

Jo Ann Andersen Cummings

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Mike, I am so sorry for the loss of your mother. My prayers & thoughts go out to you & your family for the loss of your beloved mother.

- Jeannine Oliverei

JoAnn treated everyone like they were the most important person. Her humor was unmatched. I remember when she was the Primary Chorister, she kept the adults laughing and the kids engaged. It was amazing. Several times when I wanted to get ready for a music audition, I would call JoAnn and she would run through the pieces with me and even record them so I could practice at home. I love JoAnn and the whole Cummings crew. Prayers of love and comfort for your family.

- Elizabeth Olsen Frost

What a sweet, wonderful woman. I loved visiting in her warm and friendly home. We will all miss her bright smile and her unending kindness.

- Todd Hansen

Matt, Mike, Jenny and Lizzy- I'm so sorry to hear about your mom. Aunt Jo Ann is one of my favorite people. She was always so fun to be around and always made me laugh with her great sense of humor, Just thinking of her brings joy, laughter and great memories to me. She will truly be missed. As much as Aunt Jo Ann will be missed, I do know there is a big reunion/party going on right now that my grandma is so happy to be having with her…what a time that must be. Family is the best and the Andersen family showed it. Love you and keeping you in my prayers. Love -Alli Gardner Spjut

- Alli ((Gardner) Spjut

I am so so sorry for your loss. I knew JoAnn from our many years of service with Festival of Trees. I loved her so much. She was funny, creative and a joy to work with. She was a big part of my Festival Life and I cherished her friendship. I will miss her very much. I send my love and sympathy to you all.

- Carolyn Brooks

We've both known JoAnn nearly our entire lives, and have enjoyed a wonderful friendship with her and Bob and their children for many years. We've always admired her wit and humor, her kindness and generosity, and her genuineness as a friend and neighbor. She always had a way of making one feel welcome and valued and we remember so many times where we had such a pleasant visit with her and Bob and Jenny, Anina and others of their family. A good laugh and a lively conversation was always the result. We will miss her greatly but will continue to treasure our time with her and continue to enjoy our ties with her wonderful family. May you all feel the Savior's complete love and empathy at this tender time, and may you each find comfort in knowing you'll be reunited with her again. Let only the best and most loving of your memories of this elect lady comfort you and continue to be with you throughout your lives. Rich and Natalie

- Rich and Natalie Kitterman

Jo Ann was a great friend, teacher and supporter to me for many years. I since moved away yet her humor and wit has forever touched me and stayed with me. I am saddened for her loss and extend my love to the family. I have and will forever miss our musical collaborations and warm conversations. With love, Natalie

- Jacob and Natalie Sandberg

Dear Cummings family, I was one of the many children your mother influenced. She was my third grade teacher and my favorite by far. She has been in my life for close to 60 years although she may not have known it. Your mother read to us in class every day and I'm sure that's where I got my love for books and reading. One time she took me, LeeAnn Coles, and LeeAnn Dorius to a pool to go swimming. That was a treat for me. I remember when Mathew's picture was in the paper as a baby, I cut it out and taped it to my report card. One year I did see her at the Festival of the Trees. I was so happy to visit with her, that was my gift that year. Whenever I was in the avenues I had to go to M street and see if your mom was home. More than likely no one was but I caught her a few times. The last time was in 2018. Your gracious dad answered and went to get her. She was tired but funny. She had stayed awake most of the night so she could watch live the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle. She wanted to see the real thing. We visited for a few minutes as my daughter was waiting in the car but I hope I let her know how much I loved her and how important she was to me. I will miss her and know how much you will all miss not having her there. Heaven got a jewel - I will keep you in my prayers. Love to you all, Robyn Packer

- Robyn Packer

Dear Cummings neighbors! Growing up on M Street you were my second family. I adored each of you! It seems there were no property boundaries between our homes, as we seamlessly blended the fun and frenzy of our families of similarly aged children. I'd walk freely in and out of your home for meals, games, hide-n-seek, summer mid-day treats, books, water fights, sleep overs, fun galore. Just thinking about Jo Ann brings a smile to my face, as she always had a smile on hers, no matter the chaos and conundrums we children committed! I remember vividly her quick mind and humor, her contagious laugh, her radiant countenance and spirit! She was unjudgemental, go with the flow, light hearted. She made life look easy and life feel joyful. I remember her musical skills fondly, her accompaniment to many, her good hearted service, her sweet culinary delights! It has been many

years since I’ve been in her kind company, yet I recall keenly the many attributes that made her pure pleasure to know and so easy to love! ■

- Deanne S Coles

Jo Ann was a remarkable woman. I always felt a warmth about her and from her for my entire life. I've not seen her for a long while, but her memory is vivid. My sympathies to the family and especially Bob as you navigate forward with out her here. Her influence will go on. Hold each other near... Jan LeCheminant

- Jan LeCheminant

Cummings family, how proud of her husband, children and grandchildren was Aunt Jo Ann! As many have mentioned, she made every person in her home feel welcome and a part of the family. I personally knew in my heart that I was her favorite niece, but accepted that she loved everyone equally :) I will forever remember family trips, sleepovers, holidays, Christmas Meadows with such joy and happy memories. Thank you for sharing your beautiful wife, mother, and grandmother with the rest of the world. All my love! Annie

- Andrea LeCheminant Reeder

Dear Bob and family, I was so sorry to hear of JoAnn's passing. What a dear sweet friend she was to me especially when we lived in the Ensign 3rd Ward in the Avenues. I remember her fun sense of humor and how she made everyone around her feel loved. She was so talented and shared her skills with everyone. I still make many recipes she shared with me. She accompanied me many times when I sang on numerous programs. What a great leader and teacher she was as I worked with her in Church callings. She was a true Christlike example. May the Lord bless you and your family as you go through this difficult time. With my love and prayers, Mary Whitchurch

- Mary Whitchurch

I just heard the news today. I’m so sorry to the family, but I bet she’s running all over meeting and greeting friends and family. Loving every minute! She made a point to go out of her way to greet people. She reminded me of her mom, always so warm and friendly! I will never forget her!

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