



## John Ann Lewis

June 17, 1930 - August 18, 2021

John Ann Lewis, a long-time resident of Huntsville, TX, passed away peacefully in her sleep on the afternoon of August 18, 2021, surrounded by people who loved her. She died in the home she had lived in for 69 years and she was 91 years old.

She was born to Dunn and Oma Lowery on June 17, 1930, in Texon, TX because there was no hospital in Rankin where they lived. Being an only child, the three of them, plus various pets, lived in a lovely rock house within walking distance of town.

John Ann spent her entire childhood in Rankin and there were 7 people in her 1947 graduating class. She subsequently enrolled in Texas Tech University. Being a young girl from a small west Texas town, she was ready to go back home within a week. Although she never did embrace the university life, she did go on one blind date where she met a gentle, handsome boy, Don A Lewis, who soon became her husband. They were married in Rankin on April 9, 1949, and moved to Nacogdoches, TX, where Don worked for the United States Department of Agriculture. While living in Nacogdoches, their first daughter, Lynn, was born in June 1951. Soon after, they moved to Huntsville, where their second daughter, Cathy, was born in December 1952.

John Ann and Don were married for 55 years. Their love story is beautiful and for their family, it is the most beautiful story ever.

John Ann had many interests and held various jobs through the years. She did go back to college, SHSU, to complete her degree in Art. She used her

artistic and creative talents broadly. She taught ceramic classes to incarcerated women several nights a week. She and her friend, Margie Golden, designed and created the beautiful floor mosaic, which can be seen in the entryway at the Sam Houston Memorial Museum in Huntsville. She and Don enjoyed going to art festivals all over Texas to sell her weavings and wall hangings. John Ann and her friend, Ann Bass, loved antiques and for many years they rented a part of a larger antique shop in Huntsville to sell their treasures.

Up until her death, she had been the longest living member of the Wesley Methodist Church. She and Don started attending Wesley Methodist Church soon after they moved to Huntsville and were both life-long members.

She was a remarkable woman, who invested her whole heart in the lives of her family and her friends. She had so many wonderful friends in Huntsville, whom she deeply cared about. She loved her bridge friends, her neighbors who stopped by for coffee and a visit, her church friends who checked on her often. The family is grateful to all the people who befriended and cared for John Ann, but they are particularly thankful for the people who provided the extra care and attention to her during her last few years. We know how much you loved her, and we hope you know how completely she loved each one of you. Special thanks to Doris Murray, Mike Hagans, David Deusing, Rosa Issac, and Elva Johnson.

John Ann is survived by her two daughters, Lynn Blair of Conroe and Cathy Barth of Temple; her grandchildren, Justin and Alice Barth, Kyle and Cecilia Barth both couples from Temple, Anna John and Gary Heard, Allie and Joe Camp, both couples from The Woodlands, and her great-grandchildren; Natalie Barth, Apollo Barth, Logan and Bodhi Heard, Asher Camp, and another baby girl just months away.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Don A, and her son-in-law, Steve Barth.

John Ann was the heartbeat of her family. She lived a beautiful, rich, full life and will be greatly missed, but she left a precious legacy of grace, courage,

wisdom, humor and deep, abiding unconditional love.

The memorial service will be held on Saturday, August 28 at 10:00 AM at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville. Visitation at 9:00 AM.

Interment will follow services at Brooke Cemetery.

The family requests that masks be worn during the visitation and service.

Memorials may be made in John Ann's name to the Wesley Memorial Methodist Church.

Memorial condolences to the family may be made at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Brooke Cemetery

672 FM 980  
Huntsville, TX 77320

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 28. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

AUG 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Huntsville

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Ann Lewis*

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November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Lynn,*  
*I remember how she had you adorably dressed every morning at Mrs. McCray's kindergarten.*

*I thought she and Margie Golden were my entertainment committee while they were installing the mosaic at the museum. Must have been a back breaking labor of love.*

*Glynda Turner*

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**Glynda Turner** - August 26, 2021 at 12:44 PM

MD

“ *My friend, John Ann, was one of a kind and I loved her!*

*When I first started visiting John Ann was very self possessed. It took about five years before I would even think about giving her a hug. What a delight she was, sharp as a tack. Over the years I visited more and more frequently and we became friends. We evolved into a once a week lunch and then we included a Bible study. I would read from the New Testament and we would discuss what was read.*

*I feel so privileged to call her my friend.*

*I will miss our weekly lunches and Bible study.*

*Mary Pat Doak*

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**Mary Pat Doak** - August 24, 2021 at 08:22 PM

LB

*Thank you, Mary Pat, for your kind words. You were a great friend to her, and we appreciate the time you took to get to know her become such an important person in her life.*

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**Lynn Blair** - August 25, 2021 at 12:19 AM

CL

“ John Ann was a wonderful friend and neighbor! I was a young college girl when I bought the house across the street from her. I spent many hours in the evenings and weekends sitting in her living room or at her dining table visiting and listening to her stories. She was a great storyteller. One thing was apparent in the time I spent with her and that was how much she loved her family! She was so proud of her daughters and grandchildren. John Ann was full of humor and could always make me laugh. She taught me so much during our friendship. I admired her greatly. She absolutely made a mark on my heart and my life. She will be sorely missed. Heartfelt condolences to her entire family. She was such a special person!

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**Courtney Luper** - August 24, 2021 at 02:58 PM

LB

Thank you, Courtney, for these sweet memories. My mom loved you so. She spoke of you often and how much she enjoyed your visits.

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**Lynn Blair** - August 25, 2021 at 12:23 AM

SE

“ Remembering John Ann and my mom having their coffee and conversations years ago. Smart and creative, know she'll be missed. Heartfelt condolences to her family.

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**Susan Eastman** - August 23, 2021 at 10:11 PM

LB

Thank you, Susan, for these kind words. I remember your mother well. She was a great friend to mom, and I remember her as being funny and totally delightful.

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**Lynn Blair** - August 24, 2021 at 01:40 PM

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**Susan Eastman** - August 24, 2021 at 02:03 PM

LL

“ My memory of Mrs Lewis is when I worked for Don in the Soil Conservation Service as a student intern. I showed up to work with food poisoning. Don didn't want to send me home where he knew I would be alone. So he loaded me up and took me to his house for Mrs Lewis to take care of me She was so sweet and kind to me and I have always remembered that. They were a beautiful couple. My condolences to the family.

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**Lisa Love** - August 23, 2021 at 07:53 PM

LB

“ This sounds just like my dad and my mother. Thank you so much for sharing this story. They truly were both beautiful people.

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**Lynn Blair** - August 24, 2021 at 01:45 PM

MH

“ Marvin Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of John Ann Lewis



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**Marvin Hyvl** - August 19, 2021 at 09:39 PM