



## Mrs. JoAnn Douglas

October 21, 1960 - April 22, 2025

JoAnn Douglas, a cherished daughter, beloved mother, and compassionate soul, passed away peacefully at her home on April 17th, at the age of 64.

Born and raised in Ware County, Georgia, JoAnn was the daughter of Leaffie Thomas and the late Jimmy Lee Thomas. She was also preceded in death by her grandmother, Lenny Foster, and her grandfather, Jonas Foster—all of whom she missed dearly.

JoAnn retired from Walmart after many years of dedicated service, remembered for her kindness, quick wit, and hardworking spirit. She found joy in the little things—writing poetry, singing around the house, and cooking with love. Her taste in music reflected her free spirit, especially drawn to the sounds of the Eagles and Lynyrd Skynyrd.

She loved animals deeply and rescued as many as she could, offering them warmth and safety. JoAnn had many artistic gifts, with her beautiful handwriting adorning notes, recipes, and prayers. Above all, she loved Jesus, and her faith was the steady rhythm of her life.

She is survived by her only child, Taylor Paige Mixon, and her mother, Leaffie Thomas. Though she and Daniel Douglas later divorced, they raised their daughter together with care and love. JoAnn is also survived by her extended

family, including Dothory Whitley, Frankie Whitley, and many cousins, aunts, and uncles.

JoAnn lived with both diabetes and epilepsy for many years, facing each day with strength and resilience. She passed away suddenly from what appeared to be a seizure, though she was not conscious to experience discomfort at the time. She passed peacefully, resting on her couch—she went to sleep and woke up in Heaven.

Honoring her wishes, JoAnn was cremated. A memorial service to celebrate her life will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2025, at 2:00 PM at Oak Grove Community Church, located at 6506 Oak Grove Church Road, Millwood, GA 31552. Finger foods will be served following the service. Afterward, family and friends are invited to gather at the gravesite of her beloved daddy, Jimmy Lee Thomas, where her ashes will be lovingly scattered—just as she wanted.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAY 3. 2:00 PM (ET)

Oak Grove Community Church  
6506 Oak Grove Church Road  
Millwood, GA 31552

# Tribute Wall



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*Glad you got to enjoy my yarn projects from the house.*

*~eLeNa~*



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**Elena Taylor** - May 23, 2025 at 12:35 AM

BM

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*I only knew her from going in and out of Walmart but she always made my day a little brighter. She was a sweet soul and we shared our love of animals. The world is going to miss her kindness and sweet smile . Rest in peace king lady, you deserve it .*

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**Brenda Mccullougj** - May 03, 2025 at 10:38 PM

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*Dana Thomas Fales lit a candle in memory of Mrs. JoAnn Douglas*



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**Dana Thomas Fales** - May 03, 2025 at 02:34 PM

AL

“ Mrs. JoAnn Douglas was my dear friend. She was so sweet, kind, caring and loving. We prayed for each other. We hugged everytime we saw each other. Her heart and soul was filled with the Spirit of God. Rest my dear friend. You was a shining light, a gift to so many. I thank God for you being in my life. Rest in peace my sister. Love you.

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**Alfred R Lamb** - April 30, 2025 at 06:07 PM

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“ Alfred R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. JoAnn Douglas.

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**Alfred R.** - April 30, 2025 at 05:57 PM

CM

“ I had visited with JoAnn since she worked at Winn-Dixie. She was the angel in bakery and waiting at the doors of Walmart. What a very special saint she was...is! Yes, without a doubt, she is home now. She was truly a bright "candle" in this dark world. Free spirit...for sure! Loved God's creatures...very much!! Goodness she will be missed! However, as we would tell each other...won't be long and we will be caring for God's creatures in Heaven!! I pray for her dear daughter and mother that God's love and grace will comfort you. I can see her bright smile now as she awakened... Praise and thanks to God for my gift of knowing JoAnn!

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**Cyndy Marvin** - April 28, 2025 at 03:27 PM

JC

“ I didn't know JoAnn very well but would often talk with her going in and out of Walmart. She was a sweet lady. I thought alot of JoAnn and wish I had known her better. May she rest in peace!

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**Jayne Carman** - April 26, 2025 at 09:17 PM



“ Jody is and was a very special cousin. I know she is with out Lord and Savior and will always be. I happen to have JoAnns childhood piano. Her mother and father bought it for her. And it is my link to JoAnn. Yesterday, a very kind neighbor gave me flowers in leue of Joanns passing. I thought it appropriate to place them on Joanns piano. I pray for comfort and peace for all of Jodys family and friends. She was and remains a very special child of God!



Jerry Foster - April 24, 2025 at 10:02 PM



“ Lit a candle 🕯️ in Remembrance



Elena Taylor - April 24, 2025 at 07:43 PM

VB

“ We met working together at Walmart. It's just hard to believe. I'm sure gonna miss her and her smelling so pretty. I'll miss our talks about the Lord.

Valerie Ann Barfield - April 24, 2025 at 04:51 PM

BP

“ *Heartbreaking to hear this she was a Caring Lady she earned her wings fly high my friend*  
💔 *Prayers to all!!*



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**Barbara Price** - April 23, 2025 at 01:38 PM