



JoAnn Loftis

July 10, 1935 - May 28, 2017

JoAnn (Rochell) Loftis, age 81, of Rockwall, TX, passed from this life to her heavenly home on May 28, 2017. She was born July 10, 1935, in Dallas, TX, the only child of Henry Edward and Emma (Anderson) Rochell. JoAnn grew up on a farm five miles outside of Rockwall, TX. There were no paved roads to the farm so she would stay with relatives in town when it was too muddy to get home from school. After graduating from Rockwall High School in 1952, she attended North Texas State Teachers College in Denton where she graduated in 1956, with a degree in Home Economics. JoAnn married her High School Sweetheart, Joe Loftis, and taught school in Snook, TX, while Joe attended Veterinary School at Texas A&M University. Joe and JoAnn settled back in Rockwall where they owned and operated the Rockwall Veterinary Hospital. JoAnn was a member of Delta Gamma Sorority. She was an original member of The Aspasiens of Rockwall, the Lakeside Book Club and the Rockwall County A&M Club. She was a member of the Friday Study Club of Rockwall and the Hardy Listeners Book Review Club of Dallas. She was also a life-long member of the First Baptist Church of Rockwall.

While involved in many things, nothing was more important to JoAnn than her family. She and Joe enjoyed 58 years as husband and wife, and they raised two boys: Dowell and David. JoAnn was a great Mom. She was known for many wonderful things, but maybe none more than her famous chocolate sheet cake that would mysteriously show up in the Teacher's Lounges of the schools Dowell and David were attending. When her boys had children of their own, she became the best "Nana" any child could hope for. She and Joe spent a great deal of their time at dance recitals and ballgames, many times traveling great distances to support their grandchildren. Being a life-long resident of Rockwall, JoAnn also had many long-time friends that she dearly cherished. When a person lives a long time in the same area, the true character of that person shows itself. That was true of JoAnn. And that is why she will be so missed.

JoAnn was preceded in death by her parents: Henry and Emma Rochell; and her beloved husband: Dr. Joe D. Loftis. She is survived by two sons: Dr. Dowell Loftis of Rockwall and Dr. David Loftis and wife Christine of Rockwall. She is also survived by four grandchildren:

Catherine Hernandez and husband Keith, of Houston, TX, Joe Henry Loftis of Rockwall, Haley Daniel and husband Paul of Victoria, TX, and Reed Loftis and wife Shannon of Tulsa, OK.

Funeral services will be held 10:00am Wednesday, May 31, 2017, at First Baptist Church, ML Jones Chapel, 610 South Goliad Street, Rockwall 75087, with Pastor Steve Swofford officiating. Interment will follow at Rockwall Memorial Cemetery. The family will receive friends Tuesday evening at Rest Haven Funeral Home – Rockwall Chapel from 6:00 to 8:00pm.

Cemetery

Rockwall Memorial Cemetery

409 W. Washington Street
(Highway 66)
Rockwall, TX, 75087

Events

MAY **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Rest Haven - Rockwall Location
2500 State Highway 66 East, Rockwall, TX,
US, 75087

MAY **Funeral Service** 10:00AM

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First Baptist Church Rockwall, ML Jones
Chapel
610 S. Goliad, Rockwall, TX, US, 75087

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Rest Haven Funeral Homes and Memorial Park - May 30, 2017 at 12:43 PM



“ Our Prayers are with JoAnn and her family. Such a sweet person. May God comfort you all.
-Mark and Toni George

Mark George - June 01, 2017 at 06:48 AM



“ Dowell and family,

My mother Alyce Watts and I send our heartfelt sympathy in the loss of your mother. We love her and we love you all, as well. May the LORD bless and keep you and share tender mercies with you during your time of grieving and beyond.

Love,

Alyce (in rehab from a broken leg) and Lisa



Lisa Byrd - June 01, 2017 at 12:30 AM



“ Sad to read of JoAnn's passing. Praying that the Lord will bring your family comfort..

Karen Lauffer Baack - May 31, 2017 at 11:16 PM



“ 2 files added to the album LifeTributes



Rest Haven Funeral Homes and Memorial Park - May 31, 2017 at 02:40 PM



“ Capparelli Family lit a candle in memory of JoAnn Loftis



Capparelli Family - May 31, 2017 at 07:39 AM



“ Brazell Heard lit a candle in memory of JoAnn Loftis



Brazell Heard - May 31, 2017 at 12:53 AM



“ So sorry I will miss the funeral. I am in Montana with my family. Will sure miss JoAnn.

Sherri Johnston - May 30, 2017 at 09:11 PM



“ Dowell, David and Family,
It is with a sad heart and warm memories I offer my heartfelt condolences. My fondest memories of your mom were when we were teenagers coming to the Loftis home and how your mom's kind words and friendly smile always made me feel welcome. And later when Reed and Walter playing ball together being able to see her and

your father. She will be missed.
May God bless and keep you.
Randy & Gloria Garrett Family.

Randy garrett - May 30, 2017 at 08:55 PM



“ We were so sorry to learn of JoAnn's passing. She was a lovely lady from a wonderful family. She and Joe were always a lovely couple. Our sincere condolences to the family.
Ed & Bettye McCrary

Ed & Bettye McCrary - June 01, 2017 at 07:00 AM



“ It was a pleasure to serve her at Trevino's. We will miss her on Sundays. One of a kind!



Bertha A Trevino - May 30, 2017 at 06:06 PM



“ The Loftis family is in our thoughts and prayers. Your mom was such a great leader in the Rockwall community. We will always have great memories of her and your family.

Love,
Bob and Margaret Cruse

Bob Cruse - May 30, 2017 at 05:41 PM



“ I was a sorority sister of JoAnn and cherish the memories we had at North Texas State University. She will be missed by her Delta Gamma sisters. In The Bonds,
Lavonne Lewis Stewart





“ Dana K Macalik lit a candle in memory of JoAnn Loftis



Dana K Macalik - May 30, 2017 at 04:47 PM



“ I'm so sorry to hear about your mom
I just saw it on here.
Beth Massey Richardson

beth richardson (massey) - May 30, 2017 at 04:47 PM



“ I remember always admiring JoAnn every morning when she got on the school bus.
She was a very pretty girl and always dressed in pretty clothes. Prayers for all who
knew and loved her! Sue Hitt Matthies



Sue Hitt Matthies - May 30, 2017 at 03:42 PM



“ 61 files added to the album LifeTributes



Rest Haven Funeral Homes and Memorial Park - May 30, 2017 at 12:08 PM



“ Sincerest condolences, Dowell and David. What a terrific mom you both had.

Diedra Sutton - May 30, 2017 at 10:56 AM



“ There are souls in this world who have the gift of finding joy everywhere, and leaving it behind them when they go. JoAnn will be missed and we were blessed to know her. Prayers & Hugs,
Jim & Barbara Allan

Barbara Allan - May 30, 2017 at 10:05 AM



“ JoAnn was such a bright light in this world. I met her at the Veterinary Clinic years ago. I loved seeing her throughout the years. She shared her smile, asked about others, wished me well. I'll miss her as I know so many will. How blessed I am to have known her. My prayers to you and your family. My assurance in Christ of seeing her again.

Judy Fain - May 30, 2017 at 08:23 AM



“ A great lady from a pioneering family will be missed by all who knew her. She would deliver her signature chocolate Lucy Johnson sheet cake to her friends and to church members in need. This is a personal loss to me and to all of Rockwall.
Bill Lofland

Bill Lofland - May 29, 2017 at 06:25 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Joann R Loftis.

May 29, 2017 at 01:53 PM