



Joanna Lee

October 26, 1948 - May 8, 2021

Joanna Lee passed away May 8, 2021 at The Arbors nursing home in Rusk, following a lengthy illness. She was born October 26, 1948 in Jacksonville, TX to John C. Williams Jr. and Betty Jo Evans Williams.

She grew up in Rusk, where she attended public school, graduating from Rusk High School in 1967. She attended Tyler J. College one year then accepted a job at the Rusk State Hospital where she worked for the next 30 years at the Day Treatment Center as a Therapist Tech I, advancing to a level "III" supervisory position. She then transferred to the Texas Department of Corrections, working as a CO1 at the Beto and Hodge Units for a combined 6 years, before she retired. She later worked in food service for the Rusk ISD and cleaned houses independently, until she lacked the physical capacity to continue.

When not cooking and cleaning, or watching her favorite soap opera, she enjoyed being a caregiver to her grand-children, to whom she was very devoted.

She is preceded in death by her parents and grandparents. She is survived by her daughter, Tracy Jo Lee Booth of Rusk, brother, John C. Williams III of Rusk, sister Jane Clair and her husband Charles Dansby of Lubbock, grandchildren, Jordan Booth, Jamarkus Mickens, Jada Mickens; all of Rusk,

nephews, Joel and Jeremy Dansby of Lubbock, former husband Steve and his wife Nancy Lee of Tyler, one aunt, Hazel Lytle of Corpus Christi, and numerous cousins.

The family wishes to thank the nursing staff at the Arbors and the providers of Hospice of East Texas.

No services are scheduled at this time.

Tribute Wall



“ *Joanna Lee*

October 04, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Janis Rutherford lit a candle in memory of Joanna Lee*



Janis Rutherford - May 13, 2021 at 10:48 PM



So sorry to read about Joanna's death. We spent many times at each others homes. I don't think she ever called me Janis it was always JJ.

Janis Rutherford - May 13, 2021 at 10:53 PM



“ *So sorry to learn of Joanna's death.*

Bill Vining - May 13, 2021 at 01:52 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Joanna's death. She was always polite and happy. God bless you all.*

Dianne Tolar - May 12, 2021 at 03:53 PM



“ *Condolences.*

Donna Smith - May 11, 2021 at 11:20 AM

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“ *Sympathy to the Williams family. Remember all of them from the time we moved to Rusk, and lived on Ricketts Drive. Prayers for all.*



Brenda Dickerson Chandler - May 10, 2021 at 05:57 PM

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Brenda Dickerson Chandler - May 10, 2021 at 05:58 PM



“ *My Soul Lives On Blanket was purchased for the family of Joanna Lee.*



May 10, 2021 at 04:23 PM

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“ *So many great memories of Joanna and her family when I was growing up. She was such a kind and loving person. She loved her family. She will be greatly missed. Sending prayers of comfort to her family. God Bless*

Cathy Gabbert Booth - May 10, 2021 at 02:33 PM