



Ms. Sara Joan Haygood

January 22, 1947 - April 23, 2022

Ms. Sara Joan Haygood was called Home to be with God and family on April 23, 2022. Mom, or “Momma”, as we affectionately called her, was born on January 22, 1947. Mom was a long-time resident of Gadsden, Alabama. Growing up, she learned to cook when her mother and older sister, Jane, worked at a cafe. Although most of her life was spent in Gadsden, she did reside in Forest Park, Georgia, when she was a senior and graduated from Forest Park High School. Hartselle, Alabama was another city which was special to her. Her warm, inviting personality made it easy for her to meet people and would serve her well in her job opportunities. She was a valuable employee at Sandlin’s Store because her welcoming spirit brought an influx of dedicated customers. Her skills and talents would provide her with managerial positions and supervisory duties at K-Mart, Pasquale’s Pizza, and Flowers Bakery. Joan’s Cafe, established in the 1980’s, was her passion that was fulfilled. It brought together delicious food and lots of comradery. Friendly-service and tasty dishes were served with love and laughter for every order by Mom. Later in her life, she moved to Mobile to live closer to her son, Mark.

As her friends and family knew, Mom possessed many talents. Cooking was among her top skills. Everyone at family gatherings coveted their tins of her famous fudge and highly-sought-after “Peanut Butter Balls.” “You never let your tin out of your possession.” She catered most family weddings, rehearsal dinners, graduations, baby showers, and family parties, all at the host’s or

hostess' request. Decorating her home was nothing short of perfection! Not only was she a neat housekeeper, but her holiday decorations (all of the major holidays) were immaculate inside her home, on her porch, and outside for the yard. Momma took great pride in keeping flowers and plants looking beautiful. Her favorite plants included "rubber" plants, scheffleras, and portulaca moss. She was detail-oriented and made plain things so beautiful! Besides cooking and decorating, she took immense pride in caring for her three children, Micheal, Mark, and Wendy. She encouraged them in their endeavors, and let them know they have a purpose in life given by God.

Her special gift was prayer. Knowing the Lord and accepting Jesus, her daily routine included reading her Bible, while intercessory prayer was entwined throughout each day. While living in Gadsden, she attended Walnut Park United Methodist Church.

Mom enjoyed watching Murder She Wrote, the Hallmark Channel, "monster movies," and old westerns while eating popcorn!

She was preceded in death by her parents Amy Dale Holloway and Arry Smith, and her sister Arris Jane Wisener. She was survived by her two sons Michael Dale Haygood (Peggy) and Mark Alan Haygood-Pickert (Michael), her daughter Wendy Christina Nichols (Courtland), her two sisters Cathie Eugenia Clark (Scott) and Lisa Smith, her brother, James Raymond Smith, and her grandchildren Chance Delane Haygood, Lorie-Brooke Haygood, Michael-Lake Haygood, and Wesley Dalex Haygood. To honor Mom, her pallbearers will include: Chance Haygood, Michael-Lake Haygood, Dalex Haygood, Tyler Rutledge, Stephen Layfield, and Tanner Rutledge. Village Chapel Funeral Home is in charge of the services and Judge Scott Hassell will be officiating. Visitation will be at Village Chapel on Thursday, April 28, 2022 from 6:00-8:00 PM and the funeral service will be at 1p.m. Friday, April 29, 2022 with burial following at Cave Springs Cemetery.

Her smile, laughter, and kindness were precious. She will truly be missed by all who knew her. We love you so much and will see you again!

Cemetery Details

Cave Springs Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 28. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Village Chapel Funeral Home
101 Vandell Blvd
Gadsden, AL 35904
(256) 547-5557
<https://villagechapelfuneralhome.com>

Service

APR 29. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

KT

“Joan was my next door neighbor growing up in Hartselle. She was always full of life and just a lot of fun to be around! She always had an open door and would take time to talk to us any time. The memories of her, mom Amy Holloway, and sister Cathie are very special to me and she will be missed but never forgotten! Ken Tilley

