



## Joan Lucille Cowan

April 21, 1936 - February 18, 2021

Joan Lucille Cowan, 84, of Bartlesville, died Thursday, February 18, 2021 in Bartlesville, OK.

Joan was born the youngest and baby of four children of Benjamin Franklin and Vera Jo (Griffith) Stubblefield on April 21, 1936, in Denison, TX. She was raised in Bristow, OK. Her brothers were quite a bit older than Joan but she worshipped her big sis Ladean who was six years older and Joan was always a loving and adoring 'lil sister. Ladean didn't always feel so lucky that her younger sister was constantly ready and willing to do everything with her, such as going on Ladean's dates and even sharing the same set of friends.

When Joan was asked how she meet Doc, she referred to a Valentines note he wrote to her. "In the summer of 1945 I first saw this little nine-year-old redhead in pigtails and shorts riding a bike. She lived next door to my aunt. On this day I was sitting on the front porch of my aunt's house and I heard a child's voice saying "Mister". Since I was only 12 years old, I didn't pay any attention. Again I heard this voice, much louder: "Mister, would you fix my chain?" No one else was around so I realized that at 12 years old I was being called "Mister" so I fixed her bicycle chain back on its sprocket. She's been pulling my chain ever since." The saying goes that "knowing is half the battle" – in time, after Doc won Joan's heart, they were united in marriage on March 8, 1953.

Just two weeks after their wedding, Doc reported to duty with the U.S. Army. After basic training he was stationed at Ft. Bliss, Texas, where Joan joined him as a newbie military spouse and became a devoted Army wife. After Doc's honorable discharge they returned to Bristow, then on to Wichita, KS, for six years, before settling in Santa Maria, CA, for the next 30 years, where they raised their three children who were all born five years apart.

During their time in Santa Maria, Joan was very active for many years with the Nazarene Church. There, Joan worked before retiring as supervisor and Certified Surgical Technician from Marian Medical Center after 16 years of service. Joan and Doc relocated in 1994 to Grove, OK, and on to Bartlesville in 2005, where they attended the First Wesleyan Church.

Joan's passions in life were watching ice skating, social gatherings and playing board games. Joan liked to joke that once she gets to heaven she'd take up ice skating and Doc is going to receive a hand mirror and a hairbrush! Together Joan and Doc enjoyed traveling, taking cruises and several memorable trips to Hawaii. Most of all Joan was a loving mother who loved caring for her family and her home. She will be dearly missed by her family and friends.

Joan is survived by her husband of 68 years Doc; three children, Deborah Ann (Ron) Butterfield, Ronald Eugene Cowan, all of Santa Maria, CA, and Robert Michael Cowan of Santa Rosa, CA; Ladean Chambers of Belaire, KS; two grandchildren, Ryan Butterfield, Brianne (Scott) Keighley; and five great grandchildren: Cole, Jordan, Scarlett, Charlie and Paige.

Joan was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Franklin Lynn Stubblefield and Lloyd Griffith Stubblefield.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 27, 2021, at the Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory – Walker Brown Chapel, 918-333-7665, 4201 Nowata Rd, Bartlesville, with Pastor Dan Denison officiating.

Services are under the direction of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory – Walker Brown Chapel. Online condolences and remembrances may be shared at [www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com](http://www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com).

THE FAMILY RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT MASKS BE WORN AT THE SERVICE.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

FEB 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory - Walker Brown Chapel  
4201 Nowata Rd  
Bartlesville, OK 74006  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joan Lucille Cowan*



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**Davis Family Funeral Home** - February 26, 2021 at 11:40 AM

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“ *Joan was a caring and sweet lady at the Nazarene church in Santa Maria. She will be missed by so many. We are praying for the family during this hard time ,but knows she is having a great time skating right into heavens gates. Love, The Barnard's and Newmans*

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**Karen Newman** - February 24, 2021 at 10:33 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Joan Lucille Cowan.*



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February 23, 2021 at 11:58 PM

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“ *Mary, with love and sweet memories. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Joan Lucille Cowan.*



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**Mary, with love and sweet memories.** - February 23, 2021 at 06:28 PM

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“ *Joan, you were always my little sister and have been since we were 9 years old. We shared many happy times and giggles and I will miss your phone call every birthday saying "Hi, older than me". even though I am only 10 days older. I will always miss you until we me in the home God has prepared for us. Look for me, I will be there. Love you always.*

*Mary*

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**Mary Keys** - February 23, 2021 at 05:26 PM

JD

“ *Joan, my precious friend, I will meet you in that beautiful city. Sure will miss our time together and laughing together. You meant so much to me. Loved your laugh, so be looking for me. Janelle Dayhoff*

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**Janelle Dayhoff** - February 21, 2021 at 07:05 PM

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“ *Joan, your smile and laugh will never be forgotten. Love you so very much and look forward to seeing you again someday soon around the Throne. Thank you for being such a good friend. Jim and Carol Tapp*

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**Carol Tapp** - February 21, 2021 at 05:48 PM