



Joann Smith Wissinger

October 4, 1954 - April 18, 2021

Joann Smith Wissinger, born October 4, 1954, passed away on Sunday, April 18, 2021.

Joann grew up in the Akron/Stewart community in Hale County, Alabama, but spent her most recent adult life in Leeds, Alabama. Graduated from Southern Academy High School in 1973, The University of Alabama in 1977 and then received her Masters from The University of Alabama in 1984.

Joann married the love of her life, Marty Wissinger on August 21, 1993 and was a devoted and loving wife to Marty for 28 years.

Joann loved her Lord and her many church friends. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist in Homewood, Alabama.

She was devoted to her family. Joann was loved by all members because of her kind and gentle ways.

Her friends were many. She adored these friendships and kept in touch with all of them.

Joann enjoyed holidays and activities where she was able to interact with all people special to her. She also loved to cook for these events. She delighted

in attempting new recipes starting as a child with her mother into adulthood. There were always special treats to share if guests dropped by.

Joann was dedicated to her work responsibilities. Her work product was always organized and complete. Joann began her career with the Alabama Cooperative Extension Service in 1978 in Jefferson County as one of the 4-H Agents for the county. In 2004 she became a Regional 4-H Agent based in Jefferson County. In 2010 she accepted the position as the Jefferson County Extension Coordinator where she worked until her retirement in 2015. Her 37-year career was all spent in Jefferson County always putting 4-H in the spotlight.

Through her work with Extension, she developed great relationships at Auburn University.

She was an animal lover. Joann usually had a special cat for a pet. Her pets were a part of the family and were treated like “kings.”

The University of Alabama football was a passion. She was a dedicated fan and attended many games with Marty and friends. Joann was a member of The University of Alabama’s National Alumni Association and Tide Pride.

Joann Wissinger will be missed by so many people, but she is at peace now with her Lord. As we remember the days and years we had with her, we stop to wipe away our tears. They are not tears of sadness because we know she is in a better place. They are tears of thankfulness for the precious and sweet memories that she created for us. Joann, with her loving ways, will always be close in our hearts.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Billy and Annie Ruth Smith.

Survivors include her loving husband, L. Martin (Marty) Wissinger; step daughter, Emily W. (Matthew) Nabors; Grandchildren, Dallas Nabors, Hamp Nabors and Hunter Nabors; One sister, Ginger Smith (Walter) Ramey; Niece, Casey A. Ramey; Nephew, Chad E. (Heidi) Ramey; Grand Nieces: Anna Elizabeth Ramey and Emma Claire Ramey and a host of other family and friends.

Visitation will be held at Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home on Saturday, April 24th beginning at 12PM with Chapel Services at 2PM and burial to follow in Liberty Minter Cemetery in Morris AL.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Alabama 4-H Club Foundation, Inc.

244 Duncan Hall, Auburn University, Alabama 36849

<https://alabama4hfoundation.org/>

Cemetery Details

Liberty-Minter Cemetery

1954 Self Creek Road
Morris, AL 35116

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 24. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home
2214 Decatur Highway
Gardendale, AL 35071
(205) 631-8810
gardendalefuneralhome2@gmail.com

Chapel Service

APR 24. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SB

“ *Very sweet & kind Christian lady & co-worker!* 🙏❤️

Sharon Mann Boshell - May 15, 2021 at 07:06 PM

LT

“ *Lynda Tallyn lit a candle in memory of Joann Smith Wissinger*



Lynda Tallyn - April 24, 2021 at 10:32 PM

D(

“ *Denise Johnson Gore (Nisey) purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Joann Smith Wissinger.*



Denise Johnson Gore (Nisey) - April 22, 2021 at 06:01 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Joann Smith Wissinger.*



April 22, 2021 at 01:54 PM

TC

“ Marty, you and your family are in my prayers.

Tom Carlyon - April 22, 2021 at 10:35 AM

MM

“ Joann was such a wonderful aunt. From the time we were little to being grown she always made us feel special. I can't think of many major events in my life she missed. From high school to college graduation and all the holidays and birthdays in between she was there. She always cooked my green bean casserole every Christmas. I knew she would bring it. Joann was smart, caring, always had a smile. I was blessed she was my Aunt. She will be missed but left us with many memories to smile about until we see her again.

mary maddox - April 21, 2021 at 07:01 PM

SW

“ Joann was my sweet sister-in-law. She was one of the most beautiful souls that I have ever known. I would describe her as a Southern Belle. She always made our favorite dishes for holiday gatherings. There are no words to express how much our family will miss her. We love her and will have wonderful memories of her until we meet again in our heavenly home .

