



Jo Ann Ware

September 19, 1938 - July 25, 2025

Ms. Jo Ann Ware departed this life peacefully on Friday, July 25, 2025, at her home surrounded by her loving family. She was born the fourth child of twelve children to the late John Edward and Vonnie Marie Ware in Anniston, Alabama. She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Vonnie M. Ware; three brothers, Gregory Lamar Ware, Dr. Lawrence Ricardo Ware, Attorney Charles Jerome Ware; two sisters, Johnnie Sean Ware and Laura Ware Jacobs; two nephews, Dr. Brian Sean Register and Mark Edward Register; one niece, Delmarshae Vonnette Fleming.

Jo Ann accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at Grace Lutheran Evangelical Lutheran Church under the pastorage of the late Rev. P. W. Stephens. From early childhood, Ms. Ware served her church faithfully in numerous capacities. She was a very devoted Christian following closely in the footsteps of her older sisters. She attended many conventions, workshops, Bible schools, and conferences.

Jo Ann began her education at Grace Lutheran School and later transferred to Cobb Avenue High School, graduating with honors. Following high school, she attended Alabama State College where she majored in Elementary Education and minored in Home Economics. From there, she received her Bachelor of Science degree and began teaching in the Gaston City School System at L. V. Johnson Elementary School. She later relocated to Anniston and began teaching second grade at Fort McClellan Elementary School. Throughout her career, she continued higher education by doing graduate studies at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana, receiving her master's degree. With the thirst for more knowledge, she decided to continue studying at the University of Alabama in Birmingham, receiving her Education Specialist degree. Additional studies were done at the University of Alabama, Jacksonville State University and Auburn University.

Ms. Ware touched and influenced the lives of not only her family but numerous students she taught. She received many thanks for her teaching, guidance, influence, and concern for their well-being. She retired from Fort McClellan Elementary School.

She was a member of the Campbell County Retired Teachers Association, lifetime member of NEA and AERA, Phi Delta Kappa Professional Education Association, and a former member of the Calhoun County Civic Chorale.

Jo Ann's commitment to family and friends was most admirable. She loved her family dearly and would help us any way she could. Her absence will be missed greatly. She leaves to cherish her memory four sisters, Vonnie W. Fleming, Julia E. Ware, and Negretta Ware Wilson of Anniston, Alabama, and Mary Ware Register (Perry) of Sumter, South Carolina; two brothers James E. Ware (Alma) of Selma, Alabama, and Schuessler L. Ware (Kim) of Anniston, Alabama; ten nieces, Michele Fleming Miles (Derrick), Mia Ware Jacobs (Robert), Erica N. Ware, Lucinda-Marie Ware, Kandria, Shana Johnson, Jenae Staples, Ashley Marie Ware Wilson of Wilson, Maryland, Brittany R. Ware Cammeron Jay) and Dr. Lauren Brianna Ware-Boggs (Preston); five nephews, Dr. John L. Jacobs, III (Pam), Lucius Vaughn Fleming, Attorney Kelvin D. Jones, God-son, Eric L. Register (Kelly), Ryan S. Ware, and Gregory L. Ware (Kaleef); and a host of great nieces, nephews, cousins, and wonderful family friends.

Cemetery Details

Anniston Memorial Gardens

4000 US-431
Anniston, AL 36206

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUL 30. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

S.M. Goodson Funeral Homes and Crematory- Anniston
830 Noble Street
Anniston, AL 36201

Celebration of Life

JUL 31. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

First United Presbyterian Church
701 W. 15th Street
Anniston, AL 36201

Tribute Wall

AS

“ Photos of Aunt Jo Ann
- Ashley Wilson



Ashe - August 03, 2025 at 09:32 PM

AS

“ Aunt Jo Ann will be greatly missed. Your concern is much appreciated. Thank you all for the condolences and candles. Also thank you Rev. Steven Washington for the beautiful emerald garden basket and memorial tree, and thank you Uncle Lawrence, Aunt Anna, Lawren Brianna, Preston, and Jelly for the beautiful pink potpourri bouquet.

Ashe - August 03, 2025 at 09:07 PM

RW

“ Rev Steven Washington. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Jo Ann Ware.



Rev Steven Washington. - July 30, 2025 at 02:04 PM

RW

“ Rev Steven Washington. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jo Ann Ware.

Rev Steven Washington. - July 30, 2025 at 02:04 PM

LJ

“ Lawrence, Anna, Brianna, Preston & Jelly purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Jo Ann Ware.



Lawrence, Anna, Brianna, Preston & Jelly - July 30, 2025 at 02:54 AM

PT

“ Pat Turner lit a candle in memory of Jo Ann Ware



Pat Turner - July 29, 2025 at 09:14 AM

AS

Thank you so much for the candle in memory of Aunt Jo Ann.
-- Ashley Wilson

Ashe - August 03, 2025 at 06:19 PM

EH

“ Elder Jerrell C. Hicks lit a candle in memory of Jo Ann Ware



Elder Jerrell C. Hicks - July 28, 2025 at 07:35 PM

AS

Thank you so much for the candle in memory of Aunt Jo Ann.
-- Ashley Wilson

Ashe - August 03, 2025 at 06:19 PM

GJ

“ To the Ware Family my sincere condolences, you are in my thoughts and prayers. Praying God gives you strength to get through this difficult time. Cousin: Gwendolyn Joyner, Baltimore, Maryland,



Gwendolyn Joyner - July 27, 2025 at 08:55 AM

AS

Thank you so much. Aunt Jo Ann be greatly missed. -Ashley Wilson

Ashe - August 03, 2025 at 06:17 PM

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Ashe - August 03, 2025 at 06:19 PM