



## Joan Brooks

April 28, 1941 - December 15, 2022

Joan Carolyn Taylor Brooks, 81, of Germantown, Tennessee, passed away on December 15, 2022 after a valiant fight with cancer.

Joan was born on April 28, 1941 in Memphis, Tennessee. Joan went to Messick High School and graduated in 1959. Joan went straight from High School to being a new bride and starting a family.

In 1959 Joan met her husband of 53 years, Hubert (Allen) Brooks, in Memphis and after a short courtship they married and quickly started their growing family. They had three wonderful children; Michael, Patrick, and Amy.

Joan loved her time as a homemaker to her family. She would volunteer at the kids schools, drive carpool, and provide the safe space for her children and their friends. She was often considered to be a second mom to many of their friends. And their home was always open to everyone.

Joan and Allen moved their young family away for a short time to New Hampshire and then Colorado. While living away, she loved to explore her

new surroundings and would always find fun adventures to take the kids on and any relatives that came to visit. After a few years away Joan and Allen returned to Memphis to take over her parent's bakery - Margaret's Pastry Shop. Joan quickly learned how to run a successful business and use her creative side to decorate beautiful wedding and birthday cakes. Many years later they sold the bakery and Joan went to work at Calico Fabrics. Decorating was one of her passions and she thrived on helping clients choose the perfect fabrics for their home decor.

In 2001, Joan retired from working and spent her time doing what she loved traveling with her husband Allen and their friends and exploring new places they had never been to. She enjoyed planning and researching new places to visit and she was considered the "cruise director" for the 2 couples. Joan would often attend school activities and sporting events for her seven grandchildren, who she was immensely proud of and as of late made sure to stay connected with on an almost daily basis. Joan was a member of a Bunco group and numerous Bridge Clubs (which she often had a hard time saying "No" to whenever they called her to be a sub or pick up additional games). She was a member of New Neighbors and was often known for her beautiful smile and friendly attitude toward everyone she met. The word stranger was not in her vocabulary. Joan would often strike up a conversation with random people she met in a store or give a smile or compliment to a passerby. She loved people and making people feel good was her super power! To her friends Joan was fun-loving, caring, witty and forever loyal.

To her family she was one of the strongest people they knew. She was extremely wise and always knew just the right thing to say to make you feel better. She was fiercely supportive and loyal to the ones she loved. She was stubborn, witty and a smart aleck: which has successfully been passed down

through succeeding generations.

She just loved being with family, playing games together and she loved to be “right”- and usually was!

Joan was preceded in death by her parents Vernon and Margaret Taylor and her husband Allen Brooks. She is survived by her sister Cheryl Taylor Rutherford (Mike) of Germantown, TN. , her sons Michael Brooks (Tricia) of Germantown, TN. , Patrick Brooks (Carla) of Olive Branch, MS and daughter Amy Davis (Scot) of Little Rock, AR. and grandchildren Madison and Davis Brooks (Mike), Taylor (Chelsea) and Kyndall Brooks(Pat) and Isabella, Jackson and Sofia Davis (Amy). She also leaves behind, numerous cousins, in-laws, nieces, nephews and friends, who she cherished greatly.

Services will be held on Tuesday December 27, 2022 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Germantown, TN., where Joan was a long standing member. There will be a visitation with family starting at 10am followed by mass at 11am and lunch in the Parrish Hall at noon. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the American Cancer Society, St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital or the charity of your choice.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joan Brooks.*



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December 22, 2022 at 04:16 PM



“ *Joan and I knew each other for over 30 years and she was my best friend, confident and someone I could always tell what was going on in my life. I will miss her more that words can express. Every day we talked at least once and I find myself wanting to pick up the phone just to hear say what's going on. Hard to find a friend as true as Joan was and she will be greatly missed.*

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**Mary DeBenedictis** - December 21, 2022 at 11:11 AM



*Miss Joan was most definitely one of the best people I've ever worked for or with.  
I was introduced to her some 15 years ago by Mary D and on the very first project I worked on for her I could instantly tell that she knew what she wanted and how to get it. And wasn't going to settle for anything less. Over the years as I continued to work at her house I earned the trust and sounding ear of a really good friend. Lots of times before work began she listened to my problems and gave me solutions to them as I also listened to hers.  
She could be tough and comforting at the same time.  
Cancer may have won this fight but it definitely knew that it was in a fight.  
It goes without saying that she leaves a void in all our lives that will never be filled.*

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**ronnie** - December 21, 2022 at 08:37 PM

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*Joan always had a smile on her face and had a way of making everyone feel at home in her house. Joan was a strong Christian woman who believed in the Lord and was unafraid of leaving this world behind and going to spend life everlasting with the Lord Jesus. I think of her now celebrating in Heaven with a smile on her face!*

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**Janet Armour** - December 26, 2022 at 02:48 PM

JF

“ *Judy Holland, a NN Bridge friend purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Joan Brooks.*



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**Judy Holland, a NN Bridge friend** - December 21, 2022 at 08:10 AM

JH

“ *Joan was a joy to know. She was such a warm, funny person, as well as a great bridge player. I am glad that i had the opportunity to know her, and I will miss her very much. I offer my deepest sympathy to Joan's family.*



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**Judy Holland** - December 21, 2022 at 08:03 AM

LA

“ *Joan was a delight! As a new bridge player, I always felt relaxed and reassured by her presence in the game. Her easy-going attitude, warmth and sense of humor made her a pleasure to be with. To all of her family members...I send love to you as you grieve the loss of your beloved Joan.*

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**Laura** - December 20, 2022 at 05:03 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joan Brooks.*



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December 20, 2022 at 01:16 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joan Brooks.*



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December 19, 2022 at 08:53 PM



“ *such a lovely kind lady and such a good bridge player - she will be missed. Prays for all.*

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**Janice Goldrick** - December 19, 2022 at 08:38 PM



“ *I played bridge with Joan many years. She was a wonderful person to know. Usually my first Christmas card was from her. My thoughts and prayers go to her family. Joan always had a smile on her face.*

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**cecilia conine** - December 19, 2022 at 08:22 PM