



## Jo Ann Palmer

October 8, 1951 - September 16, 2023

Jo Ann Thomas was born October 8, 1951, in Huntsville, Texas to Johnnie Mae Grant and Coattee Butler Sr. She grew up as the oldest daughter of her seven brothers and sisters.

Jo Ann graduated at the top of her class from Huntsville High School. Throughout her life, she also maintained close friendships with her fellow alumni of Sam Houston High School's Class of 1969.

After graduation, Jo Ann attended Sam Houston State University to pursue a degree in Journalism. Soon after, she married Stephen Eugene Palmer on October 22, 1970. The couple had three children: Christian, Trevor, and Stephanie.

Jo Ann had an enormous heart for her children, her family, and her friends. Beginning with Thanksgiving, the holiday season was always a special time for her. One of the ways she best expressed her love was with her delicious cooking. From Santa Claus to the decorations, she especially loved Christmas! Jo Ann could have easily celebrated all year long and always kept the Christmas cheer in her heart.

She met an untimely death following a battle with cancer. Although, her family realizes holidays will never be the same without her, Jo Ann's love and her

laughter transcend time and space.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister Janice and her son Trevor. She is survived by her siblings - Lacy Thomas Sr., Elroy Thomas, Beverly Thomas, Carmen Randall, and Craig Fisher Sr. and a host of nieces and nephews.

Also, she is survived by her son Christian Palmer, his wife Shamanda, their daughter Christina, Trevor Palmer's son Chantz Palmer, as well as her daughter and best friend Stephanie Palmer.

A visitation will be held on Friday September 22, 2023 at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home from 5:00 – 8:00 PM. Services will begin at 10:00 AM on Saturday September 23 at the funeral home as well. She will be laid to rest at Northside Cemetery following the service. Memorial condolences to the family may be made at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Northside Cemetery

Huntsville, TX

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **22**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville  
1700 Normal Park Dr.  
Huntsville, TX 77340

## Funeral Service

SEP **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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1700 Normal Park Dr.  
Huntsville, TX 77340

# Tribute Wall

EJ

“ *Ed Fisher Jr. lit a candle in memory of Jo Ann Palmer*



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**ed fisher jr.** - September 23, 2023 at 10:21 PM

MH

“ *M. Hyvl lit a candle in memory of Jo Ann Palmer*



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**M. Hyvl** - September 21, 2023 at 10:40 AM



“ *Stephanie and family,*

*Please accept my deepest condolences for the loss of your mom.  
My thoughts and prayers will be with you all.*

*Angela (Scott) Stacks*

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**Angela Stacks** - September 21, 2023 at 10:34 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jo Ann Palmer.



September 20, 2023 at 06:16 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jo Ann Palmer.

September 20, 2023 at 06:16 PM



“ Stephanie & family,  
I am so very sorry for the loss of your mom! I lost my mom about 10 years ago and a day NEVER goes by that I don't love & miss her, but we are both blessed 🙏 with all our loving memories with them!!  
I always enjoy keeping in touch with you!!❤️ I know your Mom was TRULY proud of all of your accomplishments!! I know I am!!  
I loved the part in her obituary that said she was "survived by her daughter and her best friend, Stephanie"! 😭  
Sending you hugs 👥 and prayers 🙏 during this sad time in your life  
💕....  
Jamie Brinegar  
Huntsville, Texas



Jamie Brinegar - September 20, 2023 at 04:52 PM



I loved the photo and that she was wearing your pin!! I loved all you girls dearly! 💕

Jamie Brinegar - September 20, 2023 at 04:54 PM

JC

“ *Joe Corley Processing Center purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Jo Ann Palmer.*



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**Joe Corley Processing Center** - September 20, 2023 at 03:25 PM

GK

“ *Gayle Kelly lit a candle in memory of Jo Ann Palmer*



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**Gayle Kelly** - September 20, 2023 at 01:28 PM