



# **ANN JOINER**

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**P**ERRY –

Ann Jolly Groce Joiner, 95, passed away peacefully on Thursday, January 9, 2025. Funeral Services will be held on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at Watson-Hunt Funeral Home in Perry. Visitation will begin at 2:00 p.m., and the service will begin at 3:00 p.m. with Rev. Wayne Edwards officiating. Burial will be in Perry Memorial Gardens immediately following the service.

Ann was born in Oglethorpe, Georgia, to the late Spartan Thomas “S.T.” Groce, and the late Jewell Jolly Groce. After graduating from Oglethorpe High School, where she was a cheerleader and saxophone player, she attended Berry College. She then went to Augusta’s Barret School of Nursing to earn a year’s credit. She fell in love with and married Carl Joiner in 1950 and settled in their hometown of Montezuma, Georgia. They had two children, Carla and Jimmy.

In 1959, Ann decided to begin her journey to earn her nursing degree while juggling her home, husband and two children, eight and nine years of age. In 1960, she graduated from the nursing school at Georgia Southwestern College, took the state board exam, and received her Registered Nurse certificate on January 10, 1961. She worked at Riverside Hospital and was a much-sought-after private duty nurse. Hers is a story of true grit that followed Ann until her passing, and she was a shining example to all who knew her.

In 1961, Carl and Ann began to grow their family with the addition of three more children, Carl Jr., J.B., and Phoebe. A caring wife and mother of five, Ann worked hard to keep the household fun and full of laughter. In 1972, Ann was offered the position of Industrial Nurse at the new Pabst Brewing Company in Perry, Georgia. In 1975, Ann and Carl moved the family to Perry to be closer to her job.

With five kids, her household was a great hangout for the neighborhood kids where she was fondly known as “Miss Ann.” This gave her the opportunity to “nurse” all the neighborhood kids with minor cuts and scrapes. She loved it! She also loved her work family, continued to take care



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of everyone at “the plant,” and eventually retired from what had become G. Heileman Brewing Company, after it closed in 1998. After over a 35-year career in nursing, Ann felt her life’s work was not yet finished. She began working in her community as a private nurse for various families and later served as a Pink Lady at Perry Hospital for twelve years.

Ann loved people and never met a stranger. She was a long-time member of McKenzie Memorial Country Club in Montezuma, and Perry Country Club in Perry. She loved playing golf and enjoyed playing with the Ladies’ Golf Association, of which she was an active member. Ann enjoyed playing bridge with her bridge club friends. She loved spending time at the beach and swimming. Her passion in life, though, was her family, who lovingly referred to her as “MeMe,” a name she was given by her grandchildren. She treasured the moments spent with each and every one of them. She also had many lifelong close friends whom she considered family.

Ann was preceded in death by her parents, Jewell and S. T. Groce; her loving and devoted husband of fifty-six years, Carl E. Joiner, Sr.; and her sisters and brothers-in-law, Jean and Howard Park and Cynthia and Jim Still.

Left to cherish the memories they made with Ann are her children, Carla Moore (Tim) of Boca Raton, Florida, Jimmy Joiner (Sue) of Tallahassee, Florida, Carl Joiner, Jr. (Debbie) of Smyrna, J. B. Joiner of Rome, Georgia, and Phoebe Rabalais (Troy) of Perry; eight grandchildren, Dana Stewart, Trey Joiner, Jay Joiner, Coleman Joiner, Chloe Mobley, Chelsea Joiner, Josh Rabalais, and Alexis Chapman; thirteen great-grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews; and her two remaining first-cousins, John Jolly and Frank Groce, Jr., and their families.

Condolences for the family may be left in the online guestbook at [www.watsonhunt.com](http://www.watsonhunt.com). Watson-Hunt Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.



