



*Jo Ann Cook Clay*

**Aug. 20, 1937 - June 29, 2023**

Jo Ann Cook Clay, 85, of Morganton, NC, passed away Thursday, June 29, 2023.

Born in Cleveland County, NC on August 20, 1937, she was the daughter of the late Arney Cook and Mamie Elizabeth Towery Cook.

Jo Ann was a member of Southside Baptist Church. She enjoyed yardwork, especially flower and vegetable gardening. Her grandson was the light of her life.

Jo Ann is survived by her daughter, Glenda Clay Burgess (Beau); grandson, Jacob Burgess (Kayla); brother, Shannon Cooke (Lavondia); and sister, Ruth Cook Carswell.

In addition to her parents, Jo Ann was preceded in death by her husband, Wilbur Sanders Clay; and three brothers, Earnest, A.M., and Hugh Lee Cooke.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m., Monday, July 3, 2023 in the Colonial Chapel of Sossoman Funeral Home with Pastor Chad Miller officiating. Burial will follow in Burke Memorial Park.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



Ruth, We're so sorry for your loss. Sisters are a wonderful blessing and I know that you will miss her. Praying God will comfort you and give you peace as He has given us.

—Dionne and Kathleen Curtis

Glenda, Ruth, and Family, I am so sorry to hear that JoAnn has passed away. Please know that she was one of many of my best friends. We knew each other since childhood and have stayed close all of our lives. She will be missed.

Margie

—Margie Faye Brackett Shelton

To Glenda and family We are so sorry for the loss of your mother and the difficult days of the past several months and we understand that there will be more difficult days ahead but just letting you know your pastor and your church family at Community Baptist are praying for you and we do appreciate your family. He is the God of all comfort and we pray you feel his touch and faithfulness today and always! The Miller Family

—Chad Miller

Dear Glenda and family, I'm so sorry for your loss of JoAnn. She was such a sweet Aunt, always wore a smile. Can't believe it's been 6 yrs since I've seen her and you, but she and I shared phone calls and Christmas cards. You're in my thoughts and prayers from Florida. Love, Wanda

–Wanda Clay Norman

Glenda, Ruth, and Family, I am so sorry to hear that JoAnn passed away. All of you are in my thoughts and prayers. I will always cherish our days at Frederick Edward and our Frederick Edward family. Love to all

–Kathy Burnette Mayhue