



## Joann Curnyn

November 20, 1934 - February 25, 2026

JoAnn Curnyn, age 91, of Alpharetta GA, passed away peacefully on February 25, 2026. She was surrounded by her three children as well as her beloved caregiver and family friend of many years, Vallene Henderson. She was a loving mother, a successful businesswoman, and a close friend to many.

JoAnn grew up in St. Louis MO. She attended public schools and upon graduating attended Purdue University where she met and married Richard E Kitterman. Richard and JoAnn moved to Charlotte NC where they began raising a family, ultimately moving to Greenville SC in 1970.

JoAnn moved to Alpharetta GA in 1983, where she began a very successful career in real estate sales and sales management before she retired in 2008. While in Alpharetta JoAnn met and soon married James Curnyn in 1986 and they were together until Jim's death in 2016.

JoAnn had many hobbies including travel and tennis, but the most important thing to her was family and a large group of close and wonderful friends. The secret to JoAnn's success both personally and in business was her desire to bring people together and build relationships. This was the hallmark of her legacy both in the real estate market as well as keeping her large family and friends close together and in touch.

JoAnn is survived by her three children, Stephen Hall Kitterman (Cathy) , Bradley Scott Kitterman (Maggie), and Karen K Gallagher all residing in Greenville South Carolina. Additionally, she leaves behind 8 grandchildren,

and 4 great grandchildren. JoAnn was predeceased by her parents, Virgil and Edith Brookman, as well as two brothers, Robert Brookman and Ronald Brookman all of St Louis Missouri.

In lieu of flowers the family request that you contribute to your favorite charity in honor of JoAnn Curnyn. A celebration of JoAnn's life will be held at Mt Pisgah Church, 2850 Old Alabama Rd. Johns Creek GA 30022 at 3:00PM on March 25th, followed immediately by a drop in at Country Club of the South, 4100 Old Alabama Rd, Johns Creek GA 30022. Please use the clubhouse entrance.

# Previous Events

## Celebration Of Life

MAR **25**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Pisgah United Methodist Church  
2850 Old Alabama Road  
Johns Creek, GA 30022

# Tribute Wall

DS

“ Dr. William and Susan Silver purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joann Curnyn.



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**Dr. William and Susan Silver** - March 25 at 09:46 AM

CF

“ Craig Basel and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joann Curnyn.

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**Craig Basel and Family** - March 23 at 01:24 PM

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“ Craig Basel and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joann Curnyn.



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**Craig Basel and Family** - March 23 at 01:24 PM

MW

“ Meg, John, Molly, Sally Wilkinson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joann Curnyn.

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**Meg, John, Molly, Sally Wilkinson** - March 19 at 12:50 PM

MW

“ Meg, John, Molly, Sally Wilkinson purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Joann Curnyn.



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**Meg, John, Molly, Sally Wilkinson** - March 19 at 12:50 PM

EL

“ I am sad to hear that Joann has passed. We had hoped at some point, being on the Jim Curnyn side of the family, that she would visit, want to meet her step grandson, even when passing through LAX on her many trips when she and my husband's father, her second husband Jim, were still traveling, but she never did. No response to our many Christmas cards, birth announcements and graduation announcements. None. I know she loved her children and grandchildren, but it was bittersweet receiving Christmas cards that read FROM THE CURNYNS that featured none of Jim's 4 children. We feel erased from history. And we just wanted to be family.

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**Elizabeth** - March 15 at 07:40 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joann Curnyn.

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March 13 at 07:33 AM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Joann Curnyn.*



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March 13 at 07:33 AM



“ *I am going to miss my Aunt Jo. When we were growing up, we spent most holidays with her and our cousins. For some reason, my mom and JoAnn each insisted that whoever was traveling had to dress up, because surely our cousins would be dressed up as well. This NEVER happened. It was always the traveling Kittermans that were stuck in tight shoes and church clothes, and the hosting Kittermans that were super casual and comfortable all day. This went on every year, but still, none of us kids could ever convince our moms that the hosting family would be casual. That was just the way it was. JoAnn was one of a kind. She will be missed.*

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**Kristin Batsel** - March 12 at 05:07 PM



“ *Aunt Jo was a lovely person. She's now up in Heaven, probably getting ready to host a dinner party. May she rest in peace ❤️*

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**Kamin Brennan** - March 12 at 04:29 PM