



Joan Beavers Helton

January 9, 1955 - November 2, 2018

Some would say that Joan Beavers Helton lost her battle against cancer. But you see, Joan's work here was done. On November 2, 2018, she received an invitation, the kind you do not want to refuse. Joan was offered a new home that includes a reunion with family and friends she has not seen in a long time, a place free from pain and sickness, where music, laughter and love are guaranteed; the food is delicious, and she will never gain an ounce. Joan left very detailed instructions for Harold and Melanie to celebrate her life and cherish the memories. Low adherence to her instructions will not be tolerated.

Joan was born 63 years ago in Richlands, Virginia to Ella Osborne Beavers and the late June Beavers. She was a 1973 graduate of Richlands High School. She was a devoted and loving wife, daughter, mother, sister, aunt, grandmother and friend. For over 36 years she was more than a secretary at Hurst-Scott Funeral Home. She was a shoulder for the grieving families to cry on, a hand holder, and most of the time a light in a midst of darkness. Joan even offered grief counseling sessions to those who needed someone to listen. Out of those efforts, Joan single handedly began the funeral home's annual memorial service. She was a longstanding member of the First United Methodist Church of Richlands, Virginia and served on many of their committees over the years. After moving, she began attending the Poplar Ridge Christian Church in Piney Flats, Tennessee.

Her family wants to let her know she did an amazing job here on this earth and they wish her a safe journey to her heavenly home. She will be remembered for her smile, laughter, her tenaciousness, strong personality, her love for life, family and friends. Joan made a difference in the lives of many. Her signature gift of joy was seen through her constant smiling, laughter and joking around. Joan was given the gift of life, she gave the gift the life, and now she gives it back, so she may have an eternal life.

Those left to carry on her spirit and cherish her memory are:

Her loving and devoted husband, Harold Helton

Daughter, Melanie Johnson and husband, Mike of Piney Flats, Tennessee

Mother, Ella Osborne Beavers of Baptist Valley, VA

Canine Companion, Honeysuckle Rose AKA "Rosie"

Sisters

Joyce Wess and husband, Jerry of Baptist Valley, Virginia

Janice Barnett and husband, Ed of Baptist Valley, Virginia

Grandchildren

Gavin Michael Johnson, Connor Allen Johnson, and Kynlee Mariella Johnson.

Funeral services for Joan Beavers Helton will be conducted on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 at 11 AM at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Chapel in Richlands, Virginia with Pastor Evan Wolfe officiating. Interment will follow at Greenhills Memory Gardens in Claypool Hill, Virginia. Pallbearers will be Doodle Lowe, Bobby Meadows, Lonnie Davis, David Beavers, Jimmy Doug Grindstaff, Jason Walls, Jay Wess, and Jeff Barnett. All former and present employees of

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home will serve as honorary pallbearers. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Monday evening, November 5, 2018 from 6 PM to 9PM. In remembrance of Joan, donations may be made to Poplar Ridge Christian Church, 206 Poplar Ridge Church Rd., Piney Flats, TN 37686, or to Richlands First United Methodist Church 402 Suffolk Avenue, Richlands, VA.

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia oversees arrangements and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 5. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home
1401 2nd Street
Richlands, VA 24641
<http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com>

Funeral Service

NOV 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Joan Beavers Helton*

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *Joan Beavers Helton*

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *Joan and Harold lived in Richmond, VA for several years many many years ago. I met them when they attended Richmond Southside Church of the Nazarene. We had so many great memories. Missed them like crazy when they moved back home. Facebook allowed us to reconnect a couple years ago. No cell service while we are in WV. I saw the post from Melanie just today. Am so shocked, but know Joan would never come back, now that she has seen JESUS and celebrated Christmas in Heaven. Prayers for Harold, Melanie, and the rest of the family.*

