



Joan Adkison

November 27, 1942 - September 24, 2024

Joan Frankie (Dorman) Adkison “Joni” went to be with her Lord on September 24, 2024, with family at her side. Joan lived courageously for many years with pulmonary hypertension. She was born in Tallahassee, Florida, on November 27, 1942.

Joni was a Jesus lover, devoted wife and mother, and wonderful teacher. Joni’s love for Jesus was evident to everyone. When Joni entered a room, she brought in the light of Jesus—her smile shined, and her voice exuded joy. She trusted God no matter what she faced. Her Bible was her consistent travel companion. Joni had the heart of a missionary. Although she never traveled to a foreign country, Joni supported several ministries who did mission work. Her mission field was the local area, and she never missed an opportunity to share her love for Jesus with strangers and friends. Joni knew her purpose in life. She sang with children at daycare centers and church, using puppets and her guitar. Her primary focus was to teach them about Jesus’ love. However, she also wrote several songs to teach preschoolers their numbers, colors, and phonics. She developed “Rainbow of Treasures” which was a game and songs to teach children. Parents often grew tired of the songs, but the children never did. Joni was not forgotten by these children as they grew into adults. When they saw her in town, they would greet her and say how much they enjoyed learning from Joni’s songs. She achieved her lifelong goal of singing with the church children until she went to be with Jesus. Joni enjoyed time

with family, friends, and her goats and donkeys. She loved being a mother to her children even calling their spouses her “children”. Her favorite day to celebrate was a person’s birthday. She always sent a birthday card or gift; it might be late, but it was not missed. To Joni, Christmas was Jesus’ birthday—nothing more, nothing less. She started a Bible Barnyard where each animal had a name and story from the Bible. She would entertain children at her barnyard, all the while sharing Jesus. Joni’s animals entertained her, and she saw God’s handiwork in each of them. Joni was loved by many and will be missed by the countless lives she touched. Our family wish is that the love and joy Joni showed will fill your heart today and always.

Joni is survived by husband Michael Adkison; children William Kemp (Beverly), Jonas Kemp (Theresa), and Lisa Meeks (Finch); grandchildren Kristin Kemp, Kyle Kemp (Stephanie), Katelyn Snow (Nathan), Troy Kemp, McKenzie and Tyler Meeks; her great grandchildren Kaydance Hammett, Nora and Alice Kemp, Ridge Snow; many relatives and friends. Joni was preceded in death by her parents Frank and Juanita Dorman and son Clay Kemp.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Pulmonary Hypertension Association at phassociation.org (<http://phassociation.org/>)

Her funeral will be held at Seminole Baptist Church on Saturday, October 12 with visitation starting at 10:00 a.m. and service beginning at 11 a.m. Interment will be held at Oakland Cemetery, Tallahassee FL following service.

Cemetery Details

Oakland Cemetery

Bronough Street
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **12**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Seminole Baptist Church
3330 Misson Road
Tallahassee, FL 32303

Funeral Service

OCT **12**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DF

“ I had the honor of knowing Joni and listening to her beautiful voice, watching her share her many gifts and talents and learning from her as she taught children about the love of Jesus. She was always happy and smiling. Telling others about Jesus was a passion. I can still see her smile and she will be missed tremendously by all who knew her. She definitely taught me a lot and was a Godly role model to me and many others. Well done is what I'm sure Jesus said to her when He welcomed her home!!”

Debbie Fell - October 12, 2024 at 06:29 PM

BK

“ Joan a mothers love is forever! Remembering you and the love you had for our Three Boys. Respectfully, Billy Kemp



Billy Kemp - October 11, 2024 at 09:09 PM

LH

“ Joni was a best friend for over 34 years and always greeted people with an uplifting voice and smile! Jesus was her main topic and when I was teaching at a local elementary school in the 90's she asked me to speak to my principal about doing a Christian puppet show for the kids. After receiving the approval we held 3 shows for 1200 children that day! Joni always let the light of Jesus shine through her and she was an absolute child magnet!! She is greatly loved and missed but I know she's singing and dancing in heaven!

Linda Hendrickson - October 10, 2024 at 06:30 AM

SR

“ *Joni was such a sweet, God loving lady. She will be missed by many. Praying for peace and comfort for her family. Treasure your sweet memories.*

Sheila Rayborn - October 07, 2024 at 08:19 PM

KC

“ *I'm 42 and I have the worse memory, I can't remember what I did yesterday but I remember my pre-k teacher Mrs. Joni!! She was literally the best teacher and one of the best people I ever met! Singing our Bible songs with her guitar, the treasure box and she introduced me to pink iced donuts! Lol she was so gentle and kind ❤️ I will never forget her! And my mom worked there in the baby nursery and even though Mrs. Joni knew I wasn't going to the bathroom and I was going to escape to my mom's room lol She still would let me go because I was a crybaby probably but mostly she was so compassion, patient and merciful! She was a woman of God's own heart! I know you are singing with the angels and Jesus right now 🙌🙌 I pray He Lets me sing with you when I make it up there and maybe even let us have another pink iced donut! Lol I love you Mrs. Joni!*

Kristina Clemons - October 07, 2024 at 07:12 PM

MJ

“ *Joan was always a very special cousin, always loving the Lord and her family.*

Mary Revell Joiner - October 07, 2024 at 02:58 PM