



JoAnn Allen Means

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A life so beautifully lived deserves to be beautifully remembered. Jo Ann Allen Means passed away peacefully on the morning of Wednesday, August 20, 2020. She was a caring daughter, supportive sister and aunt, nurturing mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. As a trailblazer in her family, Jo Ann moved to Dallas at the age of 24 with her first child (Derrick Allen) to start out on a better life of her own. Jo Ann was cut from a different cloth! Only a woman with as Big of a Heart as she, could serve as a homemaker for so many years forming lasting bonds. “Jo”, as she was often affectionately called, was born On Friday, January 26, 1924 to Mr. Robert & Mrs. Helen Allen of Corsciana, TX. Those who knew her or perhaps only spent a few moments can tell you Jo was a profound story-teller. She loved to recall the precious moments spent on her daddy’s farm, playing in the grove with her brother Sam, and their family’s beautiful Clydesdale horses. Jo Ann worked hard during her years as she transitioned to life in Dallas, and her hard work never went un-noticed by her employers. Through patience, perseverance, and strong faith, she beat the odds and moved her family to North Dallas into the home she would raise her now three children, Derrick, Debra, & Melody.

While living in Dallas, she made several life-long friends. Through her Friday night Spades parties, Mable, Hester, Thelma, and Dorothy were a force to be reckoned with. Jo’s place was always warm and welcoming, certainly the house to find comfort. She took care of all her family, friends, and even the friends they brought along. One would never go hungry because you were always “home”. Her hospitality and warmth carried through many decades as “Jo”, became “Granny”.

Granny loved all her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. But as anyone could tell you, her boys were her heart. Granny wasn’t just our granny, she was your granny, and everyone else’s. Once you came over, you were expected to return and would get a phone call asking when



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you're coming by (with a Coke and a Burger)? In short, she was a God-fearing woman and full of wisdom. She taught us to remember our elders, love one-and-other, keep our history as strong black men and women in the fore-fronts of our minds. Granny lived a FULL, HAPPY, BLESSED life! She lived through The Great Depression, Segregation, Jim Crow, The Civil Rights Movement, Y2K, and saw our first Black President!!!

Granny will be sorely missed, but she has left us with many fond memories, and a strong legacy.

Jo Ann leaves to cherish her precious memories her two daughters Debra Greene, Melody Hawkins (Charles Hawkins)

Grandchildren : Derrick (Rita), Ellanora(Keith), Layonda Banks, William Greene, Charles Hawkins, Katasha Hawkins.

Great-grand children: Robert, BriAnna, Jacoby, Chauncey, Triniti, Kameron, Jaylen, Tatiana, Amarie, baby Tru, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Jo Ann was proceeded in death by her parents: Robert and Helen Allen. Siblings Mae Ellanora, Johnnie Mae, Gerald, Ezra Lee, and Sam. Her son Derrick Lane Allen, and Great-Grand child Kaleb Charles Hawkins.

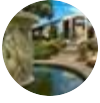
To view livestream of the service, please visit: <http://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/viewer/35949>



Tribute Wall

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Restland Funeral Home And Cemetery shared a **Webcast Video**.



August 24 at 11:55 AM



Vance Simmons August 27 at 11:28 AM

I loved this lady she was a childhood friend of my pops so she had a be loved by me.She will be truly miss. Family stay strong and blessed



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Means family.



August 27 at 1:15 PM



Rhonda Turner lit a candle in honor of JoAnn.

I fondly remember this wonderful lady! My mother, Thelma, Miss Hester and Miss JoAnn went on a cruise together and had a blast. Thank you Jo for being a wonderful friend to my mother. I just know you and her are walking around heaven today. Rest in God's Arms.



August 27 at 11:15 AM



Ray Wilkerson lit a candle in honor of JoAnn.



August 27 at 9:44 AM



Joshua Wilkerson lit a candle in honor of JoAnn.



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Hurley R. Wilkerson li lit a candle in honor of JoAnn.

August 27 at 9:42 AM



Shirlene Hawkins Wilkerson lit a candle in honor of JoAnn.

August 27 at 9:40 AM



Erica L. Ross-Morris lit a candle in honor of JoAnn.

August 27 at 7:03 AM



Betty Sanders Maxwell lit a candle in honor of JoAnn.

August 26 at 6:59 PM



Reverend Margie Mccall & Family sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Means family.

August 26 at 9:20 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Means family.

August 25 at 9:42 AM





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JW

Jamie Waits lit a candle in honor of JoAnn.

August 25 at 5:05 AM



MB

Myra Jackson Baxter lit a candle in honor of JoAnn.

August 23 at 4:39 PM



MB

Myra Jackson Baxter lit a candle in honor of JoAnn.

August 23 at 2:17 PM



MB

Myra Jackson Baxter lit a candle in honor of JoAnn.

My heart Love and Prayer for the Family

August 23 at 1:38 PM



CO

Cookie lit a candle in honor of JoAnn.

August 22 at 3:50 PM



JV

Jannice Ann Vernon sent a virtual gift in honor of JoAnn.

August 21 at 4:56 PM





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Join us in honoring JoAnn by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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