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## Visitation

- Tuesday**, January 14, 2025
- 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET
- Watson - Hunt Funeral Home**  
1208 Main Street, Perry GA 31069



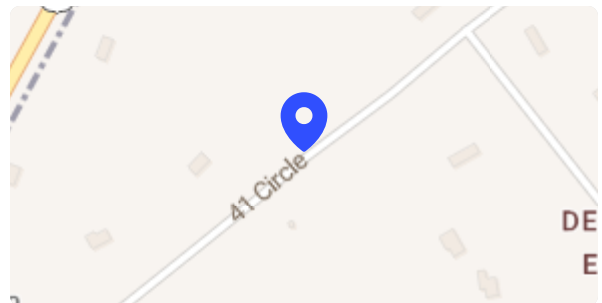
## Funeral

- Tuesday**, January 14, 2025
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## Cemetery Details

- Perry Memorial Gardens**  
2106 Highway 41 North, Perry GA 31069





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**Liz Fauconniere** posted:

I played bridge with Ann enjoyed he'd shl played bridge with Ann enjoyed her company she was fun t be around prayers tithe the family

January 19 at 8:00 AM



**Annie Lockman** posted:

My sincere condolences to the whole family, especially Phoebe and JB. Miss Ann was only in my life for a couple of short years but made a huge impression on me. She was a living example of what it means to truly love your family unconditionally. She often extended that same love to others as she did to me and Jessica. I will always remember her fondly with love in my heart. May God comfort and bless you all.

January 14 at 8:56 PM



**Pella Murphy** posted:

Phoebe, I send heart-felt condolences to you and your family, May the sweet memories of your Mother comfort you at this sad time.Pella

January 14 at 2:36 PM



**Chapman And Chapman Cpa** sent a White Standing Spray to the JOINER family.



January 14 at 4:42 AM



**Elizabeth Brumback** posted:

Dan and I send our thoughts and prayers to the Joiner family. We didn't know Miss Ann but know her very lovely, talented and thoughtful daughter Carla and son-in-law Tim along with their beautiful and intelligent granddaughter Anna. We are so sorry for your loss.

January 14 at 3:50 AM



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**Anonymous** sent a Multicolor Pastel Sympathy Basket to the JOINER family.



January 13 at 7:29 PM



**Bob And Janie Ross And Family** sent a Red Rose And Lily Floor Basket to the JOINER family.



January 13 at 8:06 AM



**Andrea S Lasseter** posted:

Phoebe and family, I am so sorry for your loss, and you have my prayers for grace and healing.

January 13 at 8:04 AM



**Pete Griffin** posted:

martha and I enjoyed many great times with ann, carl and their family over the years of friendship.  
pete griffin

January 13 at 7:29 AM



**Crystal Kirksey** posted:

I didn't know Miss Ann; however, I do know her daughter Phoebe. One's values, mores, and beliefs are often reflected in one's children. Miss Ann must have been a remarkable lady! My condolences to her family. Crystal Kirksey

January 12 at 4:29 PM



**Dennis Smith** posted:

Prayers for the families involved. I meet Carl jr in Swanee Georgia, beginning 2000. And new of the top this is real America families, thank you all and great blessings I've always gain with Carl jr, She's the mother with blessings of Carl Thank you Jesus, and all the rest of families members!  
Dennis Smith Grover Nc

January 12 at 2:27 PM



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**Jim Still** sent a Plants-A-Plenty to the JOINER family.



January 12 at 7:02 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Classic Sympathy Dish Garden to the JOINER family.



January 11 at 2:14 PM



**Richard And Valinda Wilson** sent a Classic Sympathy Dish Garden to the JOINER family.



January 11 at 10:40 AM



**Louann Nash** posted:

I was so glad to read this lovely obituary. I did not know Ann, but I know I would have loved her. I have come to love her daughter Phoebe and her granddaughter Alexis. She had a full life and is finally at rest. God bless her, and God bless all her family! LouAnn Nash.

January 11 at 9:40 AM



**Terri Carroll** lit a candle in honor of ANN.

Phoebe, JB, Carl, Jimmy and Carla: I know you all will miss her greatly. She and Uncle Carl are so special to my family. When I was 6 years old my daddy died, your parents didn't hesitate to have my mama, brother and me move in with your family. We were there about a year until mama felt strong enough to be out on her own. That's how much your parents valued family ties. I love them very much and am sad that this last precious aunt has been called home. But, she is in her eternal home with our Lord and I praise The Lord for knowing it. I will keep you all in my prayers for comfort as you learn daily life without her. Much love, Terri Duke Carroll



January 11 at 9:23 AM



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**Gayle, Frank And Brandon Borah** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Gayle, Frank and Brandon Borah Byron, Ga 31008

January 11 at 9:12 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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