



## Joan Hudnall

January 2, 1936 - March 20, 2009

Joan Vandergriff Hudnall, our beloved wife, mother, sister and grandmother was welcomed into the loving arms of her Creator on Friday, March 20, 2009, at the age of 73. She was born in Corsicana, Texas, on January 2, 1936. In Corsicana, she graduated from Corsicana High School and Navarro Junior College, before moving to Tyler in the 1950's. It was here that she met her loving husband and soulmate, Ogden S. Hudnall. Joan loved the simple things in life like playing the piano, traveling, dining out, shopping, musicals, and watching her grandchildren perform on the field or stage. Of all the things she enjoyed, she most loved being with her family. Mrs. Hudnall was a member of First Baptist Church. She was also a keynote member of the Women's Symphony League, and member of Hollytree & Eagles' Bluff Country Clubs. Mrs. Hudnall was preceded in death by her parents, Pauline and Robert Lehman Vandergriff, Sr. She is survived by her loving family including her husband, Ogden; four children; son, Chris Hudnall of Tyler; three daughters, Jill and husband Dr. Stephen Spain of Tyler, Donna and husband Dr. Dan Echols of Scottsdale, Arizona, and Pam Hudnall of Dallas. The eldest of three children, Joan is also survived by her sister and brother-in-law, Carolyn and Robert Hardiman of Tyler; and her brother and sister-in-law, Bobby and Dianne Vandergriff of Tyler; and by her sister-in-law Lometa Hudnall Cox and husband LeRoy Cox of Evanston, Illinois. Joan loved being Nanna to seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren. She will be deeply missed by Courtney and Brandon Echols of Scottsdale, Arizona, Hudnall Shannon of

Midland, Allison Spain of New York City, Nick Spain of Austin, Shane Hudnall of San Angelo, Shannon Corley, Dylan Lassiter and Connor Corley, all of Tyler. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Everyone who met her would say the same thing "She is the sweetest, nicest person" they had ever met, so we all know that Heaven just became an even sweeter place. We will celebrate her life on Tuesday, March 24, 2009 at 11 o'clock at Stewart Family Funeral Home with Dr. Paul Powell presiding, followed by graveside services at Rose Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Monday, March 23rd from 5:00 – 6:30 pm at the funeral home. Pallbearers will be Tony Morgan, Chuck Horton, Bill Iker, Clint Cox, Mark Vandergriff, and Stephen Spain. To honor her status as a twelve-year cancer survivor, and in gratitude to the physicians and medical staff that cared for her, the family requests that any memorial contributions be made to the Smith County Chapter of the American Cancer Society, 1301 S. Broadway, Tyler, TX, 75701.

# Tribute Wall

BH

“ *Beloved, Beautiful, Best Friend of many years "Thank you. for many wonderful memories. I know the gardens where you are now are far more beautiful and the music much more wonderful than anything that we have ever experienced before.*

*I will miss you so very much.*

*Barbara*

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**Barbara Horton** - March 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PN

“ *Pam,  
Our hearts ache for you in the tragic loss of your Mother. While we did not know her, through you we felt a kinship. May you find comfort in loving memories. With love,*

*Phyllis & George Nolan*

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**Phyllis Nolan** - March 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GN

“ *Pam,  
I was so sorry to hear of the sudden loss of your Mom. Even though I never had the pleasure of meeting her, I feel that through the years I have come to "know" your entire family. I wish you and your brother and sisters, nephews and Neices, only the very best in these coming days. Lean on each other and remember to celebrate all the wonderful times you have had together with your Mom. Your mother will be with you all and will smile at the way you all have come together for her.*

*Warmest regards,*

*George*

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**George Nolan** - March 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ Dear Pam and Family,

*I was so sorry to hear of Joan's passing. She was so warm and friendly and always greeted me with a beautiful smile. I'll truly miss visiting with her at the musicals.*

*You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

*Patti Hawkins and family*

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**Patti Hawkins** - March 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *Many are thinking of you and praying for you at this very difficult time. I remember your mother's warm smile. I know that she brought a lot of joy and love to your family. You will carry that with you always. May God comfort you and bring you peace.*

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**Mysti Sturges** - March 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ *My Dearest Family:*

*May God comfort each of you in this time of pain and loss. Joan was a beautiful angel that lived among us. May her legacy shine in all of us whose lives have been touched by her love.*

*Cynthia Farrell Tribble and Family*

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**Cynthia Tribble** - March 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of Mrs. Hudnall. I will remember the memories she shared of her family and friends. She will truly be missed.*

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**Paula Stallings** - March 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NK

“ *You're so lucky to have had a wonderful and supportive Mother like Joan. Hang onto those loving memories that live forever in your heart!*

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**Nanette Kelly** - March 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time.*

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**debbie burnett** - March 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *I am so very sorry for the loss of your wonderful Mother. She sounds like a truly charming woman and such a wonderful Grandmother. I know you can be sure that Heaven is now so much sweeter. My prayers are with you and your family.*

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**Diane Combs** - March 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ dear pam, I am deeply moved at the loss of your mother. what a sweet woman she was. I remember always being welcome in your home as I were her own. She made me feel special, but I have a feeling she made everyone feel that way. Even as I write this, I realize that you are now laying her to rest, and my prayers are with you, my friend. I know you miss her already, but that you also smile knowing that she is happy with her Lord. always, Stacy

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**stacy masten** - March 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ I always looked forward to seeing Mrs. Hudnall. She was such a sweet lady and I was honored to have known her. I will miss her. The family will be in our prayers.

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**Lynn Kirkpatrick** - March 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Pam,

Sorry to hear about the passing of your mom. My warmest sympathies to you and your family.

Danny

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**Danny Kite** - March 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Dear Ogden and Lometa,

*I still remember meeting Joan so many years ago, and I was so very sad to hear of her passing. My memory of her is that she was a real lady.*

*I hope that we can renew some sort of contact. My address is above, but my wife Judy and I live half time in her home in Denton. The summers we spend in Colorado. We are not insane!!*

*I would love to hear from you because I have wonderful memories of how our parents were such good, life-long friends.*

*Once again, I am so sorry to hear that Joan is no longer with us the living, but is in a better place, with the Lord.*

*Lash*

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**Lash Hansborough** - March 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM