



## Mrs. Joan Ayers Maginnis

February 15, 1956 - August 18, 2019

Teresa Joan (Ayers) Crumley Maginnis passed away on Sunday, August 18, 2019 after a valiant fight against Stage IV Ovarian Cancer. Her will to live and the faithful prayers of her family and friends carried her through two years of grueling Chemotherapy.

Joan was born in Athens, GA, to Mattie Jean and JD Ayers on February 15, 1956. She was the affable, peacemaking middle child of six children. Her brothers and sisters- Steve, Debbie, Dale, Marty and Jenny still live with their spouses in Georgia.

Throughout her life she always maintained hallmark characteristics of compassion and nurturing love, complemented by a contagious smile, joyous laugh, and a sweet demeanor that won the hearts and trust of many. It was not uncommon for complete strangers to approach her and share surprisingly private details of their lives- her encouragement and words of affirmation will be remembered forever.

After graduating from Banks County High School, she married Donald Branson Crumley. Together the happy couple had two daughters, Deonn Brooke Crumley and Brittany Kala (Crumley) Sammons. Donald Crumley passed tragically in November 1984. Joan had a quiet, resilient strength forged by her unfaltering love of family.

Joan married Stephen Kee Maginnis in July 1986, welcoming Stephen Kee Maginnis, Jr. and Alexander Woodrow Maginnis as family. They raised their blended family in Matthews, NC.

She was a devoted wife, beloved mother, and Godly example of sacrificial love.

Her surviving family members include:

Husband of 33 years: Stephen Kee Maginnis

Mother of 4 Children & Their Partners: Deonn Brooke Crumley Baker, Brittany Kala (Crumley) and Jeffrey Sammons, Stephen Kee Maginnis, Jr. and Rita Ciaccio, and Alex and Chrissy Maginnis

Grandmother to 5: Reagan Baker, Dylan Maginnis, Briggs Maginnis, Keenan Maginnis, and Reynolds Maginnis

Immediate family: Mother, Mattie Jean Ayers; 2 Sisters and Partners: Debbie and Ronnie Vaughn, Jenny and Roger North; 3 Brothers and Partners: Steve and Carol Ayers, Dale and Debbie Ayers, and Marty and Kelly Ayers

In-Laws: Carolyn and Jolly Crumley

Joan is blessed to be survived by many extended family members, including: cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Visitation will be held at Little-Ward Funeral Home in Commerce, GA on Tuesday night from 5-8 PM. There will be a Funeral Service held at the chapel of Little-Ward Funeral Home lead by Pastor Jerry Payne on Wednesday, August 21st at 3:00 PM.

Graveside Service will be held at Bethany Christian Church in Homer, GA.

Pallbearers include: Nerick Rylee, Dee Rylee, Trent McClure, Blakley Crumley, Jamie Ayers and Jordan Posey.

The family is deeply grateful for the outpouring of love, prayers, and support in many heart-felt forms from too many people to name individually.

Little-Ward Funeral Home, Commerce is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Bethany Christian Church Cemetery

312 Historic Homer Hwy  
Homer, GA 30547

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 20.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Little-Ward Funeral Home  
115 State Street  
Commerce, GA 30529  
(706) 335-3175  
[lwfh@windstream.net](mailto:lwfh@windstream.net)  
<https://www.little-wardfuneralhome.com/>

## Service

**AUG 21.** 3:00 PM (ET)

Chapel of Little-Ward Funeral Home  
115 State St.  
Commerce, GA 30529

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Joan Ayers Maginnis*

October 09, 2023 at 05:17 AM



“ *Sorry to hear about Joan. She was a friend and classmate. I missed the services but I'm praying for the family*

**bobby Whitlock** - August 22, 2019 at 01:58 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Joan Ayers Maginnis.*



August 20, 2019 at 04:29 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Joan Ayers Maginnis.*



August 20, 2019 at 01:51 PM

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“ Sending our deepest condolences for the loss of your dear wife.  
Keeping your family in our prayers during this difficult time.  
Andy and Nancy Alexander  
Alltel

Nancy Alexander - August 20, 2019 at 01:32 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for  
the family of Mrs. Joan Ayers Maginnis.



August 20, 2019 at 12:53 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of Mrs. Joan Ayers Maginnis.



August 20, 2019 at 12:18 PM

BZ

“ Blake & Sarah Zemp purchased the Beautiful in  
Blue for the family of Mrs. Joan Ayers Maginnis.



Blake & Sarah Zemp - August 20, 2019 at 12:12 PM

BP

“ *Bob Plunkett lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joan Ayers Maginnis*



Bob Plunkett - August 20, 2019 at 12:07 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Joan Ayers Maginnis.*



August 20, 2019 at 09:16 AM



“ *Joan was a very special person and I treasure my memories of her from our time together at BCHS. Her smile and her presence could light up a room. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.*



Vickie Duffourc - August 20, 2019 at 04:26 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Joan Ayers Maginnis.*



August 19, 2019 at 08:56 PM

TM

“ My prayers and love are being sent to the family. Joan was the sweetest, most caring person I've ever known. She was a wonderful friend full of life and joy. She made everyone she met feel special. She was a dear friend. I have so many precious memories. I loved her and know she is making heaven a little brighter now.

Tabor McCoy - August 19, 2019 at 06:41 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Joan Ayers Maginnis.



August 19, 2019 at 06:39 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Joan Ayers Maginnis.



August 19, 2019 at 04:54 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Joan Ayers Maginnis.



August 19, 2019 at 04:46 PM





“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Joan Ayers Maginnis.*



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August 19, 2019 at 04:44 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Joan Ayers Maginnis.*



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August 19, 2019 at 04:22 PM



“ *Words cannot express how much she will be missed. We are sending love and prayers. She always had a smile and a hug to share. Rest Easy.*

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**Rita Ciaccio** - August 19, 2019 at 04:15 PM



“ *Dear Deonn and family,*

*Please accept my most heartfelt condolences in the loss of your Mom / Grandmom / sister / aunt / mother-in-law. You will be in my thoughts and prayers for weeks to come. May you be provided strength, comfort and courage during this very difficult time. Hugs, LaVonda Huskey, ScanSource co-worker*



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**LaVonda Huskey** - August 19, 2019 at 03:46 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Joan Ayers Maginnis.*



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August 19, 2019 at 03:24 PM



“ *Donna F Edwards lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joan Ayers Maginnis*



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**Donna F Edwards** - August 19, 2019 at 03:08 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My deepest sympathies to the family. From her picture shown, she still had that pretty smile I remember she had when she was young. God Bless.*

*Annette Marlowe Ayers*

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**Annette Marlowe Ayers** - August 19, 2019 at 02:52 PM



“ *Wanda McKie Compton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joan Ayers Maginnis*



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**Wanda McKie Compton** - August 19, 2019 at 02:50 PM

AN

“*Joan was such a kind and thoughtful woman. I will truly miss her warm smile and joyous laughter.*”

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**Ashlyn Neeley** - August 19, 2019 at 02:44 PM

DM

*Steve and family, my deepest regards. Seems only yesterday when you became a couple in Commerce. Remember those precious memories.*

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**D. Jean Mize** - August 20, 2019 at 09:35 AM