



## Joni Maxvill

October 15, 1936 - September 8, 2019

Loving wife, mother, sister, aunt, grandmother and great grandmother, Joni Maxvill passed away in Rowlett, Texas on Sept 8, 2019. Joni's mission in life was to serve; always putting the needs of others before her own. Mission accomplished.

Born Oct. 15, 1936 in Kilgore, TX to Mary Sue Williams, Joni leaves behind three sisters, Helen Kay Wallace, Sandy Mathisen & husband Donnie, and Nora Bragg; loving children and their spouses, Vonna and Neil Rudine, Debbie and Ron Hamm, Robert and Nelly Maxvill, Tom and Kandi Maxvill and Andy Maxvill. Affectionally known as "Meemaw" to all, including her grandchildren Anthony Rudine and wife Jenn, Tiffany Pettijohn and husband Robert, Cullen Rudine and wife Caitlin, Andrea McBroom and husband Nick, Leslie Patterson and husband Jared, Katy Crawford and husband Shafen, Robby Maxvill and wife Lutchi, Katrina Cruz and husband Lorenzo, Kimberly Gannaway and husband Jason, Chris Maxvill, Bailey Maxvill, Brandon Grant, Cassy Maxvill, Thomas Maxvill, Taylor Davis and husband Tyler, Charlie Maxvill, and Aiden Maxvill and numerous great grand-children.

Preceded in death by husband Robert Maxvill, parents Mary and Horace Williams, daughters Jenny Smedley, Cindy Schell, Jody Schell, granddaughter Christina Rudine, brother Jeff Williams and sister Margie Crauthers.

Joni's passion in life was to care for others in need and those she felt were less fortunate. She organized and fed countless of the Dallas homeless; took God's word to those who were unable to otherwise receive the Word. This ministry grew to include the creation of a home bible study that allowed many participants to hear God's word and, in many cases, to be saved.

She became the primary care giver for her sister, Margie, after an accident that left her in an unresponsive state for many years. Subsequently, after a tragic accident involving her beloved daughter, Jenny, she became a primary care giver as Jenny remained comatose for 11 years.

In her later life, her passion became care giving and companionship to residents of nursing homes and memory care facilities. This care giving continued her entire life as she cared for and provided companionship to a 102-year-old family friend, Ruth Sherman, until Joni was diagnosed with cancer which led to her death just a few months later. Ruth was laid to rest just one day preceding Joni's death.

Visitation will be held at Rest Haven Funeral Home at 3701 Rowlett Rd., Rowlett, TX on Wednesday, Sept. 11 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. Services will be held at Rest Haven Funeral Home at 3701 Rowlett Rd., Rowlett, TX on Thursday at 10:00 AM.

# Cemetery

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**Restland Memorial Park**  
13005 Greenville Avenue  
Dallas, TX, 75243

# Events

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**SEP 11 Visitation 06:00PM - 08:00PM**  
Rest Haven - Rowlett Location  
3701 Rowlett Road, Rowlett, TX, US, 75088

**SEP 12 Funeral Service 10:00AM**  
Rest Haven - Rowlett Location  
3701 Rowlett Road, Rowlett, TX, US, 75088

# Comments

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“ I remember I felt so fortunate to know Joni when she was doing the bible study and feeding the kids from the apartments backing up to your home on White Rock Lake. She was so enthusiastic about serving the Lord. What a precious person! Linda Jennings

**Linda Jennings** - September 10 at 07:17 PM

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“ I go way back with the family, I remember Bobby and Joni. I remember the great Thanksgiving dinners and getting together with the family during Christmas. They would always put together a ginger bread house. They would always open their house to all. I remember that house on Ballymote Dr, many great memories.

**John Maxvill** - September 10 at 05:03 PM

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“ Words cannot express how wonderful Joni and Bobby were to so many of us growing up. Our Wednesday night bible studies taught us so much about Jesus and the fellowship and bond we share with our friends still live on today. The love they showed us and guidance to save us from ourselves when we were foolish teenagers to the rescue and shelter they gave us will never be forgotten. She was a second mom to us and I know she is now with Jesus, Bobby, and Jenny. You will truly be missed and will always be a part of my heart. Sending our love to all of you.

**Donna Huff Olsen** - September 10 at 03:57 PM

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“ Always a gracious lady. I feel for Vonna and Andy and for all who called her Meema! Janet and I always enjoyed sharing special occasions on the Rudine side with her especially. She passed one day before what would have been my Dad FL Rudine's 103rd Birthday. So, my thoughts are drawn to the other side as our elders become our ancestors and they prepare our way.

**Robert Rudine** - September 10 at 01:24 AM

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“ Joni was a wonderful friend to my mother and like a second mother to me. Our favorite memories together we're telling stories about the famous "boys trip," with about ten of us crammed into a station wagon driving all over creation. God bless you, Joni!

**J. Eric Hibbs** - September 09 at 09:48 PM

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“ The Jones family will never forget all the times we went swimming in the Maxvill backyard. Gary and I always felt welcome and Bryan and Nicholas were always treated just like one of her grandkids. She was truly a special lady and will be missed by many.

**Gary and Laurie Jones** - September 09 at 09:15 PM