



## JoAnn Castle

November 6, 1933 - April 8, 2026

Minnie Joann Smith, better known as Joann, age 92, was born on November 6, 1933, in Austin, Texas, to the late Minnie Smith and Henry Benjamin Smith. She peacefully departed this life on April 8, 2026, in Austin, Texas.

Joann was a loving, giving, and warm-spirited woman whose life was centered around family, connection, and preserving memories. She never missed a birthday, always ensuring that friends and loved ones felt remembered and celebrated. Her gentle nature and positive outlook made everyone feel at ease. She never made you feel guilty for not reaching out, and she often reminded those she loved that “no news is good news”

Known lovingly as “Grandmommy” to her family, her greatest joy was her grandchildren, whom she cherished deeply. She had a passion for traveling and photography, capturing life’s most meaningful moments through her camera. Joann had a special gift for storytelling through pictures and took great pride in sharing those memories with family and friends, gifting photos that became treasured keepsakes for generations. Everyone got a personal photo album.

Joann also enjoyed bowling, gardening, and arts and crafts. She moved to Los Angeles, California, where she met and married Joseph Taylor, and together they built a life and raised their family. During her time there, she owned and operated a Winchell’s Donut Shop. Later in life, after her daughters were grown, Joann relocated to Las Vegas, Nevada where she dedicated over 20 years of service as a bus driver for the Clark County School

District.

Joann was preceded in death by her parents, Henry B. and Minnie Smith; her husband, Joseph H. Taylor; her daughter, Ethel Mae Taylor Mosely; her siblings, Albert Smith, Sr., and Gladys "Sister" Smith-Strong.

She leaves to cherish her memory her daughters, Ella Mae Moppins (Kenneth), Debra Ann Johnson (Bobbie) and Michelle Denise Taylor; and a loving legacy of grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

# Cemetery Details

## Evergreen Cemetery

3304 E12th & Airport Blvd  
Austin, TX 78721

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

APR 24. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

A Life Celebration by Franklin – Austin  
16912 N. IH 35  
Austin, TX 78728  
(512) 365-6000

## Celebration Service

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# Tribute Wall

DE

“ I remember JoAnn for the blessing she was to everyone. And was full of life whenever and wherever she was. Even at one of my concerts.

David Evans - April 24 at 11:10 AM

DA

“ To The Family:  
Mrs. JoAnn has Always been a Loving, Caring, and Kindhearted Person/ just like a Grandmother to me!! Being in your presence was always great, and you will surely be Missed! All of my Heartfelt Sympathy and Condolences to the Family! Love Darriell

Darriell - April 23 at 08:35 PM

BM

“ Bouche and Nadine Mickey purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of JoAnn Castle.



Bouche and Nadine Mickey - April 21 at 10:59 PM

BM

“ Bouche and Nadine Mickey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of JoAnn Castle.

Bouche and Nadine Mickey - April 21 at 10:59 PM

ET

“ Eric and Constance Thompson purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of JoAnn Castle.



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**Eric and Constance Thompson** - April 21 at 12:30 PM

DL

“ Dana L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of JoAnn Castle.

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**Dana L.** - April 20 at 10:29 AM

MO

“ Marilyn O. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of JoAnn Castle.



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**Marilyn O.** - April 19 at 04:09 PM

GH

“ Gerald Hawthorne-Moore purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of JoAnn Castle.



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**Gerald Hawthorne-Moore** - April 18 at 07:15 PM

TG

“ I will always remember Ms. JoAnn as I was cutting her grass and how she was always thinking about what she wanted me to do next. We shared many laughs together and the talks were always great. Rest in peace and may God continue to bless your family. Thomas

Thomas Goodwin - April 18 at 10:08 AM

NM

“ I remember meeting Ms Joann when I made my first trip to Las Vegas with Ella many years ago. She was a gracious host and opened her home to me. We became good friends and shared our birthday in the month of November. We kept in touch over the years. She will be truly missed. Such a wonderful and free spirited soul. Rest well my friend.  
Nadine Mickey

NADINE H MICKEY - April 17 at 11:37 PM

JM

“ I feel so very Blessed to have been Welcomed in your life, I have nothing but fantastic, wonderful memories of the many times God blessed me to be in your presence. I love you Mama JoAnn, but now, it's time for you to take your Rest. 🌹🌹🌹 sleep well ❤️❤️

JANICE MUSTIN - April 17 at 11:09 PM

SL

“ I remember when my great aunt Joanne and her 2 friends drove 8 hours from LA to Yuba city to spend the weekend with me. That was so special to me and I will never forget that. Aunt Joanne will be missed.

Sharon Smith Lawrence

Sharon Smith Lawrence - April 17 at 09:53 PM