



JoAnne Brewer Stansberry

December 11, 1933 - July 25, 2019

Stansberry, JoAnne Brewer – JoAnne Brewer Stansberry passed away on July 25, 2019, at her home. She was preceded in death by her parents, Leon and Elizabeth McCall Brewer, of Chester County, TN; her husband, Frank D. Stansberry, Sr.; her son, Frank D. (Don) Stansberry, Jr., and many dear family and friends. JoAnne was a loved and valued member of Trinity United Methodist Church since 1963.

JoAnne was born on December 11, 1933, to Leon and Elizabeth McCall Brewer. Both the Brewer and McCall families were farmers, firmly ensconced in Chester County. However, with the onset of World War II, JoAnne's father was called to work with Dupont and the family moved together to Alabama and then to Delaware. After the war, they returned to Chester County. Leon and Elizabeth remained there for the rest of their lives, but JoAnne left at age 17 to attend UT Martin.

JoAnne was fortunate to have taken classes at UT Knoxville while she was still in high school. During summer breaks she accompanied a high school teacher to Knoxville who was furthering her own education and invited JoAnne to join her. When she arrived at UT Martin, she was ahead of the game, just as she always liked to be! UT Martin was still a 2-year school at the time, so JoAnne transferred to UT Knoxville eventually.

It was a smart move, because that's where she met Frank. They were soon making plans to marry, but Uncle Sam had different plans. As it turned out, 1954 was a big year for Frank and JoAnne. They were married. Frank shipped out to Korea with the US Army. Frank turned 21. JoAnne graduated from UT Knoxville, in three years. JoAnne turned 21 and a week later had their first child!

JoAnne started work with Knoxville City Schools, but was soon hand-picked by Knox County Schools' Superintendent Mildred Doyle to be a teacher with the newly formed special education program during the 1950s. She taught and championed special education all over Knox County in many capacities until her retirement in 1988. She had many years of joy (and perhaps a little sadness at times) with her school children, and had many stories of them that she loved to share. She loved all of her school children very much.

JoAnne was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, an honorary teachers' sorority. JoAnne and Frank were both graduates of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and were very

proud that the same was true of all three of their children.

JoAnne is survived by her daughter Deborah Stansberry; her daughter and son-in-law Jenny and Judge Tony Stansberry; her dearly loved granddaughter Anne McCall Stansberry, the light of her life; and her aunt Murdell Barker. She is also survived by many much loved cousins in Chester County, TN and beyond; and by Frank's in-laws, nieces and nephews.

The family appreciates the loving support of SCHAS caregivers and the Amedisys hospice team during the last few weeks of JoAnne's life.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church, 5613 Western Ave., Knoxville 37921; the Frank D. and JoAnne B. Stansberry Scholarship Endowment, UT Foundation, 1525 University Ave., Knoxville 37921; or to Knox Area Rescue Ministries (KARM), P.O. Box 3310, Knoxville 37927.

The family will receive friends from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 27, 2019, at Trinity United Methodist Church, 5613 Western Ave., phone number 865-588-5763. The funeral service will immediately follow at 5:00 p.m., officiated by the Rev. Dr. David Tabor. Interment will be at Lynnhurst Cemetery at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 28, 2019.

Events

JUL **Receiving of Friends** 03:00PM - 05:00PM

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Trinity United Methodist Church

5613 Western Avenue, Knoxville, TN, US, 37921

JUL **Funeral Service to follow** 05:00PM

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JUL **Interment** 03:00PM

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Lynnhurst Cemetery

2300 West Adair Drive, Knoxville, TN, US

Comments



“ My mother and I would like to extend our love, thoughts and prayers. May you find comfort from this Bible verse:

Isaiah 41:10 (NIV)

10 So do not fear, for I am with you;
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

May God give you peace and show you grace during this time.

Mary Heimbaugh and Molly Hyatt

Molly Hyatt - July 29, 2019 at 07:27 AM



“ To JoAnne's Family
May God's peace sustain you through this sad time. Reading about her in the obituary helps us to realize what a fruitful life she led. We were fortunate to have her son Don as a member of our church, and we also got to meet JoAnne a few times too. We wanted you to know we are thinking of you and care about you.
The Parish Family at St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church

Lynn Moore - July 27, 2019 at 06:15 PM



“ I am right here in your funeral. It was the way you told me. I can't stop crying, I will miss you, Aldis, Gabes and Trinity Church brunch without you it will be sad. I will remember you always. Thanks for all. You was my friend. I am sorry we didn't spend more time together. Saturdays without our coffee or without see your coloring books dated and commented will be empty in to many ways. We love you. Rest in peace and tell Don that I miss him a lot

Liliana Genua - July 27, 2019 at 05:54 PM



“ I am sorry for your loss. My father absolutely loved your mother and father. She was a strong woman who bettered our community. I know it great loss for you
Brenda Waggoner

Brenda Waggoner - July 27, 2019 at 01:53 PM



“ Jan And Bill Baldock lit a candle in memory of JoAnne Brewer Stansberry



Jan and Bill Baldock - July 26, 2019 at 09:56 PM



“ I'm so very sorry of your Mom's passing. You all are in my prayers. Much love
...Debbie Davis

Debbie Davis - July 26, 2019 at 08:11 PM



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Liliana - July 27, 2019 at 03:43 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of JoAnne Brewer Stansberry.



July 26, 2019 at 07:05 PM



“ May you find comfort in knowing that your friends are here for you and we share in your sorrow. We hope that the beautiful memories you have will sustain you during this time of sorrow.

Our deepest sympathy,
Bob and Kathy Parlon

Kathy Parlon - July 26, 2019 at 05:50 PM