



## Jo Ann Fossett Wells

January 14, 1936 - June 3, 2022

Jo Ann Fossett Wells, age 86, passed away on June 3, 2022, in Huntsville, Texas surrounded by family. She was born in Birmingham, Alabama on January 14, 1936, the only child of Otis and Arta Fossett. She graduated from Phillips High School and Howard College (now Samford University), where she sang in the Acapella choir. It was there that she met Frank Wells. Earlier, both felt God's call to missions, and they fell in love and married on January 21, 1956. They spent the 1960s ministering in the country of Indonesia. They served churches in Alabama, Texas, and Georgia. Jo Ann also worked as a receptionist in a dental office and school secretary. In her 50s, Jo Ann went back to school and earned a master's degree in speech pathology, and served for many years in school districts in Dothan and Enterprise, AL. She was a faithful church member and a beloved Sunday School teacher for a women's class at First Baptist Enterprise. Jo Ann was a life-long learner who loved to read. She cared deeply about hunger, poverty, and injustice, and was extravagantly generous with her time, prayers and finances to people and organizations who serve the disadvantaged.

Jo Ann was a devoted, kind and gracious mother to her four daughters and an adoring grandmother and great-grandmother. She was a tireless supporter of their every endeavor and an unfailing source of comfort and grace during hard times. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Cyndi, and her husband, Frank, and is survived by Lisa Wells Dayball, Edie Wells (Bob Maninger), and Jaletta Wells Parsley (Larry Parsley). She is also survived by grandchildren Micah Melton (Sarah), Sam Dayball (Sarah), Drew Parsley (Hayley), Jack Parsley, Timothy Parsley, and Laurel Parsley, step-grandchildren Laura Maninger and Clay Maninger, as well as two great-grandchildren, June Parsley and Benjamin Dayball.

Jo Ann's life and legacy will be celebrated at a memorial service on Saturday, June 18, at 12:00 pm, at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, 1700 Normal Park Drive, Huntsville, TX 77340. Memorial condolences to the family may be made at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Jo Ann's memory to

pastor Eddie Gibson's ministry in Liberia, West Africa. Checks (tax deductible) should be made out to Brewster Road Community Church (1661 Brewster Rd, Birmingham, AL 35235) for EGIM Liberia (Eddie Gibson International Ministries). Donations may also be made online at the following link: <https://www.brccbham.org/online-giving>.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUN 18. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville  
1700 Normal Park Dr  
Huntsville

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jo Ann Fossett Wells*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM

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“ *CBF Global Missions purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Jo Ann Fossett Wells.*



**CBF Global Missions** - June 16, 2022 at 04:33 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jo Ann Fossett Wells.*



June 14, 2022 at 02:50 PM

HM

“ *Lisa, Edie, and Jaleeta,  
Your parents were such a blessing to my parents, and to Toye and me also. We share in your loss of JoAnn and offer sincere condolences. What a legacy Frank and JoAnn left us all.  
Herbie and Toye Gannon*

**Herb Gannon, MD** - June 13, 2022 at 05:00 PM

MH

“ *M. Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Jo Ann Fossett Wells*



**M. Hyvl** - June 08, 2022 at 04:47 PM

SM

*Today as I reflect on all that I learned in Indonesian, my memories are always of the Wells Family. How kind and comforting Jo Ann was to me and so many others. The family was like my family. I will be forever grateful to all of you.*

*Sylva Hutcherson Maddox*

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**sylvia Hutcherson Maddox** - June 14, 2022 at 06:12 PM