



Josephine Sophie Andrews

August 6, 1951 - July 29, 2024

Josephine "Joy" Sophie Andrews, aged 72, passed away peacefully in the early morning hours on Monday, July 29th, 2024, in Arden, North Carolina.

Joy was born on August 6, 1951, in Durham, NC, to Sam and Sophie Andrews. She was one of four children. Her siblings, Bett Padgett (the eldest), Sam Andrews (the middle child), and Alex Andrews (the youngest), all survive her, along with her daughter, Alexia Andrews, grandson, Blake Andrews, and son-in-law, Doyle Chapman.

After attending UNC Chapel Hill in North Carolina, she moved to Seattle, Washington to pursue a master's degree in occupational therapy. She spent many years helping patients in a skilled nursing facility in Atlanta, Georgia.

She had a deep love of the ocean and the mountains. In the late 1990s, she moved to Tennessee but eventually settled in the outskirts of Asheville, North Carolina in 2000, where she spent her remaining years.

Joy was a kind and peaceful soul. She was very spiritual and had a loving connection with nature and God. Her door was always open for anyone to sit and talk for hours. She always helped others to see the other side of a situation. She loved listening to and creating music about angels.

Her family held an irreplaceable spot in her heart, with her daughter, Alexia, at the very core. They maintained a strong and close connection, speaking daily and visiting frequently. Joy exemplified the qualities of an exceptional mother, always offering unwavering support and kindness. Upon the arrival of her grandson, Blake, she found a new and profound love, often organizing train rides as they were his passion during his early years.

She is undoubtedly enjoying freedom from physical restraints and joyfully playing and singing among the other angels in heaven. Those who knew her will deeply feel her absence, yet she will forever reside in our hearts.

The family would like to thank the staff of the Oaks at Sweeten Creek, Arden, NC for their exceptional care and Four Seasons Hospice Care, NC for their compassion during her final weeks.

In place of flowers, Joy requests that friends donate blood or contribute to the Red Cross.

Tribute Wall

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“ I think Jo (aka as Joy) and I met when we were 5 years old at church, singing in the youth choir. We were together alot, best friends, growing up. We played endless Monopoly games, drank lots of diet colas, played guitars and sang. We both enjoyed the NC choral workshop, and the Andrews were kind enough to let me stay with them so that I could attend after we moved to Dallas. Jo and I kept up through college, and she eventually moved to Seattle to attend graduate school at the University of Washington. I moved to Seattle from California to provide support - though she didn't need it! We stayed on a friend's houseboat for a year, and then got our own apartments. Many laughs, travels around the area, concerts. It was a wonderful time. Over the years after Jo moved back to the South we grew apart, but I was able to visit with Joy several times in Arden in the last few years. Several Seattle friends and I have had fun telling our favorite Jo stories. She had such a wicked sense of humor! The world is a little quieter without Joy.

Freda Cook - September 13, 2024 at 12:57 AM

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“ I'm so sorry to hear this sad news. My heart goes out to you all. Sending thoughts and prayers for the entire family. She was a beautiful person.

Susan Thurmond - July 30, 2024 at 09:37 PM

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“ Joy had a loving heart the size of Texas, compassion enough to fill the Great lakes and spiritual insights enough to blanket a thousand church pews. I will miss her a thousand tomorrows. ---Charles

Charles Mitchell - July 30, 2024 at 05:16 PM