



# Joan Smith Cotten

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Joan was born March 26th, 1933. She departed this earth on April 23 , 2020. She was born in Memphis, Tennessee to John and Lillian Smith. . She was married to Orvil Cotten Jr. in 1972. They loved each other and did life together untill his death on April 23, 2002. Almost as though she chose her time to pass away to be the same as her beloved “Cotten”.

Joan was educated in the Memphis City schools. She had three sons she raised and nurtured into adulthood.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her son John.

Joan is survived by her brother Gerald Smith(Liz), Sons; Jim Biggs(Jane), Scott Biggs(Betsy), Step son; Orvil Cotten(Susan), -four- grand sons; Bradley Biggs and Bryan Biggs -and Patrick Biggs and Daniel Biggs-;a Step Grandson Matt Cotten (Christa) and a Step Granddaughter Nancy Robertson(Tyler).

Joan was a loyal member of Ridgeway Baptist Church for many years. She and Cotten had many wonderful trips across the United States with their friends from Ridgeway. One of Cotten’s and Joan’s favorite places to visit was Hawaii. They always returned with broad smiles on their faces and a great tan. They also enjoyed visiting Jim and Jane in London.

The family would like to thank the community of Hearthside for the love and support they gave Joan during her time with them.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that gifts be sent to Ridgeway Baptist Church in Joan's honor.

Due to the current concern for large gatherings, the burial will be private.



# Events

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## Cemetery Details



**Memorial Park Cemetery**

5668 Poplar Ave, Memphis TN 38119



**(901) 445-8475**





## Tribute Wall

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PH

**Patti Howard** posted:

I just heard of Joan's passing. She was such a delightful person and I had the pleasure of visiting with her every Sunday morning at Hearthside for a church service with my husband, until the quarantine in March. I looked forward to our conversations each week. She will be missed ❤️

April 28 at 3:42 PM

JS

**Jere Smith Sawyer** posted:

I have many sweet memories of my "Aunt Joan" but one in particular was a special one for both of us. I was about 6 when she and "Cotton" got married and on their wedding day, Aunt Joan taught me how to properly put on my little white stockings. My Aunt Joan was very sweet, patient and loving. She had a wonderful relationship w her brother, Gerry (my Dad) which I admired dearly. My Aunt Joan loved getting out, socializing and patronizing her favorite restaurants as well as trying new ones, as we did many times w my Dad and step Mom, Liz. Often times, we would be finishing our meals and Aunt Joan would be planning on which Resturant we would try next. Regrettably, I haven't spent as much time as I would've liked to in the last couple years but I loved my Aunt Joan dearly and I will miss her very much. I have peace in knowing she is again w her love, Cotton.

April 28 at 8:36 AM

DT

**Diane Trubic** posted:

I am so sorry to hear about Mrs Cotten death. I worked at Dr Howard McClain's dental office and I cleaned her teeth there many times. I also attend Ridgeway Baptist Church and we discussed things about church many times while I cleaned her teeth. Also, my mother is at Hearthside assisted living facility and I saw her a few times there also. She was a very sweet lady and everyone that knew her will miss her a lot. Sending prayers for the family, Diane Trubic

April 27 at 11:17 AM

GG

**Gynella Green** April 27 at 6:40 PM

Joan was the best neighbor for over 40 years. Our kids grew up thinking Joan and Mr."C" were their grandparents. We sure have some great memories with the both of them. They sure made us feel like family. I just thank the Lord for letting us be their neighbor. Will be praying for the family. Gynella Green and family



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Joan by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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