



Joann Lee Bryant

February 9, 1934 - April 30, 2007

Joann Lee Bryant, peacefully passed away surrounded by her loving family on Monday, April 30, 2007. Joann was born and raised in Portsmouth, Virginia and resided in Chesapeake. She was the founder of the Western Branch Cloggers.

Joann is survived by her four daughters, Karen Holtslander and her husband Joel, Donna Brock and husband Aubrey, Linda Poissant and husband Mike, Lisa Harrell and husband Keith. She is also survived by her brother, Donald Cochran, Jr.; six grandchildren; Brooke and husband Tom, Taylor, Kasey, Logan, Leah, Keira and her devoted friend and companion Wes Hodges. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, May 3, 2007 at Port Norfolk Baptist Church by Rev. Terry Taylor. Burial will be private. Loving Funeral Home, Churchland Chapel will be handling the arrangements. The family suggest memorial contributions be made to the American Cancer Society. The family would like to thank Dr. Lee and the staff of Virginia Oncology for the professional care and compassion given to Joann during her illness.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mimi: It has been almost 6 months since you left us and though we are still here and life goes on, it grows more and more apparent each day that none of us will ever be the same without you here with us. Sometimes I swear I see you in the beautiful things that surround me--butterflies, flowers, or just small things that each of us do that remind me so much of you. You will always be loved and you will always be sorely missed. Love always, Brooke*
::##imported-begin##Brooke Archambeau##imported-end##

October 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry for the family's loss of Joann. I have a lot of fond memories of her. I first met her when I was 5 when I started clogging. I am now much older. She and her family welcomed me into the clogging family and her personal family. She made me feel like I belonged and was part of the family. I clogged with them until I was about 13 when the team split up. Clogging was my life. And Joann and her daughters were like my second family. Joann welcomed me into her home and I spent many nights there. I enjoyed being around her and her family. It was great. I think my funniest memory of her that I will never forget is the way she was so particular about the girls' bonnets being tied so tight it would cut off your circulation and you couldn't breath or swallow. When standing in line getting ready to go on stage you could always tell whose bonnet Joann had just tied because the girls would be loosening it back up. She was a great lady and will be missed. My father has always been a big part of my life and he greatly appreciated the way Joann seemed to take extra special care of me. My thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends.

Sincerely,

Kristen Fulcher##imported-begin##Kristen Fulcher##imported-end##

May 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ To the family, our sympathy and condolences on the death of your mother. Please know that she will always live in your hearts. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Norma and Johnny Reavis##imported-begin##Norma J. Reavis##imported-end##

May 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I am sorry for your loss. If you guys need anything, don't hesitate to call me.##imported-begin##Crystal Todd##imported-end##

May 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Linda & Lisa, I am so sorry to hear about your mom. I have thought about her and yall over the years many times. My clogging days were wonderful and when I see "ruffles" I can't help by think of Joanne. All my love, Karen##imported-begin##Karen DaVia Warren##imported-end##

May 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ hi bryants i am benny bryant son in law i am married to your cousin sheila we are sorry to hear about your mother and her pass are heart and pray are with yall at this time of death i know what is to lost love one with cancer i lost my dad to with cancer stephen and sheila boyce##imported-begin##stephen boyce##imported-end##

May 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Karen, Donna, Linda and Lisa,
I am so sorry to hear about your mom. I am praying for you. Please know I love you all.

Teresa##imported-begin##Teresa Michael##imported-end##

May 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *My prayers are with you. Joann was a friend of mine. She will be missed.##imported-begin##Norma Payne##imported-end##*

May 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Karen,*

My heart goes out to you at this time, I know how you feel. Be comforted to know that she is in God's arms.

Love,

Carmen##imported-begin##Carmen Bozoti##imported-end##

May 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Karen and Family*

My heart, thoughts, and prayers go out to each one of you. At this time of loss may the love of God surround you and your family.

Love,

Shirley##imported-begin##Shirley Hutto##imported-end##

May 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Karen, Donna and Family,

I am so sorry to hear about your Mom. I have fond memories of her and have thought of her often. She was always so kind to to me and I will never forget her wonderful disposition. I enjoyed visiting with her at several bluegrass events when she was travelling with the Western Branch Cloggers around the state.

Please know that you are in our family's thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

Blessings

Kirk, Jan, Richard, and Cameron Brammer##imported-begin##Kirk Brammer##imported-end##

May 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Karen, Linda and Family:

Thinking of you and sending warmest condolences for your loss.##imported-begin##Ella Hayes Brown##imported-end##

May 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Karen and Donna, my mom passed 3 weeks ago , she loved your mom very much mary alice conery , the family is thinking of you , aunt joanne was a special person, iam so sorry to hear about her passing , the conery family, colleen, kathy and christina##imported-begin##colleen conery robinson##imported-end##

May 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM