



Mrs. Joanne Denny Starr

September 2, 1929 - February 2, 2026

Mrs. Joanne Denny Starr passed away on February 2, 2026, surrounded by her family.

Joanne shared her love for others—and for Christ—through a lifetime of service. She taught preschoolers in Sunday School at Royston Baptist Church for more than 50 years and served for decades as a Pink Lady at Ty Cobb Memorial Hospital, where she was known for her kindness and steady presence. She was also a faithful friend to many at Brown Health & Rehabilitation Center. Joanne quietly cared for others by providing meals, offering rides, listening with compassion, and praying for her family and friends by name every day.

She is survived by her son, Jim Starr (Chris); son-in-law, Ed Floyd; grandchildren, Alexa Starr (Brian), Angelyn Shelnut (Phillip), Graham Floyd (Cristen), and Truett Floyd (Morgan); great-grandchildren, Lane Shelnut, Camille Floyd, Robert “Bert” Floyd, Charlotte Floyd, Paisley Floyd, Eleanor Floyd, Henry Floyd, Clara Floyd, and Hannah Starr; sister, Pat Thornton (Don); nephews, David Thornton (Debi) and Matthew Thornton (Amy), and their children, Ethan, Sarah, Jenna, Jansen, and Ted. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Starr; parents, Lonnie and Clara Winn Denny; children, Judy Floyd and infant son, James David; and granddaughter, Elizabeth Starr.

A graveside service for Mrs. Starr will be held in the Rose Hill Cemetery at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 7, 2026. During other times, the family will be at their respective homes.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Just People, which supports independent living for adults with disabilities and was home to Joanne's granddaughter, Elizabeth Starr. Donations may be made at www.justpeople.org or mailed to PO Box 930037, Norcross, GA 30093.

Pruitt Funeral Home in Royston, GA is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Cemetery

Burch Street
Royston, GA 30662

Previous Events

Graveside Service

FEB 7. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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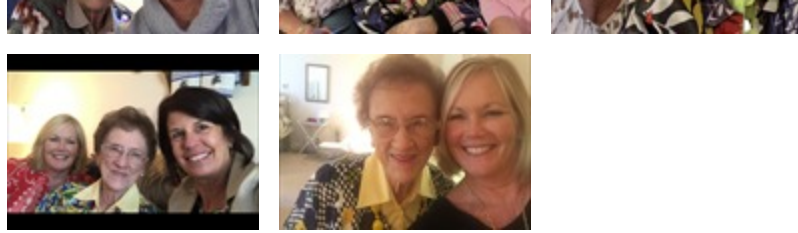
“ Sorry to learn of Joanne's passing. We have lost a Friend, a Mentor, and an example of faith, love, and friendship. She was always interested in and supported her classmates in their lives.
Rest in Peace, my dear.
Gwen Higginbotham Moore (Classmate)

Gwen Higginbotham Moore - February 07 at 09:49 AM

CA

“Joanne and I became fast friends when Chuck and I moved to Royston in 2004. She was my greatest encourager as we began a Women’s Bible Study in the Community room in Deerfield Subdivision. When the group began to grow in numbers and in faith, we moved to Royston Baptist Church. Joanne and I prayed together for our families, our church, and friends in need. We belly laughed about the silliest things and did ministry together. She came up with the idea of doing care baskets for anyone who needed a little ray of SON-Shine, they were each beautiful and unique. Some of these Joanne and I delivered in secret before daylight! Instigated by Joanne our group packed care packages for those in the military. Truett, and now his beautiful family were often in the forefront of her mind as he served our country. We sent scripture cards written and laminated to him when he first went over seas. She shared with me so much about her beloved Judy and Jim, (Jimmy as she always called him) that I felt like I knew them well! She was so proud of all of her grandchildren and her great grands . We prayed for them all and she prayed for me and mine. Joanne knows all my secrets !!! Because of our prayers, I felt like we were all extended family! I was fortunate enough to meet Elizabeth on several occasions at TJMaxx when we moved to the Alpharetta area. She was a JOY! After we moved away, our friendship remained as we talked on the phone almost weekly. Our most recent antic was we claimed being in our prayer room “together” at 5:30am. She always wanted to know when I saw the first break of daylight. Something we shared the last 6 months. The void I feel now is incredible! That tiny woman had the biggest heart of anyone I’ve ever known. She has blessed me beyond words, with her wisdom, her friendship, her positive attitude, and most of all her Love for Jesus which she expressed with her words and how she loved others! This I will always cherish, and I look forward to seeing her again! Thank you my JoJo for enriching my life by being a part of mine. I miss you already! “Love you Bestest”!