Gwen Gardner Bennett - December 26, 2018 at 02:47 PM



“ *WE NEED TO SAY , " WE LOVE ONE ANOTHER IN THE LIVING YEARS ." AFTER DEATH IT IS TOO LATE . HAROLD AND JOAN WERE A TRUE EXAMPLE OF LOVE IN THE LIVING YEARS . THANKS SO MUCH FOR BEING FRIENDS TO ME, AND HAVING ME IN YOUR WEDDING ! GOD SPEED TO ALL , " IN THE LIVING YEARS ."*



DAVID HORTON - December 20, 2018 at 09:56 AM

KB

“ I didn't know Joan. I always read the obits, and that was the most precious one ever!! I've never read one quite like that. Very special. My condolences and God bless... Kelly Barker

Kelly Barker - November 07, 2018 at 10:48 PM

LN

“ Larry Nelson lit a candle in memory of Joan Beavers Helton



larry nelson - November 07, 2018 at 07:32 PM

SM

“ RIP Sweet Lady. My prayers are with your family. Sandy Dean Magee



Sandy Dean Magee - November 07, 2018 at 10:21 AM

CM

“ CATHY MILLER lit a candle in memory of Joan Beavers Helton



CATHY MILLER - November 07, 2018 at 09:55 AM

KS

“ *Katrina Saxton lit a candle in memory of Joan Beavers Helton*



Katrina Saxton - November 06, 2018 at 02:48 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Joan Beavers Helton.*



November 05, 2018 at 07:33 PM



“ *Betty A. Mullins lit a candle in memory of Joan Beavers Helton*



Betty A. Mullins - November 05, 2018 at 05:56 PM

CW

“ *Chris White lit a candle in memory of Joan Beavers Helton*



Chris White - November 05, 2018 at 05:34 PM

GN

“ Gary And Rhonda Nease lit a candle in memory of Joan Beavers Helton



Gary and Rhonda Nease - November 05, 2018 at 04:24 PM

CS

“ My sincere condolences are extended to Harold and other members of Joan's family. I remembering meeting Joan a couple of times at Hurst Scott when attending some services of relatives - she was a fine and sweet lady. By the tributes on the site, one can tell she was a special person. May she enjoy eternal rest. God's peace to all the family.

Sincerely,
Charlie Steele
North Carolina
(a good friend of Harold back in our growing up days.)

Charlie Steele - November 05, 2018 at 04:05 PM

RW

“ Harold, haven't seen you in a lot of years, but you are in my prayers. RON WALLS

Ron Walls - November 05, 2018 at 02:49 PM

TB

“ Joan will truly be missed by everyone that knew her. To Harold, Melanie and Family I am sorry for your loss but we all know that she will be greeting us again with that big smile and warm words. We will be keeping you all in our Prayers.

Tom & Sharee Bowman - November 05, 2018 at 02:10 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Joan Beavers Helton.*



November 05, 2018 at 01:15 PM



“ *I had the privilege of meeting Joan through Harold, her husband. She was a sweet soul and truly had a love for others. While she will be missed, her memories will remain until one day we join her in heavenly places. God Bless and prayers for comfort.*

The Frye Family

Aaron Frye - November 05, 2018 at 10:17 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joan Beavers Helton.*



November 05, 2018 at 09:45 AM



“ *John And Wendy Reedy lit a candle in memory of Joan Beavers Helton*



John and Wendy Reedy - November 05, 2018 at 09:22 AM

PE

“ *Patricia Elswick sent a virtual gift in memory of Joan Beavers Helton*



Patricia Elswick - November 05, 2018 at 08:56 AM

PE

“ *Joan was a very special person. I never saw her without a smile on her face. She will be greatly missed.*

Patricia Elswick - November 05, 2018 at 07:59 AM

KJ

“ *Kay Johnson lit a candle in memory of Joan Beavers Helton*



Kay Johnson - November 05, 2018 at 12:12 AM

TH

“ *My memories of Joan are of pleasant, infectious smiles and laughter; warm, welcoming charm and outstanding Christian character. To Harold, Melanie and other family members, I pray for a revelation of the joys of Heaven and the comfort that it brings.*
Terry Hall

