

Joan Sawyer Chappell



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Suffolk, VA

12.30.1942 - 01.24.2019

Birthplace: North Carolina

Joan Sawyer Chappell, 76, beloved wife, mother, grandmother and sister passed away peacefully at home on January 24, 2019 with her family by her side. She is predeceased by her parents, John Craig and Louise Lowe Sawyer as well as a brother, Agrippa Sawyer.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband, Bobby Chappell; son, Chris Chappell and wife Cathy; grandchildren, Matt Chappell (Colleen), Cory Chappell, and Claire Chappell; brothers, Richard Sawyer (Pat), Billy Sawyer (Theresa), and Donnie Sawyer; sister, Ann Eure (Carlton) and sister-in-law, Sandy Sawyer.

Joan had a tremendous love for books, antiques and a special talent for gardening. She was a member of First Baptist Church and was employed by the Virginia Department of Transportation for 31 years, last serving in the Right of Way Division before retiring in 2003.

A funeral service celebrating Joan's life will be held Monday, January 28, 2019 at 2 PM in the First Baptist Church, 237 N. Main Street, Suffolk. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service.

The family would like to express a special thanks to Dr. Zaidi and the staff at Riverside Cancer Infusion Center Suffolk for their care and kindness toward Joan and her family. Memorial donations may be made in Joan's name to First Baptist Church. The family is being assisted by R. W. Baker & Co. Funeral Home and Crematory. Condolences may be offered at RWBakerFH.com.

Service

Start Time: Monday, January 28, 2019 - 02:00pm

First Baptist Church
237 North Main Street
Suffolk, VA 23434
United States

Google Maps Link

[Directions to First Baptist Church](#)

Visitation

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Guestbook

Gloria Mosley

**Fri, 01/25/2019 -
12:58pm**

Dear Chappell family,
I'd like to express my condolence and deep regrets for your loss and share where I found hope and comfort at such a time as this when I lost my entire family to our enemy death. I found this in what I read in Jehovah Gods word the Bible at John5:28,29 there it tells us we'll see our love ones again at the resurrection when Jesus brings them back here on earth and at Isaiah25:8 we're told that this enemy death will be swallowed up forever. With these scriptures and others I'm able to cope with my loss and get through each day because now i know I'll see my love ones again and so can you. I wanted to share this with you now when hope and comfort i needed in hopes that this will help you also in some way for this is my purpose in sharing this with you at this time and please know that I do share your grief and hope you'll feel free to let me know if this helped. I hope to hear from you.

Sincerely, GM

Gloria Mosley

**Susan and Mike
Simpkins**

**Sat, 01/26/2019 -
07:37am**

Bobby, Billy, and family, we are so sorry to hear of Joans passing. I remember her as a very kind and beautiful person from our interactions at Bank of Suffolk, BBT. She was a very kind person, and I know she will be missed. Please treasure your memories, and know that she suffers no more.

Susan and Mike Simpkins

Sarah A Morris

**Sat, 01/26/2019 -
11:16am**

Mr. Bobby,

I am so sorry for your loss. Mrs. Joan was a great woman, always so kind. She will truly be missed. You are in my thoughts and prayers. If you need anything please do not hesitate to ask. I know Mom (Pam) and Steve are right next door but if I can do anything for you I would be happy to do so. I love you and Mrs. Joan both dearly and I know our entire family does.

Sarah A Morris

Pat Brown Familiar

**Sun, 01/27/2019 -
01:38am**

Bobby, I'm so sorry to hear of Joan's passing. I'm sure that you have many good memories of your years together. Keep those memories in your heart and on your lips so that you cn share them with your grandchildren.

Pat Brown Familiar

**Jonathon Hare and
Family**

**Sun, 01/27/2019 -
10:06pm**

Bobby, we are so very sorry to hear of Joan's passing. We are thinking of you and your family during this sad time. She will be a very sadly missed neighbor and friend.

We send our thoughts and prayers to you.

Jonathon Hare and Family

**Nancy & Bobby
Rountree**

**Mon, 01/28/2019 -
08:53am**

Bobby & Family,

Bobby and I were so saddened to read of Joan's death when we got back in town. I know Joan had been fighting for a long time and the last time I talked to her she told me it was not good and that she was on chemo again. She was such a sweet caring person. You and your family are in our prayers. May God wrap his arms around you at this most difficult time in your life.

Nancy & Bobby Rountree

Williams Family

**Mon, 01/28/2019 -
10:52am**

The death of your loved one is the most devastating experience your family will face. At times, the pain of the loss will feel unbearable. Please know that there are friends who care about you and your family during this difficult time and more importantly Psalm 34:18 tells us that "God is near to those that are broken at heart." We pray that Jehovah the God of all comfort is with your family during this difficult time of grief.

Williams Family

**Mike and Jessica
Sawyer**

**Mon, 01/28/2019 -
07:59pm**

Dear Chappell family,
We are so sorry for the loss of Joan. She was such a beautiful and wonderful person, and we thought the world of her. Prayers during this difficult time for strength and healing.

Love,

Michael and Jessica

Mike and Jessica Sawyer

Judith Radford

**Tue, 01/29/2019 -
04:55pm**

A friend who lives in Suffolk, while we were talking, told me about Joan's passing. You do not know me but I took your Mom's position at the hospital in 1966 when she left working for Mr Gibson Howell. I had seen your Mom on several occasions but not recently.

I would like to express to the family how sorrow I am for your loss. I will be praying for comfort and peace for all of you. Blessings Judith Doles Radford

Judith Radford



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