



## Jo Ann Huddleston Bostian

February 22, 1935 - April 13, 2013

Jo Ann Huddleston Bostian, age 78, of Morrilton, Arkansas, passed away Saturday, April 13, 2013. She was born February 22, 1935, in Plumerville, Arkansas, a daughter of John Frank Huddleston and Mary Ethel Lindsey Huddleston. She was a member of Portland Missionary Baptist Church. Survivors include her sons, Ronnie Atkinson of Boerne, Texas and Garry Atkinson and wife Karen of Morrilton; five grandchildren, Shane Atkinson, Jacob Atkinson, Shannon Autrey (Billy), Kaitlin and Kelsey Atkinson; three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her brother D.J. Huddleston, sister, Mary Ellen Koonce, and another brother Billy Rex Huddleston. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial contributions be made to Portland Missionary Baptist Church.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 17, 2013, at Portland Missionary Baptist Church with Bro. Lindy Davis officiating. Burial will be at Kilgore Cemetery by Harris Funeral Home of Morrilton. The family will receive friends from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 16, at the funeral home.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jo Ann Huddleston Bostian*

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ *Such a beautiful picture of Aunt JoAnn you selected.*

*JoAnn and her family will always be part of my most treasured childhood memories. My sister and I would spend a week with our Grandma Ethel during the summers, and JoAnn always went out of her way to make the visit very special.*

*In her later years when we would visit, she always kept us entertained with her stories.*

*I loved Aunt JoAnn very much and will miss her. She will always have a special place in my heart.*

Donna Huddleston Bruton - June 29, 2018 at 09:03 PM



“ *I hated to hear that Joanne passed away, she was a very sweet and a special lady. I'm going to miss my visits with her, she was fun to be around and I loved to hear her sing.*

Nicki Beck - June 29, 2018 at 09:03 PM

JA

“ Garry, Ronnie and families,  
I am sorry for your loss. I know Aunt Jo is no longer feeling pain.  
Lean on the Lord for comfort only He can give in times like this.  
Know we love you and hold you all up in prayer.  
Blessings!  
Jim & Linda Atkinson

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**Jim Atkinson** - June 29, 2018 at 09:03 PM

AS

“ Garry and family, sorry for the loss of your mother. May God be with  
you at this time.

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**Autry & Lisa Sparkman** - June 29, 2018 at 09:03 PM

SG

“ Garry and family,  
I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with  
you.  
Love in Christ,  
Serena

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**Serena Garner** - June 29, 2018 at 09:03 PM

RA

“ *The History of Mama* She was born in the month of February back in 1935. Times were tough back then and folks had to struggle just tryin' to survive. Then her Daddy died in '44 when she was only nine. But with the help of God and her mother's strength, they made it through just fine. Pickin' cotton in the bottoms with her sister and her brothers. She was the baby, but she pulled her weight just like all the others. She became a wife in '52 at the age of seventeen. Then had her first born son at the age of 20. That changed a lot of things. But there was room in her heart for another child, so she gave it one more try. And then gave birth to a second sonsometimes I wonder why. Children can be so difficult with all their wants and needs. And it takes all the strength a mother can muster to accomplish all her deeds. We never knew what it was like to wear dirty, un-ironed clothes. Or go hungry or sleep in an un-made bed, as many other children do I suppose. I can't recall us ever being sick without Mama being right there. Or taking a nap before being rocked in that big, green rocking chair. Mama took us to church, along with Daddy to learn about Jesus and heaven. My brother was saved at the age of sixteen and me at the age of eleven. But, it didn't stop there; she continued to love us through all of life's travails. And she prayed for us and cried for us when in our lives we'd fail. In the end, I'm so grateful that the Lord gave us a Christian mother. Who was determined to have us grow up rightone way or another. Even in her last few days, I'm amazed at what she did. In her last few words she asked my cousin, Please pray for the kids. I love you Mama.

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Ronnie Atkinson - June 29, 2018 at 09:03 PM

CC

“ Garry and Ronnie,  
Such sweet memories of your family and mine going to church  
together all those years at Portland.  
I know she is rejoicing today that she is finally Home! Love to you  
and your families during this time.  
But one "Sweet Day" we will all be with her again.

Connie

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Connie Deaver Clark - June 29, 2018 at 09:03 PM

LI

“ Ronnie and Gary , sorry for your loss, my thoughts and prayers Are  
with you.

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Lisa - June 29, 2018 at 09:03 PM



“ My Aunt JoAnn has always been very special to me. Any time that I  
was ever around her, she would always make me laugh! She will  
always be in my heart. I know she is now in the arms of Jesus.

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April 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM