



JoAnn Elizabeth Wallace

July 2, 1924 - October 23, 2020

JoAnn Lewis Wallace, 96, formally of Stillwater, OK., passed away on Friday, October 23, 2020, in Newnan, GA. She is survived by her husband of 73 years, Billy Wallace of Newnan, GA., and her four children: Carol (Rich) Johnstone of Walnut Creek, CA., Debbie Blossom of Oklahoma City, OK., Wendy (Paul) Kooser of Sorrento, FL., and Brian (Carrie) Wallace of Newnan, GA., five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. “Aunt Jo” also leaves behind 12 nieces and nephews and friends made throughout her long life. She was preceded in death by her parents, Stuart and Ann Lewis, two brothers who died before she was born, her stepmother Cornelia Jean Lewis, and her half-brother Richard “Dick” Lewis.

Born in Burlington Junction, MO., on July 2, 1924, JoAnn finished high school in Columbia, SC., where her father was stationed at Fort Jackson, and where she was honored for her English essays and compositions. After high school she moved to Atlanta, GA., with her parents where her father was stationed at Ft. McPherson. She attended Oglethorpe University and was on the college newspaper staff.

She married Ensign Billy C. Wallace on April 14, 1947, in the chapel at Emory University in Atlanta. A devoted military wife for 22 years, she moved across the country six times and lived overseas twice, on the island of Saipan and in the Panama Canal Zone, as her husband’s military service took him around

the country and world.

The family moved to Stillwater, OK., in 1969 after Billy retired from the Navy and began working at Oklahoma State University (OSU). In Stillwater she was a member of First Baptist Church where she taught second and third grade Sunday School and Bible School for several years. She was treasurer of the Rotary Wives Club for several years and helped with the Stillwater Public Schools hearing test program. Once Billy retired from OSU, she enjoyed traveling with him and visiting their children, grandchildren and friends. After 48 years in Stillwater, she and Billy moved to Newnan, GA., in 2017 to live close to their son and his family.

Having been the daughter of an Army colonel and married to a career Navy officer, she embraced patriotism and enjoyed the military life. She also enjoyed OSU Cowboy and Cowgirl basketball and followed the games each year. JoAnn had fond memories of playing basketball in junior and senior high school. She loved music, played piano by ear and was a member of Kappa Delta Sorority and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

She loved children and was a proud mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

If wishing to honor her, friends are encouraged to contact the Oklahoma State University Foundation and make a donation in her memory to the Friends of Music program. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.mckoon.com.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

Cemetery Details

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Tribute Wall

WJ

“ Checks totaling \$75 have been sent to the OSU Foundation to be donated to the Friends of Music program in memory of our dear friend, Joann Lewis Wallace, from the Friendship Class - First Baptist Church in Stillwater, OK.

Our condolences to her husband, Billy and their family from Ina Lou Rackley, Betty Seal, Ruby Basler, Wilene Jones and Ray Wheatley.

Wilene Jones - November 13, 2020 at 04:35 PM

DJ

“ *To the Wallace Family*

I cannot express in written words how sorry I am for your loss. This world has lost a sweet spirit and a true lady. I'm glad to see Billy is close to one of the children.....his grief will be hard to bear without support.

*Your family is in our thoughts and prayers
David and Mary Etta Jafek*

David Jafek - October 28, 2020 at 06:22 PM

RH

“ *Such a loving and beloved woman. Prayers and thoughts with Billy and the rest of the Wallace family. ~Regina Hall, Stillwater OK*

Regina Hall - October 27, 2020 at 03:18 PM

JK

“ My grandmother was sweet & kind, always teaching me something about our family’s history each time I was able to spend time with her. My favorite memory of my grandmommy is of my numerous visits to Oklahoma where she always started the evening for me with “happy hour” - gingerale and cheese it’s. It was a special way to transition from our activities throughout the day into dinner time as a family. I will miss her and feel so lucky to have certain parts of her that live on in my mom & I.

Jacqueline Kooser - October 27, 2020 at 04:42 AM

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“ Enesta Reeves (Peaches) lit a candle in memory of JoAnn Elizabeth Wallace



Enesta Reeves (Peaches) - October 26, 2020 at 07:24 PM

DD

“ Such a pleasant smile! Always willing to be a team member when her gifts would be useful. Miss her & will pray for Billy.
Dot Danel

Dot Danel - October 26, 2020 at 04:47 PM

ML

“ *The Lorenz family extend condolences to Billy and the Wallace family. We got to know JoAnn and Billy through Stillwater Rotary Club. Billy is well known to Rotarians through his Navy stories and adventures with JoAnn. We miss having the Wallace's in Stillwater.*

*Michael and Velda Lorenz
Stillwater, Oklahoma*

Michael Lorenz - October 26, 2020 at 04:38 PM

PS

“ *Pam Stepp lit a candle in memory of JoAnn Elizabeth Wallace*



Pam Stepp - October 26, 2020 at 09:48 AM

AP

“ *Angelia Paige lit a candle in memory of JoAnn Elizabeth Wallace*



Angelia Paige - October 26, 2020 at 09:45 AM

KC

“ *Katherine Coker lit a candle in memory of JoAnn Elizabeth Wallace*



Katherine Coker - October 26, 2020 at 09:45 AM

PK

“ *Paul Kooser lit a candle in memory of JoAnn Elizabeth Wallace*



Paul Kooser - October 26, 2020 at 08:43 AM

PK

Jo was a special lady, and will be missed by all who's life she touched.

Paul Kooser - October 26, 2020 at 08:44 AM

WK

“ *Wendy Kooser lit a candle in memory of JoAnn Elizabeth Wallace*



Wendy Kooser - October 26, 2020 at 08:11 AM