Terry Hall - November 04, 2018 at 09:35 PM

BM

“ Will miss you our Friend , always will remember that “ Smile “ ❤️



Bob & Sherry Meadows - November 04, 2018 at 08:51 PM

NR

“ Norma Jewell Richardson lit a candle in memory of Joan Beavers Helton



Norma Jewell Richardson - November 04, 2018 at 07:02 PM

KS

“ Kathy Sneed lit a candle in memory of Joan Beavers Helton



Kathy Sneed - November 04, 2018 at 06:48 PM

LC

“ To Harold, Melanie, and family, The love Joan had for everyone will live on in you. She was the brightest light I think I've ever seen. I always told Joan that she was an angel walking this earth. She had very broad shoulders and could calm an upset family with her kind heart and bright smile. I know I sure cried on her shoulders many times and I always came away a much more enlightened person. Please know you're in my heart, my thoughts, and prayers. Hugs to all! Joan, fly high my friend! You've certainly earned those Heavenly Angel wings!!! Love you sweetheart!!!!



Lynne Clark - November 04, 2018 at 06:43 PM

HC

“ Harold and family,
Our thoughts and Prayers are with you in the passing of your loved one. May God Bless and comfort you!
Jerry Vencill
Helen Vencill Custalow

Helen Vencill Custalow - November 04, 2018 at 05:28 PM

AF

“ WORKING IN A FUNERAL HOME ALL THOSE YEARS; YOU KNOW THIS BEAUTIFUL LADY HAS SEEN A LOT OF TEARS ! JESUS WILL PERSONALLY WIPE THE TEARS FROM YOUR FACE FOREVER , MY FRIEND ! RIP !



A CARING FRIEND - November 04, 2018 at 04:24 PM

DJ

“ *Debby Johnson lit a candle in memory of Joan Beavers Helton*



debby johnson - November 04, 2018 at 04:06 PM

JA

“ *John & Betsy Altizer lit a candle in memory of Joan Beavers Helton*



John & Betsy Altizer - November 04, 2018 at 03:43 PM

SA

“ *Susan And Dickie Altizer lit a candle in memory of Joan Beavers Helton*



Susan and Dickie Altizer - November 04, 2018 at 01:54 PM

PF

“ *Patty Forbes lit a candle in memory of Joan Beavers Helton*



Patty Forbes - November 04, 2018 at 01:29 PM



“ *Sympathy Fruits Abound was purchased for the family of Joan Beavers Helton.*



November 04, 2018 at 12:37 PM



“ *Judy West lit a candle in memory of Joan Beavers Helton*



Judy West - November 04, 2018 at 11:40 AM



“ *Lynda Lawson Whittington lit a candle in memory of Joan Beavers Helton*



Lynda Lawson Whittington - November 04, 2018 at 09:11 AM



“ *I am so thankful and blessed to have known such a beautiful loving kind woman. I spent many days and nights at Melanie's house and Joan showed me love as if I were one of her own. I think we all saw each other's moms as our "second" mom, so I thank Joan for being a positive force in my life. The Heltons are dear to my heart, prayers hugs and love to you all.*

Mona Vinson - November 04, 2018 at 09:07 AM

RE

“ Robert & Evelyn sent a virtual gift in memory of Joan Beavers Helton



Robert & Evelyn - November 04, 2018 at 07:35 AM

RO

Prayers for comfort to Joan's family.

Robert - November 04, 2018 at 07:36 AM

JW

Joan was a friendly, loving person. Prayers for her family.

Judy West - November 04, 2018 at 12:41 PM

PS

“ Joan was a friendly person inside & out , may she rest in peace. Prayers to all her family.



peggy A Sparks - November 04, 2018 at 07:25 AM

PP

“ Peggy Keen Pinkerton lit a candle in memory of Joan Beavers Helton



Peggy Keen Pinkerton - November 04, 2018 at 06:05 AM

SJ

“ I didn't know Joan, as she is younger. Joyce, I'm sorry for your loss. I never had a sister, but I can imagine the closeness you shared and the pain of your loss. I don't live in Richlands anymore to come to the funeral home to show love and support for you, but I send heart felt love and a wish for the angels to support you and bring you comfort from Jesus himself.



