



## Johnna Emily Givens

September 1, 1964 - January 22, 2020

Johnna was a bright light in the world and will be missed. A Memorial Service will be held in our hometown, Centerville, Tennessee, this Sunday, January 26 at 3:00 p.m., with visitation from 1 to 3 p.m., at McDonald Funeral Home.

Johnna E. Givens passed away on Wednesday, January 22. She was born in Dickson, Tennessee on September 1, 1964, to John Thomas and Wanda Bradley Givens of Centerville, Tennessee.

A graduate of Hickman County High School, she was in the top ten of her class. She graduated cum laude from Lipscomb University and later studied at Vanderbilt University Divinity School. Throughout her life, Johnna was an avid reader with a deeply-inquisitive mind and a powerful interest in the world. She had a commanding knowledge of many subjects but a special passion for history, fashion, arts, music, and culture.

Johnna was a paralegal and a highly-regarded title searcher. She worked hard to build her own title-searching business and developed a hard-won reputation for successfully undertaking demanding and complex projects.

With a charismatic personality, she was gregarious with a sharp wit and soft heart. She was a devoted friend and fiercely protective of anyone and anything she loved.

She is survived by her parents and her two sisters Angie Givens and Vonda Givens.

Memorial donations may be made to the Hickman County Public Library or the Centerville Elementary School Library, c/o McDonald Funeral Home, 102 West End Avenue, Centerville, Tennessee 37033.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 26. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

McDonald Funeral Home, Inc. - Hickman County  
102 West End Ave.  
Centerville, TN 37033  
(931) 729-3561

## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall

CM

“ *Cheeva McClearen lit a candle in memory of Johnna Emily Givens*



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**Cheeva McClearen** - January 31, 2020 at 04:12 PM

LR

“ *Johnna was a lovely, generous, witty, and creative person. I am so thankful to have called her a close friend in the years right after college. My heart and prayers go out to her parents and her sweet sisters, Angie and Vonda.*

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**Leslie Heaberlin Rice** - January 29, 2020 at 02:05 PM

TW

“ *Johnna,*

*I will miss our extended conversations and your smiling face. We had some good laughs over the years and I always enjoyed talking with you, either in person or over the phone. I will miss your witty comments and your contagious laugh. My prayers go out to your family and friends on their loss. God be with you until we meet again.*

*Tony Whitson*

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**Tony Whitson** - January 27, 2020 at 11:02 AM

JW

“ *Jan Wright lit a candle in memory of Johnna Emily Givens*



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**Jan Wright** - January 26, 2020 at 08:39 PM

RB

“ *Randall-Sandra Barber lit a candle in memory of Johnna Emily Givens*



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**Randall-Sandra Barber** - January 26, 2020 at 11:44 AM

MS

“ *Class of 1982  
Melissa Bryant Shelton 🙏*



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**Melissa Shelton** - January 25, 2020 at 10:39 PM

MB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We were so sorry to hear of this shocking loss. We love you.  
Mike and Janice Brown*



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**Mike and Janice Brown** - January 25, 2020 at 04:05 PM

JB

“ *JoAnn & Sherri Booker lit a candle in memory of Johnna Emily Givens*



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**JoAnn & Sherri Booker** - January 25, 2020 at 01:32 PM

RS

“ *To: Givens Family,  
We are thinking of you during this difficult time.*

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**Regina & Martha Shelton** - January 25, 2020 at 01:29 PM

ST

“ *Sherrie Talley lit a candle in memory of Johnna Emily Givens*



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**Sherrie Talley** - January 25, 2020 at 11:56 AM

DB

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with her family!*



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**Debbie Bradley** - January 25, 2020 at 12:20 AM

RR

“ So sad to hear this news! Praying for your family.  
*Rachel Smith, Rhonda and Alan.*



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**Rhonda Ross** - January 24, 2020 at 02:09 PM

FG

“ *Frances Gist lit a candle in memory of Johnna Emily Givens*



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**Frances Gist** - January 24, 2020 at 01:09 PM

CW

“ *So very sorry. I have all of your family in prayer.*

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**Coleen Williams** - January 24, 2020 at 12:05 PM

LW

“ *I was heartbroken to hear of your loss. I will miss the conversations I had with Johnna. She was such a wonderful and thoughtful person. She did title work for me, but we became friends along the way. She always had kind words for people and loved her family.*



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**Lisa Williams** - January 24, 2020 at 11:15 AM

MT

“ *Marvin & Lisa Truett lit a candle in memory of Johnna Emily Givens*



Marvin & Lisa Truett - January 24, 2020 at 11:10 AM

LW

“ *Lisa Williams lit a candle in memory of Johnna Emily Givens*



Lisa Williams - January 24, 2020 at 11:09 AM

PM

“ *Pam White Minton lit a candle in memory of Johnna Emily Givens*



Pam White Minton - January 24, 2020 at 10:04 AM

DR

“ *Deb Randolph lit a candle in memory of Johnna Emily Givens*



Deb Randolph - January 24, 2020 at 09:32 AM

Phil  
Gregg

“ *My sincerest condolences to the Givens family. I worked with and was friends with Johnna. I still cannot believe she is gone. I have contacted others who knew her here in East TN and worked with her at Tri City Title and First American. Our thoughts and prayers are with y'all. I will miss her emails and our discussions. Gosh, i still just cant believe it. Condolences! We will meet again my friend....*

Phil Gregg - January 24, 2020 at 02:49 AM

SM

“ *Sharon McCoy lit a candle in memory of Johnna Emily Givens*



Sharon McCoy - January 23, 2020 at 11:11 PM

TB

“ *Tim and Tina Barber*



Tim and Tina Barber - January 23, 2020 at 07:56 PM