



Joan LaVerne Mathis

June 30, 1940 - November 25, 2024

Joan LaVerne Mathis was born to Zela Francis Dunlap and Byron Luke Dunlap on June 30, 1940 in Jack County, Texas. She attended school in Bryson, Texas, graduating in 1958. Upon graduation, the senior class voted her most beautiful. When she told the story, she laughed and let you know that her graduating class consisted of only ten people.

On November 28, 1957, which was Thanksgiving Day, Joan married Rex Lee Mathis at her home in Jermyn, Texas. On the morning of the wedding, she cut chrysanthemums frosted with ice to use as decorations. This year, Thanksgiving again falls on November 28 and marks 67 years since the couple's wedding day. Joan and Rex lived primarily in Jacksboro, Texas, but for a short while, they lived in Graham, Texas. They had three children: Tina, Lee, and Wanda. In 1965, Rex was transferred to Pennsylvania, so the family loaded up the station wagon and headed to Bradford. After two short weeks, they headed back to Texas where you could at least get a Dr. Pepper. Rex quit his job, and the family moved to Abilene, Texas. Joan worked as a housewife while her children were young, then in the mid 1970's, she went to nursing school and became an LVN. She worked at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene, Texas for 25 years before she and Rex moved back to their land in Jacksboro in the mid 1980's. She worked at Graham Regional Hospital as an LVN and earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing. From that time until she retired in 2006, she worked as a registered nurse in Graham. She and Rex

moved back to Abilene in 2015 where she lived out the rest of her life.

Joan took great pride in her grandchildren, and the kids' visits to Jacksboro included plenty of fun and food. Often, Joan led hunts for rocks, fossils, and dinosaur bones, of which they found many. Only later did the grandchildren learn that the bones were actually those of unfortunate cows. She was a member of Broadview Baptist Church in Abilene. In Jacksboro, she was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Joan was preceded in death by her husband, Rex Lee Mathis Senior who died in 2017. She was also preceded by her parents, brother Donald Ray Dunlap, brother Jerry Leon Dunlap, and her brother-in-law Donald Mathis. She leaves a sister, Patsy Glascock (Elvis) and a brother Darrell Wayne Dunlap. Also left behind are three children, Tina Wyatt (Jay), Lee Mathis (Kellie), and Wanda Gregory (Tommy). She also leaves behind six grandchildren, Mitchell Wyatt (Lindsey), Chelsie Harruff (Blake), Jason Gregory (Krystal), Jennifer Lovelady (Adam), Amy Simmons (Tyler), Kristen Newton (Josh), and ten great-grandchildren.

We will honor her life with a small graveside service at Wesley Chapel Cemetery where she will once again join Rex, whose loss she grieved until the end of her life.

Cemetery Details

Wesley Chapel Cemetery

2871 Wesley Chapel Road
Jacksboro, TX 76458

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

LM

“ Loretta Martinez lit a candle in memory of Joan LaVerne Mathis



Loretta Martinez - January 03, 2025 at 11:19 AM

MM

“ Mary Massengale lit a candle in memory of Joan LaVerne Mathis



Mary Massengale - December 02, 2024 at 09:30 AM

CG

“ Carma L Glascock lit a candle in memory of Joan LaVerne Mathis



Carma L Glascock - December 01, 2024 at 03:24 PM



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

December 01, 2024 at 03:06 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joan LaVerne Mathis.*



December 01, 2024 at 03:06 PM



“ *Jimmie And Lelia Cozart lit a candle in memory of Joan LaVerne Mathis*



Jimmie and Lelia Cozart - November 30, 2024 at 04:00 PM



“ *Doopy Downing lit a candle in memory of Joan LaVerne Mathis*



Doopy Downing - November 29, 2024 at 10:04 PM



“ *Lisa Ross-Curd lit a candle in memory of Joan LaVerne Mathis*



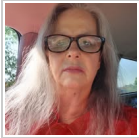
Lisa Ross-Curd - November 29, 2024 at 08:23 PM

RM

“ Raymond and Peggy Matlock lit a candle in memory of Joan LaVerne Mathis.



