



Jo Ann Shearn Drawdy

September 10, 1947 - February 21, 2026

Jo Ann Shearn Drawdy, of Monticello, passed away peacefully at home on February 21, 2026, surrounded by family and friends. Jo Ann Was born in Pittsburg, PA on September 10, 1947. Her family moved to Brandon, FL in the early 60s where she eventually met her loving husband. She entered eternal rest surrounded by love and the comfort of her faith. She is survived by her devoted husband, Harland Drawdy of Monticello, FL, daughters Yuko Suzuki of Orlando, FL and Yinn (Wong) Chen of Dallas, TX, her sister, Judy Shearn Farmer of Lakeland, FL, and nephew Matthew McCabe of Lakeland, FL. She is preceded in death by her parents, John J Shearn and Jean E (Mellott) Shearn of Ellijay, GA.

Jo Ann was the most thoughtful person any of us have ever known. She never forgot a birthday, a holiday, or a special occasion—and more importantly, she never forgot a person. She had a gift for making others feel seen, remembered, and deeply cared for. Jo Ann rarely spoke about herself, but she always wanted to know how you were doing.

Her love was often shown through her cooking. Jo Ann found joy in feeding others, welcoming people in, and creating a warm, comforting space wherever she went. Her kindness, generosity, and gentle spirit touched everyone who had the blessing of knowing her.

A devoted Episcopalian, Jo Ann lived her faith through compassion, grace, and love for others. She carried her beliefs quietly but powerfully, showing God's love in the way she treated everyone she met.

Jo Ann's heart for family extended far beyond traditional boundaries. She and her husband were blessed with two daughters who first came into their lives as exchange students and became daughters by choice and by love. In addition, she is survived by two women who were like daughters to her, Melissa (Read) McCoy and Stacy (Read) Blair—girls who grew up with her, called her their second mom, and were loved by Jo Ann as her own. To Jo Ann, love made a family, and she opened her heart and home without hesitation.

Jo Ann was also a proud and passionate supporter of ALL THINGS Florida State Seminoles. She was a longtime, steadfast contributor to the FSU boosters association as well as a lifetime member of the Florida State alumni association. She loved fall Saturdays, tailgates, and cheering loudly with friends and family—moments filled with laughter, good food, and togetherness that reflected the joy she brought into every gathering.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Jo Ann's memory to Big Bend Hospice or North Florida Animal Clinic, two causes close to her heart. Donations should please note "in memory of Jo Ann Drawdy."

A joyous memorial service will be held on April 11, 2026 at 1pm, at the family residence, to celebrate her legacy of love, kindness and faith.

Kelly Barber of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the Drawdy family with their arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“Cooter, my heart is broken. For all intense purposes you and JoAnn were my godparents. You took care of me & loved me as your own. I'm sorry i haven't kept in touch more. Losing both mama and daddy I selfishly have lost myself. Please know neither of you ever left my heart. I never stopped loving her and still do love you.... your little "Pamelita". I remember you were both such an impact on my growing up and were my second parents. Again, i love you and when time gives you a chance i hope you'll reach out to me. You both changed so many people's lives. 🥹❤️

Pam Chapman - March 04 at 01:59 AM

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“Harland:

I am sorry for the loss of your wife, Jo Ann. Prayers for you, my friend, in this sad time.

Mike Boles

Mike Boles - March 02 at 07:51 PM