Sharron Wissinger - April 21, 2021 at 05:45 PM

UF

“ Uptain Family purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Joann Smith Wissinger.



Uptain Family - April 21, 2021 at 02:04 PM

DG

“ Joann was my very first friend. I met her when my family moved next door to her family in Stewart when we were both 2 years old. We went all through elementary and high school together until she left for Alabama and I left for Auburn. She and Ginger and Mr. Billy and Miss Annie Ruth were like family to me. I'll miss knowing she's in the world, but know she's happy and at peace. Farewell for now, my friend.

Denise Johnson Gore - April 21, 2021 at 12:33 PM

WT

“ William R Terry lit a candle in memory of Joann Smith Wissinger



William R Terry - April 21, 2021 at 12:32 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Joann Smith Wissinger.



April 21, 2021 at 12:23 PM

MM

“ I worked with Joann when I was with the Extension State office. I always enjoyed her friendly and delightful voice when she called to order media from me and when she came for the State 4-H events. A beautiful lady, she will be greatly missed.



Mikki Morris - April 21, 2021 at 11:43 AM

JB

“ Joann was like a beacon of light in a dark room. She radiated love, warmth, and friendship to EVERYONE. She was a loyal ACES employee and she worked hard over the years to build her 4-H program into one of the best in the state. I've had the pleasure of traveling with her to meetings and she was a rare jewel. She will be missed by so many of us who loved her.



Judy Fennell Brown - April 21, 2021 at 11:33 AM

LT

“ Lula Tyson-Bailey lit a candle in memory of Joann Smith Wissinger



Lula Tyson-Bailey - April 21, 2021 at 10:35 AM

SA

“ Always a kind gracious caring and loyal friend to all. A beautiful lady inside and out, a professional and personal role model in every way. You’re loved and missed Joann. We will see you again someday in Heaven.

Shannon Andress - April 21, 2021 at 06:32 AM

SW

“ Joann was a very loving and humble person, so caring. I hired her in 2010 to run the Jefferson County Extension Office and during her tenure she functioned at a high level as an administrator, a fund developer, and a programmer. It was a time when Jefferson County was navigating some turbulent situations and she functioned steadily and professionally for the good of all concerned. I have thought of her often and will miss her. I pray God's hand be upon the family and give them peace.

Stan Windham

Stan Windham - April 21, 2021 at 05:28 AM

JC

“ Joann grew up in our small rural Akron/Stewart community. She was always so very sweet, kind, and very smart. My brother Jamey and I were thrilled when she became a fellow county Extension agent. She did such a super job for the people of Jefferson county. We were so proud of all her accomplishments. We’ll all miss her.
Jeffrey Clary

Jeffrey Clary - April 20, 2021 at 10:10 PM

CY

Joann was there to help us begin our 4-H group; without her, we would have been lost. Until this day, 4-H has benefited my sons who did a lot of public speaking through it. She was a sweetheart! ❤️ We are all incredibly sad! Chris Young

Chris Young - April 20, 2021 at 11:35 PM

RU

Joann took a photo of my two children several years ago. Beach shot at Gulf Shores. Dead of winter. Heavy coats and lots of wind. It has been on my wall for thirty years.

Ronald Uptain - April 21, 2021 at 07:06 AM

MY

Joann was in our family since Rudy hired her in 1978 to do 4-H Clubs in Jefferson County. Our hearts are broken now but we will meet her again in Heaven. Prayers for Family and Friends.

martha Jane Yates - April 21, 2021 at 10:29 AM

MW

Joann was a precious friend for 30-plus years, beginning in a Sunday school class at Trinity UMC. She was the epitome of kindness, class, style and goodness. We enjoyed many adventures, whether at a Decorators' Show House, a University of Alabama alumni event or a football game. Prior to the pandemic, she and Marty often shared a pew with me at church or we would gather in the Narthex following the service for a catch-up chat. I will miss those times. Joann had a way of putting her touch on the ordinary, making everything more beautiful and special. The world is a better place because of Joann.

Mary Wimberley

Mary Wimberley - April 22, 2021 at 10:15 PM

RS

Joann was such a sweet friend and first cousin! I remember Sunday afternoons at Stewart visiting the family . She loved her family and friends and was so good to everyone!

Rhonda Smith - April 23, 2021 at 08:53 PM

RP

*Joann was loved by everyone . Her beautiful smile and perso
Personally would just draw you too her .She will truly br missed
By everybody that ever knew her .My prayers. And
thoughts are with Joann husband and his family and Ginger and
All of The Ramey Family*

Rufus Payne

April 24

Rufus. Payne - April 24, 2021 at 12:59 PM