



Joanne Stevens Ladwig

March 26, 1931 - May 6, 2019

Joanne Stevens Ladwig, age 88, passed away in her sleep on May 6, 2019. Joanne was the head majorette of the Thomasville March Band. She worked for the State of Florida for the legislature until she retired. She truly lived by 'the Word'.

Joanne is survived by her husband of 29 years, Wayne Ladwig, her children; Rayanne Crane, Charlene Parrish, Marsha Billhimer, Robert Manley, Scott Ladwig and Sean Ladwig, four grandchildren; Howell Batts, Leigh Anne Strickland, Shipley Billhimer, and Jasmine Kincheloe, as well as eight great-grandchildren.

Visitation will take place on Saturday, May 11, 2019 at 10:00am at Bevis Funeral Home of Crawfordville, 3106 Crawfordville Hwy. Crawfordville, FL., with a service to follow at 11:00am. Interment will take place following the service at Debra Nell Cemetery.

Scotti Thompson of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the Ladwig family with their arrangements. (www.bevisfh.com 850-385-2193).

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home of Crawfordville
5 Shadeville Rd.
Crawfordville, FL 32327
(850) 926-3333

Service

MAY 11. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

YH

“ Your Optum Team, Karen, Vicki and Kathy H purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Joanne Stevens Ladwig.



Your Optum Team, Karen, Vicki and Kathy H - May 10, 2019
at 10:19 AM

MB

“ My mom My dearest friend. You defended my honor the very day you gave birth to me although it almost took both our lives. Many times you wanted to throw me out of a window and never look back.... you almost dared ANYONE to a window to harm me in any manner. You never gave up on me. I am so very lost in my heart without you. Thank you so much for so very much. Yeppppppppp kids..... I surely was mother's "favorite".....i love my sisters Rayanne and Charlene. But hey now... that brother the Captain Robert... Can't touch that! Mother said many times that if she had departed this life leaving her four children loving each other and believing in God then she had done all she could to fulfill her duty. Mother... "OUR" precious mother.... You definitely fulfilled your duty and desire. We love each other and because of you we know God and his wonderful glory. Thank you my darling mother. I miss you too!

Marsha Billhimer - May 10, 2019 at 10:08 AM

Jl

“ I would like to send my sincere condolences to the family and friends of " Mama Jo". May she rest in the peace with the love of our Lord and savior from now on. She will live forever in my heart forever. Peace be with you all.

Jilda - May 10, 2019 at 09:41 AM

MB

Thank you sister Jillie. Love you bunches and always. Thank you for your loving ❤️ and soul for all of the "cleaning " you did. God knew who to lay that burden on. Mother loved you honey.

Marsha Billhimer - May 10, 2019 at 09:49 AM

MT

“ *Melody H. Thompson sent a virtual gift in memory of Joanne Stevens Ladwig*



Melody H. Thompson - May 09, 2019 at 04:26 PM

MT

I have such wonderful memories of Aunt Jo. After she retired from the state, we would go to lunch at TGIF or wherever was closest to the two of us. I always remember her saying once you reach for the bill, you were paying. There are so many memories that I don't think I can say right now. Heaven has indeed gained a new Angel. I Will miss her so much.

Melody H. Thompson - May 09, 2019 at 04:37 PM

JA

❤️ *love you*

Jasmine - May 09, 2019 at 06:40 PM

SH

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Shipley

8 minutes ago

So, I was on Facebook this morning starting to tell my story to my friends of your passing, MaMa Jo. I wasn't expecting my story to turn into a hour and a half of crying and writing a letter to you. So I'll just copy and paste it here for you too! I really miss you even though we didn't see or talk to each other too much lately. I guess the saying is true, "you're gonna miss me when I'm gone!" Well, I do, i really do! Im gonna try to make you proud of me. Our souls will meet again.

So here's what i wrote!.....

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I'd like to say life is short, but well, in her case she lived a full and total happy life. She was never cross and always took care of her family and friends. She had the absolute best soprano voice you would ever hear singing in church. This woman recessitated me and saved my life at three days old.

My own Mother was an entertainer and wrote a song just for me as an infant. Of course, once other family members learned my Mother's, "I Love My Shipley" song, my Aunt's "Rayanne, and Charlene", and MaMa Jo would sing this song to me over the years well into my manhood. I never told anyone but I always enjoyed it most from My MaMa Jo, it was just her Angelic voice!!!

I want to hear your voice again telling me you love your Shipley and that your Shipley loves you. I guess I'll just have to make some changes so we can meet once again at the Golden Gates of Heaven! Nobody is perfect in my eyes except for you! Thank you MaMa Jo for always being there for me, loving my wife and children

as if they were your own. After you have reunited with your friends and family members, that have been waiting for you, stop by my dreams and sing to me just once again. Hey what do you say, in about 50 years you and Pops can take me scalloping again and then afterwards drop me off to Aunt Eloise for My Homemade Cherry Pie? Oh and let's bring My Wife Cleofe Ilao Billhimer too? I think she'd really enjoy that.

One funny for My Mom... She always said that each of your Children gave her a Grandchild, but that she was different because she gave you Grandchildren. Well I guess I'm a chip off the old block because all your Grandchildren gave you a Great Grandchild, but I gave you Great Grandchildren! ;)

You will be dearly missed by All the Lives you have came in contact with throughout your life. I love you, I love you, I love you! 😭

Shipley - May 09, 2019 at 11:04 AM



“ 63 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Bevis Funeral Home - May 09, 2019 at 09:23 AM

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Shipley - May 09, 2019 at 10:55 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Joanne Stevens Ladwig.*



May 08, 2019 at 06:25 PM



“ *To my best friend and mother, thank you for giving me life, thank you for teaching me about Christ, his sacrifice, his love and his forgiveness. Thank you for teaching me manners and the value of kindness. Thankyou for all your love and thank you for teaching me, that honesty is integrity. You were the best mother a son could ever have and I will carry you in my heart, until I see you again. Say hello to Nanny, all my love, your son, Robert*

Robert Manley - May 07, 2019 at 04:27 PM



Captain Uncle Robert, we are all truly blessed to have been part of her journey. Hey, i can tell you, you had the best Mom! I love you, man!

Shipley - May 09, 2019 at 11:01 AM

EI

“ I met JoAnn in the late 70s, as I was dating her daughter Marsha. I found her to be a very strong woman, she had raised her for children , (and SURVIVED) Through all of that she still had the heart of a little girl .

She was there for our family when our son Shipley was born. And oh by the way saved his life The morning after he came home from the hospital . She was a very good friend to my family and me One of the truly good and kind people of the world, as her mother, will be missed
With love, Win

Edwin S. Billhimer III - May 07, 2019 at 03:36 PM

JA

Love you Mr. Win. ❤️

Jasmine - May 08, 2019 at 09:52 AM

SH

Thank you Dad

Shipley - May 09, 2019 at 10:36 AM

MB

My dear friend Win, you never cease to amaze me. You have always meant so much to this family, especially my darling mother. Thank you so very much for the many years of remembering mother's birthday and holidays. You made many calls to her and Pop over these years.. Thank you my friend. And may God bless you and your new family. Peace be with you always.

Marsha Billhimer - May 10, 2019 at 09:17 AM

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Marsha Billhimer - May 10, 2019 at 09:39 AM