



Elizabeth JoAnn Moffitt

July 17, 1936 - August 22, 2025

Elizabeth JoAnn Bennett Moffitt was born July 17, 1936 in Ripley, MS to the proud parents, Tommie Auvern Bennett and Frances Grady Bennett. JoAnn was the first of six children born to this union. She was preceded in death by both her mother and father, her husband Billy Joe Moffitt, Sr., two sons: Billy Joe Moffitt, Jr., and Jeffery Lynn Moffitt; two sisters, Nancy Bennett, and Betty Bennett Burns, as well as one brother, Terry Bennett.

JoAnn is survived by one sister, Pat Tedford of Big Sandy, TN, as well as one brother, Tommy Bennett (Lea) of Ripley, MS.

Growing up in Ripley, JoAnn had the responsibility of working the family farm, and being the oldest child, she also was responsible for watching and caring for her younger siblings.

After graduating from Palmer School in 1955, JoAnn gained employment at the Shoe Factory in Ripley.

On December 24, 1955, JoAnn Bennett married Billy Joe Moffitt and to this union was born four children. She and her husband lovingly adopted two more children into their family.

JoAnn is survived by two sons: Steve Moffitt (Julie) of Southaven, MS, and Chris Moffitt of Baldwyn, MS. She is also survived by two daughters: Pam

Bowman (Jerry) of Ripley, MS and Amy Horne (Steve Jackson) of Southaven, MS.

JoAnn was blessed with eight grandchildren, all who knew her simply as “GeeGee”: Joe Bowman, Bozeman, MT; Ben Bowman (Jeanne Hatten), Jasper, GA; Kari Lahmon (Michael), Byhalia, MS; Andy Moffitt (Kim), Everett, WA; Natalie Cubbage (Shawn), Plano, TX; Jeffery Moffitt (Gabriella), Plano, TX; Hailey Rich (Dakota) of Southaven, MS; and Weston Horne, Mountain Home, AR.

She was further blessed with 13 great-grandchildren.

In addition to being a homemaker, JoAnn worked outside the home at the Kellogg plant in Memphis, TN. She was co-owner with her husband, Billy of Moffitt’s Automotive Service in Southaven, MS, and also TALL, Inc. trucking company. JoAnn also worked in the Entertainment Industry along with her husband on several major motion pictures.

JoAnn accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at a very young age and was baptized into the fellowship of Deentown Macedonia Baptist Church in Blue Mountain, MS. After marriage, she moved to Southaven, MS where she faithfully served First Baptist Church as a Sunday School teacher and was an active member of the Women’s Missionary Union (WMU). JoAnn eventually moved back to Ripley, MS to care for her ailing father, where she continued to serve her home church as a teacher and as WMU Director.

Elizabeth JoAnn Moffitt entered her final rest on August 22, 2025 surrounded by her loving family at the age of 89 years, one-month, and five days.

Pallbearers: Mac Bennett, Weston Horne, Steve Jackson, Michael Lahmon, Dakota Rich, Ben Bowman, Jeffery Moffitt, Bradley Tedford

Honorary Pallbearers: David Wayne Childers, Chris Moffitt, Andy Moffitt

Cemetery Details

Blue Mountain Cemetery

Blue Mountain, MS 38610

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **26**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

McBride Funeral Home, Inc.
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Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ *The Richardson family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Elizabeth JoAnn Moffitt.*



The Richardson family - August 25, 2025 at 04:08 PM

GR

“ *Ginger Rogers lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth JoAnn Moffitt*



Ginger Rogers - August 25, 2025 at 02:00 PM

PL

“ *Peggy Langley lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth JoAnn Moffitt*



Peggy Langley - August 25, 2025 at 01:29 PM

PL

Loved JoAnn and all the Bennett family. Spent many days and nights at their home. I have a lot of wonderful memories at their farm. Pat was a year older, we had our tonsils taken out as a TEAM. Best friends. Betty a year younger (RIP) she stayed with me in MEM on her college breaks every summer. Nancy (RIP) went with me to Denver for weeks. (still can't believe her Mom let her go) JoAnn was like a big sister, always slept with her at their home. Their Mother, Francis Grady Bennett, took a job at factory in New Albany. Terry (RIP) was her youngest son.

Granny & I babysat him every day while Aunt Francis worked. And will always remember my handsome cousin Tommy Bennett! So sorry for your loss, all the Bennett family. Wish I could be there to get that special hug from Tommy! Love all of you!

Peggy Langston Langleu - August 25, 2025 at 01:41 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth JoAnn Moffitt.



August 25, 2025 at 12:55 PM

RB

“ The quality of a persons life is most often judged by the character of their children and grandchildren. That beinng said.....WELL DONE, JoANN Moffitt!!! Well done!!!!

Richard Bradford - August 25, 2025 at 09:38 AM

DS

“ *Dr&Mrs Robert Smith & Hernando Smiles purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Elizabeth JoAnn Moffitt.*



Dr&Mrs Robert Smith & Hernando Smiles - August 24, 2025 at 08:29 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Elizabeth J. Moffitt.

August 23, 2025 at 02:42 PM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Elizabeth JoAnn Moffitt.*



August 23, 2025 at 02:42 PM



“ *Bright and Beautiful Spray was purchased for the family of Elizabeth JoAnn Moffitt.*



August 23, 2025 at 01:29 PM