



JO HERNDON

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Joan “Jo” Elizabeth Herndon, 91, also known as Ms. Jo or Ms. O, began her time travel on Sunday morning, October 3, 2021. At her request, there will be no services. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial contributions to The Perry Public Library, 1201 Washington Street, Perry, Georgia 31069, or to Friends of Perry Animal Shelter (FOPAS), 204 Kellwood Drive, Perry, GA 31069.

Joan was born on February 12, 1930, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, to the late Harry Alden Herndon and the late Gladys Emily Ziebell Herndon. In 1942, her family moved to Perry, Georgia. She was a graduate of Perry High School in the Class of 1948 and attended Georgia State College for Women in Milledgeville. After finding herself a single mom, she entered the workforce outside the home. She enjoyed her working career as a loyal employee at Thompson Warehouse, Building Supply; Smith Animal Hospital; and The Shed, Antiques. Jo was involved in the community and was the first female President of the Perry Panthers Booster Club in 1970. She supported the Westfield Booster Club from 1971 to 1976, started the Perry Wilderness Society in the 1980’s, and was a charter member of the Perry Tawasi Club, a ladies service organization. Jo was an active member of the Perry Historical Society.

In her spare time, she enjoyed camping and hiking all of her life and only needed to hear, “Let’s go, Jo!” In fact, her last camping trip where she stayed in a tent was to Cumberland Island with a special group of friends in 2009. It goes without saying that Jo was the best anyone could have dreamed of or been fortunate enough to call Mama. There were only three lucky enough to have that honor. Preceding Jo in death were her parents; an infant daughter, Joy Elizabeth Ogletree; her brother, Retired Lt. Colonel Phillip H. Herndon, US Army; her granddaughter, Cam Collier; and her son, Bud Ogletree.

Left to cherish the memories they made with Jo are her loving and devoted daughters, Julie Ogletree Kelly of Cordele, and Lisa Ogletree Murray of Perry; her great-grandson, Tyler Adams of Cordele; several lovely sisters-in-law, nephews, and nieces including a very special niece, Tammy



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Whitworth Ater, whom she loved all along. Special thanks to the Administration and Employees of The Oaks Nursing Home in Marshallville where Jo received loving, gentle, and professional care.

Please remember Jo like this...

“Do not stand at my grave and weep.
I am not there. I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow;
I am the diamond glints on snow.
I am sunlight on ripened grain;
I am the gentle autumn’s rain.
When you awaken in the morning’s hush,
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft star that shines at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry.
I am not there. I did not die.”

Condolences for the family may be left in the online guestbook at www.watsonhunt.com. Watson-Hunt Funeral has been entrusted with the arrangements.



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CG

Cindy Greene posted:

Ms O was a dear friend to me and introduced me to the wonderful world of camping and hiking! I have so many fond memories of trips we took together. I have used the things I learned from her for a lifetime and have passed the love of nature and hiking on to my kids. Julie and Lisa, I am so sorry for your loss. She lived a rich and fulfilling life and I'm grateful to have known her.

November 14 at 10:27 AM



Linda Harris posted:

I have many happy childhood memories of Julie and Lisa and Jo! I remember her always smiling, just like in this picture!

October 6 at 1:55 PM

LG

Linda Rodgers Goodman posted:

What a beautiful tribute to a lovely lady. Comfort for you, Lisa and Julie, and all your families. Love, Linda (Rodgers) Goodman

October 6 at 1:24 PM

JT

Janis Tripp lit a candle in honor of JO.

I have many fond memories of the Ogletree household. Prayers and Hugs for Lisa and Julie. Janis Ethridge Tripp

October 6 at 2:47 AM



CC

Cindy Collier posted:

prayers for Lisa and Julie! Growing up on North Ave, one street over from Ms Jo, I remember growing up with Bud, trick or treats and ballgames. After four years of marriage I ended up right next door to her Mom and would see her often at the vet and then at The Shed and when she came to visit her mom. Our lives continued to connect when she built her home next door. Funny stories and memories flood our thoughts this morning of different moments. We had the love of camping in common and she always shared her love of nature and experiences camping.. Go fly high on that mountain, Ms. Jo!

October 6 at 12:45 AM



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SV

Sharyl Colwell Vest posted:

Ms. Jo always had a big smile and contagious laugh. Growing up it was always fun at her house As an adult , it was a joy to be walking my babies and pass by her house and she'd be in the yard. Prays to Lisa, Julie, and other family . An Angel earned her wings!

October 5 at 6:37 PM

WJ

William Jackson posted:

We will miss seeing her this coming spring in the garden center at Ace Hardware. She was always a great friend and customer. William Jackson

October 5 at 5:07 PM

Jl

Jeanne Bryan Insalaco posted:

I grew up on Smoak Ave next to the Ogletree's and have many memories of spending time in her home. My mother, Helen Bryan, babysat her son Bud and I played with both Julie and Lisa. My condolences to the family as they grieve the loss of their mother!Jeanne Bryan Insalaco New Haven CT

October 5 at 4:27 PM

EC

Evelyn Mcdowell Castleberry lit a candle in honor of JO.



October 5 at 3:49 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring JO by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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