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JoAnn Allen, of Huntsville, Texas, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, August 30, 2025.

Born on February 21, 1938, in New Albany, Indiana, to Louis and Ruth Jackson, JoAnn moved to Orange, Texas as a child and graduated from Lutchter Stark High School. She was the first in her family to attend college, enrolling at Sam Houston State University. There, she served as President of Alpha Chi Omega and met the love of her life, Buddy Allen, who would become her devoted husband of 63 years.

After college, JoAnn and Buddy settled in the Spring Branch area of Houston, where they raised their two daughters, Lynn and Lori. Along with her daughters, she touched many lives as she dedicated her career to teaching elementary school at Pine Shadows. She was a committed leader in Bible Study Fellowship and an active member of Spring Branch Community Church, nurturing both her faith and her community.

Upon retirement, JoAnn and Buddy moved to Elkins Lake in Huntsville, where she embraced life fully—golfing, playing games with friends, traveling, and cherishing time with family. They became long-time members of Elkins Lake Baptist Church.

JoAnn was known for her joy, generosity, and vibrant creativity. She pursued Christ with unwavering dedication, and her faith was reflected in every aspect

of her life—most notably in the love and care she gave Buddy in his final years. She was a trusted friend, an inspiring role model, and the life of every gathering, her laughter bright and unforgettable.

JoAnn is preceded in death by her husband, Buddy; her parents, Louis and Ruth Jackson; and her brother, Donny Jackson.

She is survived by her daughters, Lynn Owen and husband Bill, and Lori Kotzur and husband Darrel; grandchildren, Brent Owen and wife Sarah, Ashley Rush and husband Colt, Allison Schmidt and husband Tyler, Travis Kotzur and wife Katie, Natalie Kotzur, and Niki Kotzur; and great-grandchildren, Adeline, Tripp, Heidi, and Jonah.

JoAnn's legacy of faith, love, and laughter will continue to live on through all who were blessed to know her. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Elkins Lake Baptist Church.

Visitation will be held at 10am and services begin at 11am on Saturday, September 6, 2025 at Elkins Lake Baptist Church. A private family burial will follow. Memorial condolences may be made to the family at www.shmfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

Elkins Lake Baptist Church
206 SH-19 N
Huntsville, TX 77340

Funeral Service

SEP 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

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206 SH-19 N
Huntsville, TX 77340

Tribute Wall

TC

“ *The Fun Club purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of JoAnn Allen.*



The Fun Club - September 05, 2025 at 06:34 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of JoAnn Allen.*



September 05, 2025 at 12:19 PM

AM

“ *Al McKinney purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of JoAnn Allen.*



Al McKinney - September 05, 2025 at 10:20 AM

JM

“ *I was privileged to know JoAnn (and Buddy) for only 16 years while living at Elkins Lake before moving to Ohio. JoAnn was one of my favorite people. She truly exemplified living like Jesus—I respected and loved her. My sympathies to all who loved her. Jan Martel*

jan martel - September 05, 2025 at 08:01 AM

PW

“ Joann and Merle were spiritual leaders in our Bible Study group but more than that they were fun friends! I can only imagine the reunion going on between JoAnn and Merle in heaven.

Pat Weems - September 04, 2025 at 01:45 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of JoAnn Allen.



September 03, 2025 at 04:47 PM



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

September 03, 2025 at 04:47 PM

MF

“ Lifting up the family and friends of JoAnn Allen for comfort and strength from our Lord Jesus Christ.



Marvin Hyvl & Family - September 03, 2025 at 11:02 AM

LT

“ Mrs Allen was not only my teacher at Pine Shadows but also my Sunday school at Spring Branch Community Church. I will always remember her kind words, gentle approach and compassion for others. The Lord used her in great and mighty ways as His ambassador. I send my sincere condolences to the entire family.
Lori (Triola) Tally

Lori Tally - September 02, 2025 at 09:40 PM

GK

“ Gayle Kelly lit a candle in memory of JoAnn Allen



Gayle Kelly - September 02, 2025 at 05:09 PM

MF

“ Lifting up the family and friends of JoAnn Allen for comfort and healing from our Lord Jesus Christ.



Marvin Hyvl & Family - September 02, 2025 at 05:08 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of JoAnn Allen.



September 02, 2025 at 05:03 PM