



Jo Ann Wolford

March 29, 1937 - October 4, 2024

Jo Ann Goodman Wolford was born March 29, 1937, in Hickman County, Tennessee and departed this life on October 4, 2024, at the age of 87 years.

Jo Ann spent her early years in Hickman County, Tennessee with her mother, grandparents, aunts, and cousins. After World War II ended, her family, along with many other families from Tennessee, moved to Detroit for work in manufacturing. She graduated from East Detroit High School in 1955. After graduating, she attended Michigan State University. In college, Jo Ann excelled at her studies, as well as archery. She was selected for the annual Women's Intercollegiate Archery Tournament. She graduated in 1957 with the equivalent of a two-year degree in business administration.

Jo Ann met Kenneth "Kenny" L. Wolford and began 62 years of marriage in 1961 in Detroit, MI. They were lucky to work in many different cities. They worked, played and made life-long friends in every city they chose as home. They shared their lives with two wonderful dogs – Bonnie and then Patches. Wherever they lived, Mr. and Mrs. Wolford made sure pots of flowers and flower beds were in bloom each spring and summer. Kenny built bird houses tailored for the type of birds that visited, and Jo Ann kept the occupants fed. Blue bird families would return year after year. Jo Ann knitted beautiful blankets using a basket weave pattern that she designed. She also cross-stitched exquisitely detailed scenes of animals and her favorite city -

Charleston, South Carolina.

Mrs. Wolford is predeceased by her husband Kenny, her mother Irma (Mitchell) Peters, Stepfather Paul E. Peters, and her father Noah Glenn Goodman. She leaves behind her aunts, Margie (Mitchell) Copley and Jackie (Mitchell) Tombone; dearly loved in-laws, nieces, cousins, extended family, and friends in Tennessee; Pennsylvania; South Carolina; North Carolina; and Texas.

Special thanks to the professionals at Aveanna Hospice Care, who provided the comfort care Jo Ann so desperately needed in the last months of her life. We are eternally grateful.

Graveside service for Mrs. Wolford will be Friday, October 18, 2024, at Memory Gardens in Centerville, Tennessee at 1:00 p.m.

Jo Ann requested that in lieu of flowers, please make a donation to a church or charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

KP

“ JoAnn and Ken were dear neighbors to us in Charlotte for years! They were like grandparents to Alex and Steph, always including them in projects!
Jo Ann loved gardening and planting flowers. Several years she planted sunflower seeds with Steph and they loved watching them grow.
Ken had Alex as his apprentice in his garage and yard projects, always teaching and explaining!
They loved dogs, their Bonnie and our Ghilly. We loved them so much! They role modeled kindness and compassion.
The Pinkstaff's miss them and will never forget them! ❤️🙏

Kim Pinkstaff - October 27, 2024 at 01:44 PM

RG

“ Ronald Gammons lit a candle in memory of Jo Ann Wolford



Ronald Gammons - October 17, 2024 at 09:40 PM

LM

“ 6 files added to the album *With Wolford Side*



Lou Ann McFadden - October 16, 2024 at 11:17 PM

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“ 4 files added to the album *With the Mitchell Side*



Lou Ann McFadden - October 16, 2024 at 11:15 PM

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“ 5 files added to the album *Jo Ann and Kenny with their dogs*



Lou Ann McFadden - October 16, 2024 at 11:14 PM

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“ 6 files added to the album *JoAnn and Kenny*



Lou Ann McFadden - October 16, 2024 at 10:45 PM

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“ 2 files added to the album *Jo Ann's Early Years*



Lou Ann McFadden - October 16, 2024 at 10:07 PM

MS

“ *Melinda Sullivan lit a candle in memory of Jo Wolford*



Melinda Sullivan - October 16, 2024 at 01:49 PM

MB

“ *MICHAEL BATES sent a virtual gift in memory of Jo Ann Wolford*



MICHAEL BATES - October 16, 2024 at 12:29 PM