



JoAnn Stiles Payne

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JoAnn Stiles Payne passed from this life to her heavenly home on August 23, 2020, in Longview, Texas. Visitation will be held at Rader Funeral Home on Friday evening, August 28, 2020, between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Private graveside service will be held at a later time at Rosewood Park in Longview.

JoAnn was born on July 13, 1934 in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, to Joseph and Emma Jeanne Batte Stiles. She married her high school sweetheart, Clifford Payne, on December 20, 1954. She graduated from Baylor University in 1955 with a major in sociology.

JoAnn and Cliff made their home in Deer Park, Texas, where they raised two children, Joe and Robin. They joined and became active members of First Baptist Church Deer Park. JoAnn enjoyed teaching first grade Sunday School and made many lifelong friends. She worked for the Baptist Student Union at San Jacinto Junior College, and later as secretary to the pastor of First Baptist Church Deer Park. Her home was open to her children's friends, where they could always find a listening ear and frequently, JoAnn's Rice Krispie treats.

JoAnn and Cliff moved to Lewisville, Texas in 1989 for Clifford's work, then back to the Houston area in 1994 to be near her son's family and to assist in the care of her father. JoAnn served as church secretary at Park Place Baptist Church, where her father, Dr. Joseph Stiles had served as lead pastor, and later as pastor emeritus.

In 2003, JoAnn and Cliff moved to Longview, Texas, to live close to their daughter's family. They joined Mobberly Baptist Church and made many new friends. JoAnn and her husband volunteered to travel to China to teach English and to share the love of Jesus with college students there. JoAnn was a prayer warrior, who remembered to pray and follow up with the people for whom she prayed. She was an encourager to everyone around her. She had a wonderful laugh, and laughed loudest at herself. JoAnn kept up-to-date on all the activities and sports events of her grandchildren, and attended as many as she could. Her smiling face and sweet spirit were a



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blessing to her caregivers, even up until JoAnn's final days. She struggled with Alzheimer's disease for several years, but is now healed and at home with her Savior, Jesus.

JoAnn Payne was preceded in death by her parents, Dr. Joseph and Emma Jeanne Stiles, and by her husband, Clifford L. Payne. Those left to cherish her memory are her son Joe Payne and his wife Susan of League City, Texas; Robin Fortner and her husband Mitch of Longview, Texas; beloved sister, Patricia Stiles; grandchildren Olivia Payne, Megan Fortner Hooton and husband Jon, Mallory Fortner Hastings and husband Travis, Madie Ann Fortner, and Max Fortner; Great-grandson Miller Hooton, soon-to-be born great-granddaughter Charlie Ann Hastings, and special lifelong dear friend, Francille Mahan.

The family appreciates the loving care provided JoAnn by Arabella memory care staff, Heartsway Hospice, and her committed private caregivers.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Highway 80 Rescue Mission or Texas Baptist Men Relief Fund.



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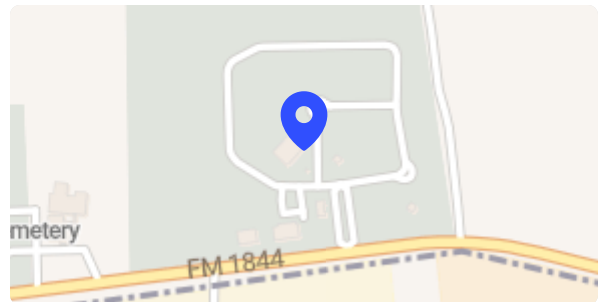
Visitation

- Friday**, August 28, 2020
- 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM CT
- Rader Funeral Home**
1617 Judson Rd, Longview TX 75601



Cemetery Details

- Rosewood Park**
1884 FM 1844, Longview TX 75605





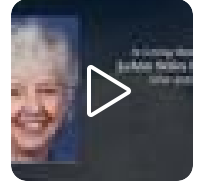
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Rader Funeral Home shared a **Video**.



August 28 at 7:08 AM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Payne family.



August 28 at 6:08 AM



Beverly Chisnall posted:

My thoughts and prayer for Robin Fortner and family. I am so sorry for your loss. She was so sweet inside and out. I know she is rejoicing with Mr Payne now.

August 26 at 11:26 AM



Alyson Denson posted:

We are praying for all of you in your time of loss, but we also are celebrating your mom's homecoming and the amazing legacy she leaves. Love you-Alyson and Wayne Denson

August 26 at 4:53 AM



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BG

Bri Gilliland lit a candle in honor of JoAnn.

JoAnn is one of the few that I held to my heart closely during my time at Arabella, she didn't talk often but I had the pleasure of her calling me by name twice and telling me she loved me. These might not seem like much to just anyone, but when you get close to someone who can't express themselves in the way they're wanting to, it means so much. I remember her sweet smile and her ability to listen even if she had trouble responding, her attentiveness to every little thing and her bright personality. One of the things I remember the most is how much Mr. Payne loved her, his face would light up every time I told him how she was doing and what she had done I'm the time was there, the days she would talk or do a little dance when moving her to another seat, he would always be so excited and I made it habit to let him know each day that I could. He would tell me about their life together and how she was as beautiful and intelligent as the day he met her and that he would always see her that way. I learned valuable lessons between the both of them, I learned to be patient, to be attentive and to also show compassion because you never knew what was going on in someone else's mind. Both JoAnn and Mr. Payne were brilliant minded individuals who will always have a place in my heart. My condolences go to Robin, to the caregivers whom cared so incredibly much for Mrs. Payne and the rest of their sweet family.

August 25 at 11:20 AM



CM

Connie Murdock lit a candle in honor of JoAnn.

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