Ken Tilley - May 08, 2023 at 11:12 AM

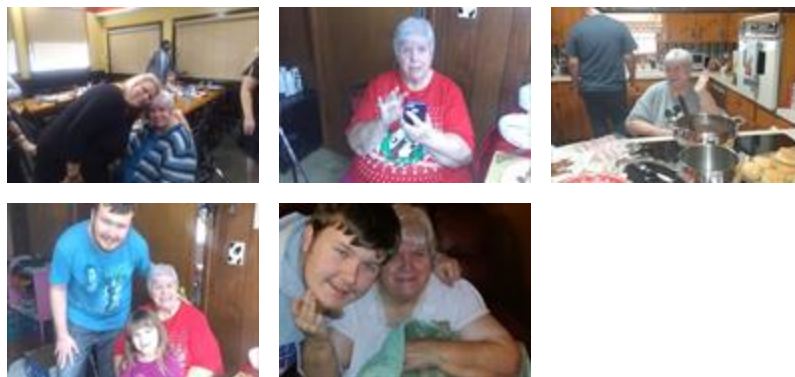
MH

“Mom, I will never forget you! I love and miss you so much!! Mark

Mark Haygood - April 30, 2022 at 02:37 PM

MD

“My dear aunt Joan has always been our precious angel . She was so important from childhood always being the awesome, loving, supportive through my adulthood.. so much more than an aunt.. she loved us and all whom she knew .. her heart was as big as the world . She would give you her last dollar... Always praying for all she knew. Missing her is a huge understatement.. love you forever miss you always. ❤️❤️❤️🌹🌹



Mary Duncan - April 29, 2022 at 06:04 PM

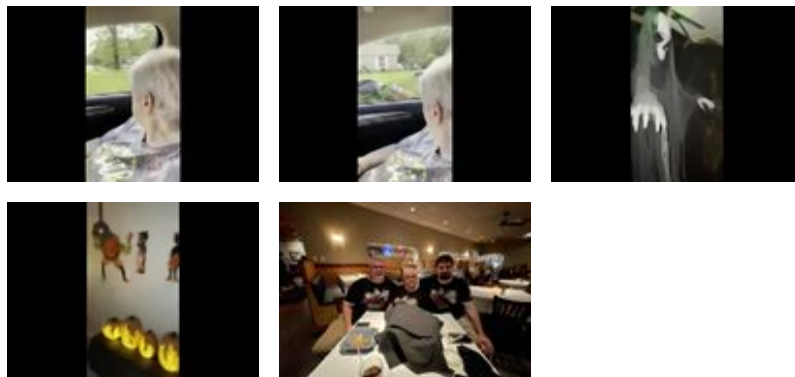
KR

“ Ms. Joan was the most giving person. I got to do many fun things with her over this past year. We seen movies together and shopped in Walmart for hours. She was full of life and made everyone laugh. I am thankful I got the opportunity to know her.

krystle - April 28, 2022 at 05:24 PM



“ 165 files added to the album LifeTributes



Village Chapel Funeral Home - April 28, 2022 at 04:58 PM

DA

“ Joan, always made me feel special, called me on my birthday after I became part of her family. Fed me well when I was at my house. We played cards together. She was tricky there. She loved her family so much and they her

Dave - April 28, 2022 at 01:18 PM



“ *Divine Light was purchased for the family of Ms. Sara Joan Haygood.*



April 27, 2022 at 06:20 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Ms. Sara Joan Haygood.*



April 27, 2022 at 03:24 PM



“ *Most of my memories growing up all involved something to do with Aunt Joan. She was so funny and could always turn something into an adventure. I'm so thankful for all the memories even in this hard time. We love you Aunt Joan and I am going to miss all the sweet texts from you! Rest in Peace.*

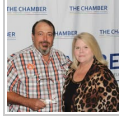


Hailey Layfield - April 26, 2022 at 07:38 PM



We will miss you. I enjoyed watching the A team, original Batman, scarecrow and misses king and murder she wrote with you.

Michael Haygood-Pickert - April 28, 2022 at 12:56 AM



Joan, thank you for helping Mother raise me. My entire child hood, my teen years and my adult years all involved you. You were my favorite person in the whole world and although the last few years were strained, I knew you loved me and I hope you know that I loved you. Thank you for helping me raise my children. You were always the one constant I had when my kids were younger. I don't think I could've done it without you. I'll never forget us taking the kids swimming at Lakeshore Marina and camping at Riverview Campground. I know that you and I could make each other madder than all get-out but we always made up because that's what sisters do. I'm sorry that I wasn't a good sister at the end and that is something I'll regret and have to live with the rest of my life but I love you and I'll miss you. I wish I could've said good bye. I know now that you are made whole with no more pain. You are with Mother and Jane. I can't wait to see all of you again. I'll watch after your kids and grands until the Lord takes me home to see you again.

Cathie Clark - April 28, 2022 at 11:38 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ms. Sara Joan Haygood.



April 26, 2022 at 06:15 PM



“ Your Mostellar Medical Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Ms. Sara Joan Haygood.



Your Mostellar Medical Family - April 26, 2022 at 05:56 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Ms. Sara Joan Haygood.*



April 26, 2022 at 04:17 PM



“ *Love, Alan and Linda Pickert and family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ms. Sara Joan Haygood.*



Love, Alan and Linda Pickert and family - April 26, 2022 at 03:54 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Ms. Sara Joan Haygood.*



April 26, 2022 at 03:43 PM