



JoAnn Davis

May 2, 1947 - August 31, 2018

Jo Ann, the 11th child of 13, was born to the parentage of the late Bertha Kelly Davis and late Sidney “Buddy” Davis Sr. on May 2, 1947 in New Iberia, Louisiana. She attended Henderson High School, class of 1966, followed by Bishop College in Dallas, TX and Southern University in Baton Rouge, LA where she studied English and Liberal Arts.

Jo Ann and Benny George married in 1968. This union produced her only child Kedric George. She later married Larry Austin in 1979 and embraced a blended family with step-children Tut (real name), Larry, Jr and Marcus. She subsequently met Alonzo O. Jones, with whom she shared many fond years. Jo Ann relocated to New Orleans where she began her life-long career in the medical field as a insurance claims professor. Her love of people, desire to help, and attention to detail make her successful in her roles at Blue Cross/Blue Shields, Tulane Medical Center and Seton Medical Center in Austin, TX where she retired in 2011.

Jo Ann accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at Star Pilgrim Baptist Church, under the reverend Cyrus L. Jackson. She moved to Austin, TX in 1996 and established membership at Greater Calvary Bible Church, pastored by Archbishop Dr. Sterling Lands, II, where she was an active member, serving as a leader of the Bible Study, the Singles Ministry, and a member of the African Praise Dance Team.

Jo Ann was passionate about life. She was a believer in the power and importance of education, of speaking the “Queen’s English” and of critical

thinking, as her son and many of her nieces and nephews could attest. Jo Ann lived to inspire others and was committed to pushing and even pulling those she loved to fulfil their potential. She was a lover of words and enjoyed a good debate regardless of the topic or opponent. Jo Ann was a natural story-teller whose zeal kept her at the center of attention. At the age of 68 she began studying Tai Chi at Fire Dragon Dojo and was on her way to receiving her Brown Belt. She enjoyed being in the company of family, both by blood and by choice, and was known affectionately as “Aunt Jody” to many.

Her indelible legacy will long be cherished by her only son Kedric George (Tamara); her siblings Easter Mae Watson (Harold, deceased), Sidney Davis Jr, Martha Ann “Marty” Doucette, and Minister Francis L. Davis (Angelee); nieces, Denise, Sandra, Sylvia, Ingrid, Sherri, Faye, Leslie, Kristie, Tammy and Jocelyn; nephews, Anthony, Quintin, Benny, Geroy, Harold Jr., Derek, Leroy Jr, Jamal, Jamarcus, Lawrence Jr; and a host of great nieces and nephews, and extended family and friends.

Cemetery Details

St. Matthews Church Cemetery

New Iberia, LA

Previous Events

Viewing

SEP 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

King-Tears Mortuary
1300 E 12th St
Austin, TX 78702
(512) 476-9128

Celebration Service

SEP 8. 12:00 PM (CT)

Greater Calvary Bible Church
6510 Berkman Drive
Austin, TX 78723

Tribute Wall



“ *JoAnn Davis*

October 06, 2023 at 07:08 AM



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A Life Celebration by Franklin - September 15, 2018 at 10:45 PM



“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



Pam Grayson - September 08, 2018 at 02:27 PM

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“ I just heard that JoAnn had passed away, my thoughts and prayers go out to her family, I am so sorry for your loss.

As a new manager with Seton, JoAnn was the first person I had ever hired. We worked together for many years and I considered her a friend. I added a photo that I took at the awards banquet in 2010.

Pam Grayson

Pam Grayson - September 08, 2018 at 02:24 PM

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“ Angela lit a candle in memory of JoAnn Davis



Angela - September 05, 2018 at 09:06 AM

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“ To our Family,
Aunt Jodie was a sweetheart. I just loved her spirit always. I will forever cherish her love for all of the family. May her soul Rest In Heaven. Love you Aunt Jodie Baby!!!

Angie and Family.

Angela - September 05, 2018 at 09:05 AM