Raymond and Peggy Matlock - November 29, 2024 at 08:55 AM



“ I worked with her for several years. She was a wonderful person and nurse.

Bunnie Hayes - November 28, 2024 at 10:31 PM

TN

“ Tammie, Anna, & Richard Nickell purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Joan LaVerne Mathis.



Tammie, Anna, & Richard Nickell - November 28, 2024 at 02:33 AM

TW

“ Tina W. purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Joan LaVerne Mathis.



Tina W. - November 27, 2024 at 07:12 PM

TW

“ Tina W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joan LaVerne Mathis.

Tina W. - November 27, 2024 at 07:12 PM



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

November 27, 2024 at 05:58 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Joan LaVerne Mathis.



November 27, 2024 at 05:58 PM

LM

“ Loretta Martinez sent a virtual gift in memory of Joan LaVerne Mathis



Loretta Martinez - November 26, 2024 at 11:18 PM

JL

“ *Our dearest Mamaw, we love you beyond measure!*



Jennifer Lovelady - November 26, 2024 at 06:52 PM

JW

“ *JIM WHITSITT lit a candle in memory of Joan LaVerne Mathis*



JIM WHITSITT - November 26, 2024 at 05:47 PM

MM

“ *Melba Mower lit a candle in memory of Joan LaVerne Mathis*



Melba Mower - November 26, 2024 at 04:03 PM

JL

“ *Joan was a sweet lady. My parents thought a lot of her and Rex and enjoyed a lot of good times at FBC Jacksboro.*



Jenilyn Lewis - November 26, 2024 at 10:19 AM

LM

“ *Linda Massengale lit a candle in memory of Joan LaVerne Mathis*



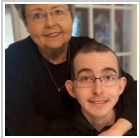
Linda Massengale - November 26, 2024 at 10:13 AM

MM

“ *Marianne Myers lit a candle in memory of Joan LaVerne Mathis*



Marianne Myers - November 26, 2024 at 10:07 AM



“ *Charlene McCaghren lit a candle in memory of Joan LaVerne Mathis*



Charlene McCaghren - November 26, 2024 at 08:55 AM

TW

“ *Thomas Wyatt lit a candle in memory of Joan LaVerne Mathis*



Thomas Wyatt - November 26, 2024 at 08:43 AM

JM

“ John & Debbie Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Joan LaVerne Mathis



John & Debbie Mitchell - November 26, 2024 at 08:26 AM

CM

“ Chris Mathis sent a virtual gift in memory of Joan LaVerne Mathis



Chris Mathis - November 25, 2024 at 11:46 PM

CM

Joan was one of my most favorite people in the world. Loved her as a client for 20+ years. Also as a “niece” that we kidded each other about.

Chris Mathis - November 25, 2024 at 11:50 PM

CH

“ Carolyn (McCoy) Horry lit a candle in memory of Joan LaVerne Mathis



Carolyn (McCoy) Horry - November 25, 2024 at 11:43 PM

DM

“ *Darlene Maxwell lit a candle in memory of Joan LaVerne Mathis*



Darlene Maxwell - November 25, 2024 at 10:01 PM



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November 25, 2024 at 08:54 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joan LaVerne Mathis.*



November 25, 2024 at 08:54 PM

TN

“ *Tammie Nickell lit a candle in memory of Joan LaVerne Mathis*



Tammie Nickell - November 25, 2024 at 08:23 PM

SK

“ *Scott, Teresa, Branson, and Keeli purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Joan LaVerne Mathis.*



Scott, Teresa, Branson, and Keeli - November 25, 2024 at 08:20 PM

BM

“ *Bob And Roxanna Maddox lit a candle in memory of Joan LaVerne Mathis*



Bob and Roxanna Maddox - November 25, 2024 at 06:09 PM

LN

“ *Larry And Terry Nantz lit a candle in memory of Joan LaVerne Mathis*



Larry and Terry Nantz - November 25, 2024 at 04:36 PM