Chris Adams - February 07 at 08:18 AM

DB

“ *Mrs. Starr was such a lovely lady who exemplified Jesus. I had the pleasure of meeting her while she was a Pink Lady at Cobb Memorial Hospital. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.* ”

Deborah Bartlett - February 06 at 03:07 PM

SG

“ *Suzanne Greenway Gillespie sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Joanne Denny Starr* ”



Suzanne Greenway Gillespie - February 06 at 10:53 AM

RS

“ *Mrs Starr was a sweet and caring lady. She always asked how I was doing and inquiring about my family. Her presence will be missed at the Gables. She has impacted the lives of so many people.* ”

Regina Stowers - February 05 at 11:51 AM

LS

“ Mrs. Starr showed up at my Graduation in 1999 at Emmanuel College when I read a letter to my parents saying they could not attend because I was an International student. Mrs. Starr invited me to her home and shared the meal with me and a number of other friends multiple times. We shared stories and music, and always left with a fulfilled heart. I will greatly miss Mrs. Staff, who was the sweetest lady and my mother away from home. Such as a caring soul.

Leo Satara - February 05 at 09:58 AM

WH

“ Mrs Star was such a Godly woman. She put up with me many years in Sunday school classes when I was a little terror. Later when I surrendered my life to Jesus as teenager she was always an encouragement. All the years that my wife and I were missionaries in Honduras she was a prayer warrior on our behalf. Such a wonderful lady and follower of Jesus that was such a blessing to our lives and many others! Now she is rejoicing in the presence of her Savior and Lord!

Wesley Harris - February 05 at 08:17 AM



“ My deepest and sincere condolences to the family of Mrs. Starr ☐



Candy Rickett - February 04 at 11:48 PM

PH

“ Mrs Starr was one of the sweetest people I have ever known! I enjoyed helping her send lots of packages to I her children and grandchildren over the last 20 years. She always loved pretty stamps! Heaven gained a precious angel. I will never forget her!❤️
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Pam Hart - February 04 at 07:48 PM

LB

Mrs. Starr was a special lady at Royston Baptist Church when I lived there. I have thought of her often since moving to California. Heaven has a new angel to pray for her friends back in Royston. May God bless her family.

Linda m botts - February 06 at 01:10 AM

DJ

“ So sorry to hear this. My thoughts and prayers are with her family..🙏🙏



Diana Johnson - February 04 at 12:38 PM

JM

“ Jim and Ed and families. So sorry to hear of Joanne's passing. I have so many wonderful memories of the Starr family. Joanne was always so welcoming when Judy and I were spending time together. My prayers are with you.
Jean Massey Miller



Jean Miller - February 04 at 12:38 PM

XH

“ *In Loving Memory of Mrs. Joann Starr*

Mrs. Joann Starr went home to be with our Lord last night. While our hearts grieve her absence, we give thanks to God for the precious gift of her life and the lasting impact of her faith.



God, in His perfect timing, placed Ms. Joann in my life as a dear friend and Christian mentor. Through many difficult seasons, her prayers carried me, strengthened me, and reminded me that I was never alone. She lived a life anchored in Christ—quietly faithful, deeply loving, and steadfast to the end.

Even in her final days on earth, Ms. Joann was still thinking of others. Her love, care, and unwavering faith shone brightly until her last breath. Her life was a living testimony of what it means to follow Jesus with humility, compassion, and perseverance. She did not just speak about faith—she lived it, leaving an example that continues to guide and inspire me.

I miss her terribly. Yet I grieve with hope, knowing that this farewell is only temporary. She is now in the presence of our Savior, where there is no more pain or sorrow. I take comfort in believing that she has already been reunited with my mom in heaven—a joyful meeting beyond words.

Ms. Joann’s legacy lives on through the lives she touched, the prayers she prayed, and the faith she modeled so beautifully. Until the day we meet again in heaven, I thank God for her life, her love, and her enduring witness to Christ.

“Well done, good and faithful servant.” (Matthew 25:23)

Xiaohong Hart - February 04 at 12:38 PM

EC

“ Evelyn Cress sent a virtual gift in memory of
Mrs. Joanne Denny Starr



Evelyn Cress - February 04 at 12:34 PM