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Born in Bell County, Texas, JoAnn was the daughter of James Bunyan and Ruth (Stroud) Gidley. Jo Ann was born at home with the assistance of a family doctor in Three Forks, Bell County, Texas. She attended 1st and 2nd grade in a two-room schoolhouse in Three Forks. The family moved to Salado, Texas and JoAnn attended third grade at a school in Prairie Dell, Texas. The rest of her school years were spent at the Salado School. When she was entering the 4th grade, the school system changed from 11 to 12 years, so she never went to 4th grade...everyone skipped a year!

Jo was one of eight siblings, children of Ruth and James B. Gidley. Her mother died when she was eight years old. Her father remarried and had five more children with Margaret Middlebrook Adams.

After graduating from Salado High School, Jo attended Mary Harden Baylor School of Nursing and graduated from Scott & White where she worked as an RN until she met the love of her life on a blind date set up by Lewis's friend Marv. After living in the Philadelphia Area (Havertown, Drexel Hill, and Rosemont, PA), Easton, PA, and Ocean City, NJ, she and Lewis retired to Cocoa Beach Florida. They celebrated 65 years of marriage on September

19, 2018, just 50 days before Lewis's death on November 8, 2018. JoAnn loved birds, flowers, dogwood trees, sunrises, and sunsets. She enjoyed golfing, bowling, and playing tennis with her friends, a group of women who called themselves "Virginia Fats" and was a member of several Bridge groups. She was also active in Bible studies and leadership opportunities at her church. Her faith was strong. JoAnn was known for her genuine caring, understanding and her beautiful soul. She was a devoted wife, mother, and friend.

JoAnn is survived by her daughters Linda (Mark) Atwood of Nazareth, PA, Barbara Moon and Deborah (Wayne) Smith of Cape Canaveral, FL, H. Elizabeth (Vincent) Coladonato of Downingtown, PA, and Cynthia (Byron) Thornton of McKinney, TX; Grandchildren Farrell (Brian) Hendrickson, Paul (Erika) Moore, Christopher (Brandy) Coladonato, Eric (Jess) Moore, Harrison (Laura) Klein, Fredrick Klein, Marie (Michael) Coladonato, Kyle Zimmerman, and Evan Klein; and great grandchildren Tyler and Caleb Moore, and Theodore Klein; sister, Frances Roth. She is also survived by half siblings Lynda Sue Gasho and Tom Ed, John Robert and James Wayne Gidley. JoAnn was predeceased by her parents; sisters Marie Close, Velma Griffin and Mary Beesley; Brothers James, Roland, and Jake Gidley; stepmother Margaret, stepsister Netta, and half-sister Doris Burt. She is also survived by the children and grandchildren of her brothers and sisters.

Interment will be at the Cape Canaveral National Cemetery with the date yet to be determined. Interment will be followed by a celebration of her life here on earth and with God in heaven.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Health First Hospice: 701 West Cocoa Beach Causeway, Cocoa Beach, FL 32931.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. JoAnn Gidley Moon*

January 30, 2023 at 03:36 AM



“ *Ms Jo Ann was the sweetest neighbor. She had the brightest smile anytime we saw her. Rest In Peace Ms Jo Ann. Our Deepest Condolences to All of Ms Jo Ann's Family.*



Jacqueline and Mike (neighbors) - January 04, 2021 at 04:20 PM



Thank you Jackie and Mike!

barb - January 06, 2021 at 11:37 AM



“ *Sorry aunt Jo. I recall it must have been Christmas I spent at you and Lewis's home. I recall teaching navy cooks how to make your sisters cornbread dressing Thanksgiving in New Jersey. Cindy I remember how soulful your bright eyes were and having to wear a tie and coat for dinner. Sorry for you and yours loss.*

Edward Griffin jr - December 31, 2020 at 12:52 AM



Thank you for the warm memory of you visit.

Cindy - December 31, 2020 at 07:05 PM

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“ Thank you aunt Jo for having me in your home Thanksgiving when I was going to Navy weather school in New Jersey. May you rest in peace in your new Heavenly home. Love Eddie Ray.

Edward Griffin jr - December 31, 2020 at 12:04 AM

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“ To my dear sister and her family:
Jo Ann was an example to us of how to love others. She lived life to the fullest and I know she gave her all for those she was responsible for, her girls! I love you very much. I am praying for you all.

May GOD'S compassion rest upon you as you yrust in Him.

Frances

Frances Roth - December 30, 2020 at 10:06 PM

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Thank you.

Cindy - December 31, 2020 at 07:06 PM