



## Jo Anne Rainwater Thompson

June 20, 1936 - May 15, 2011

THOMPSON – Jo Anne Thompson, age 74 of Cedar Bluff, Alabama, formerly of Alpharetta, died suddenly May 15, 2011. She is survived by her special friend, Ted Gray of Weaver, Alabama; daughter, Marsha Brand Boutelle and her husband, Buddy of Covington, GA; son, Joe Brand of Alpharetta, GA; Grandson, Jacob Brand of Dawsonville, GA; sisters, Louise Harmon, Betty Stephens and Jane Birdsong, all of Alpharetta, GA; several nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, May 18, 2011 at 1:00 PM in the funeral home chapel. Interment will follow at Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Wednesday from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM at Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory, Roswell/Alpharetta, 770/645-1414. [www.northsidechapel.com](http://www.northsidechapel.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 18. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory  
12050 Crabapple Road  
Roswell, GA

## Service

MAY 18. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Jo Anne Rainwater Thompson*

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October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy to JoAnne's family.  
I was so sorry to learn of her sudden  
passing.*

*I'm so sorry I wasn't able to get to the funeral service on  
Wednesday. I teach school and wasn't able to get a substitute for  
that day.*

*I am JoAnne's first cousin. Her father, Linton, and my dad, Clay,  
were  
brothers. We used to play together as young children.*

*Although I didn't get to see her often,  
we used to "meet up' at family events like funerals. The last time I  
saw her  
was two years ago and we talked then of trying to get together with  
her sisters for lunch. Sadly, we never did that*

*She was a very kind and loving person who loved her family and  
who, in return, was loved by all of us. She will be greatly missed.*

*Please know that you, her family members, will be in my thoughts  
and  
prayers in the coming days.*

*With love,  
Pat Herndon###imported-begin###Pat (Rainwater)  
Herndon###imported-end###*

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May 20, 2011 at 10:21 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss, you are in my prayers###imported-  
begin###Lautrell Gardner###imported-end###*

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May 17, 2011 at 07:27 PM



“ One of my first memories of where I work is of Jo Anne. She is a very special person and she will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Erica Wilkins##imported-end##

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May 17, 2011 at 06:55 PM



“ However disturbing it was to hear of the passing of my dear friend, the many memories she and I have together can only make me smile. Joanne came to work for me only a couple of months after Fred died and was still extremely upset of his passing and her upcoming time she felt would be spent alone. As that time approached, Joanne made many friends here at work that came to become family to her as she was to all of us. She had many characteristics of my grandmother to me and for so many reasons was so dear to me. As I aged and began a family of my own, still Joanne was there to always lend the ear to listen or to simply give me advice that I would ask her for. She was with me with the passing of both my grandparents, my uncles, and then my daddy as well. Joanne was still the close friend to me when my little girl was born and helped with all my baby showers. She has been the true friend to me and my Katie. The last time I saw Joanne, it was a month or so ago, she still had my Katie's picture dressed as "Dorothy" from Oz in her billfold. She carried it as she did Jacob's and I know she loved him. She must have loved me and Katie too. Joanne's passing has astonished all of us here at Kmart today. We are saddened and bothered somewhat as we feel time will not permit our visitation with the family tomorrow. Please know that as you are all together to honor Joanne, she had another family here that loved and will miss her. Even though we were unable to see her as often or to see her this once more to say goodbye, Joanne will always hold a special place in all our hearts and memories. It would be difficult to tell you all the many things we all went through together over the years and we felt about one another. Distance and time will grow miles between friends but only miles- the love and memories still stay strong, close, and dear.

For her family, Marsha and Joe and her grandson Jacob, that we know are sad, I can only offer words that someone once told me about the passing of my Dad. God doesn't place more on our hearts than we can bear. It may seem that way at times, but he doesn't. We have to remember that death is a part of God's plan as is life. Joanne is in a much happier place today than are we and it is only a

*temporary distance. You are still sad and I know that. You will find peace in time and the many joyous memories you have of Joanne will become happy thoughts to you once again.*

*My blessings and thoughts to Joanne's family. She was a wonderful person and we will miss her too.##imported-begin##Bonita Moon##imported-end##*

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May 17, 2011 at 04:47 PM