



JoAnne Marie Gardner

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JoAnne Marie Gardner (JoJo), a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and friend, passed away peacefully on August 5, 2025, at the age of 75. Born on September 8, 1949, in Sacramento County, California, JoAnne was the cherished daughter of Frank and Aldora Tomaiuolo.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Ronald J. Tomaiuolo (Shirley).

JoAnne's journey through life was characterized by love, laughter, and an unyielding spirit. She married her soulmate, William E. Gardner Jr., on July 14, 1979, marking a beautiful partnership that lasted 46 years. Together they created a loving home filled with warmth and joy, where their son, Aaron Gardner (Katie), grew up surrounded by his parents' unwavering love.

As a proud grandmother, JoAnne took immense joy in doting on and spoiling her grandchildren, Stella and Sam, showering them with gifts and clothing, and creating cherished memories that will last a lifetime. She had a heart of gold, always looking for opportunities to help others, and her giving spirit extended to many charitable causes, with a special fondness for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis.

JoAnne was known for her vibrant personality that could light up any room. Her charisma and charm drew people to her, and her love for life was evident in everything she did. She had a passion for dance and often enjoyed listening to live music, sharing her zest for life with those around her. Her love for travel took her to many beautiful places, with Cabo being her favorite getaway, where she found rest and relaxation by the ocean. JoAnne's love for animals was also a notable part of her life; she had many Golden Retrievers over the years, all of whom held a special place in her heart. Her nurturing nature and kindness extended not only to her family but also to her friends and community.

JoAnne is survived by her devoted husband, William Gardner Jr.; her son Aaron Gardner (Katie); her beloved grandchildren, Stella and Sam; and her cherished nephews, Luke, Jacob, and Vincent.



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As we remember JoAnne, we reflect on her legacy of love, kindness, and compassion. Her family invites those who wish to honor her memory to make donations to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, two causes that were close to her heart.

Visitation will be held on Friday August 15, 2025, at 10:00 AM immediately followed by a Funeral Service (11AM) at Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery.

JoAnne was truly a remarkable woman whose spirit will continue to inspire all who were fortunate enough to know her. She will be deeply missed but fondly remembered for her unwavering love and the countless lives she touched during her time on Earth.




Events

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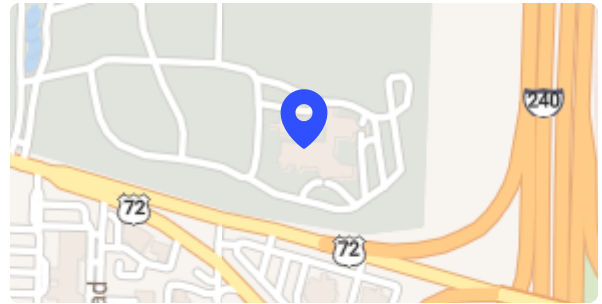
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Visitation

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 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT

 **Memorial Park Fireside Chapel**
5668 Poplar Avenue, Memphis TN 38119

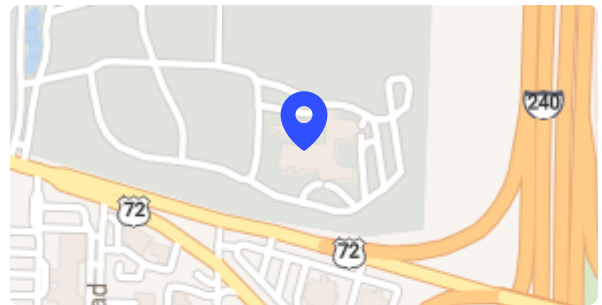


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Tribute Wall

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Angela Sanders lit a candle in honor of JoAnne.

Ms Jo Ann U will be missed I haven't known U very long but it seems though I am sure U could feel that I care U liked your pudding your sweet tooth I would say fight Ms Jo Ann you would look at me and say ok we shared September birthday yours the 8th mine the 15th Rest on too Your loving Family Peace with U

August 15 at 12:57 PM



Hardware Sales Company sent a Lily and Rose Tribute Spray to the Gardner family.

August 12 at 9:56 AM



With Love, John And The Road Rescue Team sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Gardner family.

August 11 at 4:34 PM



Jim And Dietra Hartman sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Gardner family.

August 9 at 1:15 PM



Ann L. sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Gardner family.

August 8 at 11:53 AM





Memories only last if you share them

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



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