Sandra Kay Jackson - November 04, 2018 at 12:43 AM

KM

“ Joan you were one of the kindest and sweetest ladies I know. Beautiful inside and out. It was my pleasure to be your friend, classmates, and somewhere down the line, I think we were a little related also. You will truly be missed.



kaytha mckeel - November 03, 2018 at 10:46 PM

BH

“ Becky Harrison lit a candle in memory of Joan Beavers Helton



Becky Harrison - November 03, 2018 at 10:28 PM

DB

*“ Rest In Peace my sweet friend. You always had the smile and kindness of an Angel.
We will miss you.*

Donna Bumgarner - November 03, 2018 at 10:23 PM

BK

“ *Brenda Killen sent a virtual gift in memory of Joan Beavers Helton*



Brenda Killen - November 03, 2018 at 09:54 PM

GA

“ *Gaynell Armes lit a candle in memory of Joan Beavers Helton*



Gaynell Armes - November 03, 2018 at 09:35 PM

GT

“ *Gail Tatum lit a candle in memory of Joan Beavers Helton*



Gail Tatum - November 03, 2018 at 09:11 PM

CE

“ *Harold and Melanie*

Thru 40 years of friendship, we always have fond memories of a fun loving person in Joan. This includes vacations, dinners out or just time visiting. Now Joan's spirit is pleasing and fellowshiping and worshipping with others. Our hearts go out to you.

Charlie and Sherrin Ellis

Charlie and Sherrin Ellis - November 03, 2018 at 09:05 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joan Beavers Helton.*



November 03, 2018 at 08:45 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time, Joan was a great person!*



Betty and Teddy Boyd

betty - November 03, 2018 at 08:42 PM



“ *My heart is very broken Joan was a very close and dear friend, she will be missed by everyone, she had such a kind and generous heart. Joan my friend, be at peace and we know heaven got got another angel. REGINA LOVES YOU!!*

Regina Hall - November 03, 2018 at 08:25 PM



“ *Rest in Peace. Your friend and classmate Dennis W Carner. When the sun comes out, I'll know you are smiling down on us.*

Kevin Mcshea - November 03, 2018 at 08:08 PM

CS

“ *Charlotte, Sam & Family And Anita Short lit a candle in memory of Joan Beavers Helton*



Charlotte, Sam & Family and Anita Short - November 03, 2018 at 07:53 PM

AJ

“ *Joyce. I am so sorry to hear about your sweet sister. You are in my heart and prayers.*

Ann Joyce - November 03, 2018 at 07:21 PM

RA

“ *Ruby Asbury lit a candle in memory of Joan Beavers Helton*



Ruby Asbury - November 03, 2018 at 06:41 PM



“ *Velma Conner lit a candle in memory of Joan Beavers Helton*



Velma Conner - November 03, 2018 at 12:16 PM

PG

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Our prayers are with all the family.
God bless you each one as the days follow you.

Patricia & Jr. Gtoss - November 03, 2018 at 11:34 AM



“ Patricia Harrison lit a candle in memory of
Joan Beavers Helton



Patricia Harrison - November 03, 2018 at 11:07 AM

KF

“ R.I.P. my dear friend.
I will miss you ❤️



Kim Farmer - November 03, 2018 at 10:53 AM

JP

“ Harold, Wayne and I remain in prayer for you , Melanie , grandkids,
and all of your wonderful family. We love you and will certainly miss
our dear Joan.

Judy and Wayne Pruitt - November 03, 2018 at 10:40 AM

BL

“ My sincere condolences to Harold, Melanie and all the family. I
loved Joan dearly and cannot imagine a world without her beautiful
smile. Heaven is surely a lot brighter today. Love and prayers.

