (Combs) Bradford

Elena Bradford - January 28, 2021 at 02:21 PM

PA

Elena. Her mother was my 5th grade teacher. Grateful that you had such a wonderful experience with the apple that didn't fall far from the tree.

Pam Jordan Anderson - September 02, 2021 at 09:53 AM

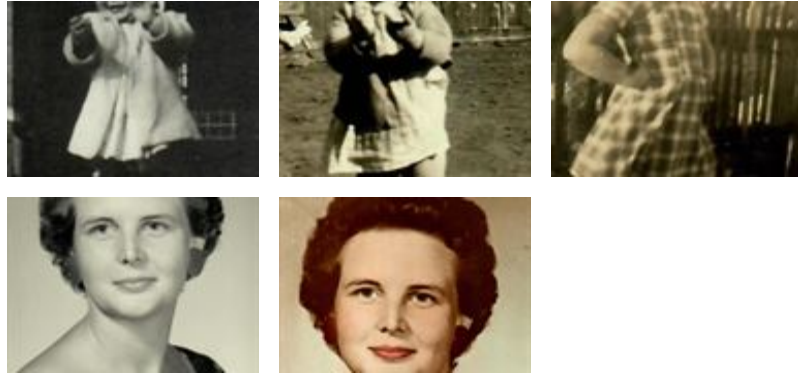
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Sorry for my confusion. Actually Mrs Council was my 5th Grade teacher too but decades ago.

Pam Jordan Anderson - September 02, 2021 at 09:55 AM



“ 136 files added to the album LifeTributes



Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services - January 17, 2021 at 04:05 PM



“ We will miss our Sunday School sister tremendously and we know that another angel has entered into heaven. With loving memories of wonderful times with a gracious, caring, and wonderful friend. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time.

The Gleaners Sunday School Class
Sue, Madge, Joanne, Mary and Chris

Chris Howell - January 17, 2021 at 03:18 PM



My deepest sympathy, I am sorry to hear about the passing of such a sweet person, God picked a beautiful flower, Mrs JoAnn Rest In Peace. Love You and will miss you. Dorinda G. Boswell-Ardley

Dorinda Ardley - January 18, 2021 at 10:27 AM



“ So very sorry for the loss of this sweet lady. Hugs, prayers and peace to you all as you are already missing her.. I certainly will miss her! Such a classy lovely lady! Love and prayers! 🙏❤️

Gloria Cobb - January 17, 2021 at 01:00 PM

SF

“ Tanya, praying for your family peace and comfort.

Sheree Fletcher - January 17, 2021 at 11:34 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of JoAnn Blanton Council Norris.



January 17, 2021 at 11:08 AM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of JoAnn Blanton Council Norris.



January 17, 2021 at 10:39 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of JoAnn Blanton Council Norris.



January 17, 2021 at 10:32 AM

AH

“ *This seems so unreal. Mrs. JoAnn was very special to our family and will truly be missed. An active member of First Baptist Church, Crawfordville she loved her God, her family and her church. I remember when she and Mr. Dennis were married at FBCC. Loved her dearly and will greatly miss her.*

Ann Henderson - January 16, 2021 at 11:58 PM