



Joan Collins Townsend

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Joan Collins Townsend, a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and community servant, passed away on July 13, 2025, at the age of 87.

Born on April 4, 1938, to Harold Collins and Omeda (Taylor) Collins, Joan was a lifelong resident of Sussex County, Delaware. She graduated from Lord Baltimore High School in 1956 and went on to attend Goldey-Beacom College in Wilmington. Throughout her life, Joan embraced a strong work ethic and an equally strong sense of community.

Joan's diverse talents were reflected in the many roles she held during her lifetime—from raising chickens and substitute teaching at her alma mater, to working at the Delmarva News. However, her most notable and longstanding contribution came through her 30-plus-year career with the United States Postal Service, faithfully serving the Ocean View and Bethany Beach communities.

In her free time, Joan enjoyed completing word find puzzles and making trips to the slot machines, finding joy in both quiet reflection and spirited fun.

Joan is preceded in death by her parents and her brother, E. Wayne Collins. She is survived by her loving husband, Gerald Townsend; her brother, Gene Collins; her two sons, Mack Townsend (Sandra) and Marvin Townsend (Kelly); her grandchildren, Austin Townsend, Jamie Townsend, and Kara Funkhouser; her three great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, all of whom brought great joy to her life.

A graveside service will be held in Joan's honor on Tuesday, July 22nd at 11:00 a.m. at St. George's Cemetery in Clarksville, Delaware.



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In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to St. George's Church in her memory.

** Florists - Please deliver floral arrangements on Monday, 7-21-25 by 4 PM




Events


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Graveside Service


 **Tuesday**, July 22, 2025

 11:00 AM ET

 **St. George's Cemetery**
34337 Omar Rd, Frankford DE 19945



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Tribute Wall

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LH

Lynn Hoyle lit a candle in honor of Joan.

I actually do not remember how we met. I was about 12 years old. Joan, Gerald and their sons, Mack and Marvin, all road motorcycles. I too was a bike enthusiast. They lived one house over where I grew up. My cousin, Allison and other neighbor Ellen all had bikes. The gang would go over to Joan and Gerald's after school, weekends and everyday during the summer. They opened their arms and considered us as their family. We went to the drive-in, racetrack, Ocean City etc. I considered Joan and the family as my own. I loved her so very much. I will miss her terribly. Rest my beautiful friend. Go eat some seafood with mom and dad. Love you forever.

July 18 at 10:12 PM



BS

Bob And Sandy Simpler sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Townsend family.

July 18 at 4:29 PM



BH

Barb & Harold/Scott & Connie/Kris & Hank sent a Lavender Reflections Spray to the Townsend family.

July 15 at 12:48 AM



BH

Barb & Harold/Scott & Connie/Kris & Hank planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Joan.

July 15 at 12:48 AM





Memories only last if you share them

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



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