Brenda Lane - November 03, 2018 at 10:35 AM

DT

“ *Delsie Taylor lit a candle in memory of Joan Beavers Helton*



Delsie Taylor - November 03, 2018 at 09:34 AM



“ *TonyanEdgar Wicks lit a candle in memory of Joan Beavers Helton*



TonyanEdgar Wicks - November 03, 2018 at 08:47 AM

LN

“ *Leroy Nelson lit a candle in memory of Joan Beavers Helton*



Leroy Nelson - November 03, 2018 at 08:33 AM

SH

“ *Harold, Mel and family, Joan was s great lady.i enjoyed working with her the 5 years I worked at Hurst Scott. She kept us all in line.i know she will be missed by all who knew her. Jill and I will keep you all in our prayers.*

Sanders& Jill Henderson

Sanders Henderson - November 03, 2018 at 07:23 AM

RH

“ Prayers for the family.



Rocky&Pat Horton - November 03, 2018 at 01:00 AM



“ Carolyn Pyles lit a candle in memory of Joan Beavers Helton



Carolyn Pyles - November 02, 2018 at 09:00 PM

MW

“ Mike & Dottie Wingo lit a candle in memory of Joan Beavers Helton



Mike & Dottie Wingo - November 02, 2018 at 08:34 PM

SL

“ Sharon Barnett Lane lit a candle in memory of Joan Beavers Helton



Sharon Barnett Lane - November 02, 2018 at 07:44 PM

JB

“ Sweetest person ever, childhood memories of times we had together are so precious. Love and prayers to the family.



Jackie Ann Bandy - November 02, 2018 at 07:37 PM

DH

“ I REMEMBER WHEN JOAN AND HAROLD WERE DATING , AND I WAS IN THEIR WEDDING !

DAVID HORTON - November 02, 2018 at 07:18 PM

DH

“ DAVID HORTON lit a candle in memory of Joan Beavers Helton



DAVID HORTON - November 02, 2018 at 07:08 PM

DH

“ HAROLD AND JOAN ARE GREAT PEOPLE. SO SAD TO HEAR ! I WAS IN THEIR WEDDING AND WENT TO CHURCH WITH THEM AT FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD IN DALTON ADDITION . WHERE GID THE YEARS GO ? PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILY ARE GREATLY NEEDED !

DAVID HORTON - November 02, 2018 at 07:07 PM

PS

“ Pat Cooley Shamblin sent a virtual gift in memory of Joan Beavers Helton



Pat Cooley Shamblin - November 02, 2018 at 06:56 PM

DA

“ REST IN PEACE WITH ALL THE ANGELS AND SAINTS OF GOD , MY FRIEND !



DAVID - November 02, 2018 at 06:36 PM

AM

“ Anita McGlothlin-Gibson lit a candle in memory of Joan Beavers Helton



Anita McGlothlin-Gibson - November 02, 2018 at 03:48 PM

DB

“ David Beavers lit a candle in memory of Joan Beavers Helton



David Beavers - November 02, 2018 at 02:05 PM

DB

Heaven has gained another Angle and one of my life time friends

David Beavers - November 02, 2018 at 06:19 PM

SL

Joan was a sweet, kind friend she will surely be missed.

Sharon Barnett Lane - November 02, 2018 at 07:47 PM

CR

*Sweet friend and class mate 1973 RIP
Carol Reedy*

Carol Reedy - November 03, 2018 at 06:29 PM

GC

My sweet precious Joanie. It is so hard to say good bye. I can see you walking out of the office with your arms out stretched, a big smile and hug for everyone. It didn't matter to you who they were. We shared a lot over the years. How many lunches did we all eat together at Tanners. Such good times & wonderful memories. So thankful I got to spend some time with you at the Baptist Valley School reunion. Now that visit means so much to me. If you might find Jim somewhere along the way, tell him I love him. All my love and sympathy to Ella, Harold, Melanie & family, Janice & Joyce.

Geneva Harrison Crouse - November 05, 2018 at 11:12 PM

LM

Harold and family, I am so sorry for the loss of Joan. My prayers and condolences are with all of you. Miss seeing you, Harold. Take care of yourselves and know that God will be near you.

Lois Mullis - November 06, 2018 at 08:55 AM