



Joan Mabry Owen

April 22, 1933 - May 15, 2020

GARDEN CITY BEACH, SC—Joan Mabry Owen, 87, of Garden City Beach, SC, passed away Friday, May 15, 2020, at Tideland Health Rehabilitation Hospital in Murrells Inlet, SC.

Born Frances Joan Mabry on April 22, 1933, in Gaffney SC, she was the eldest child of Amos Lee and Frances Cornelia Cooksey Mabry.

Joan graduated from Harding High School, Charlotte, NC. She spent her high school summers at The Pad at Ocean Drive, Spivey's at Cherry Grove, and other dance spots in North Myrtle Beach, SC. She became an accomplished shagger and, in 1984, was inducted into the Beach Shaggers National Hall of Fame. She was always proud to visit her Hall of Fame star on the sidewalk of North Myrtle Beach. She was also a member of the Living Legends Association of OD/Grand Strand.

In addition to her parents, Joan was predeceased by her husband, Donald Alfred Owen, and stepdaughter, Donette Owen.

She is survived by: two daughters, Laura Ferguson (Eric) of Lake Norman, NC, and Lisa Sellers (Jim) of Murrells Inlet, SC; three grandsons, Trey Sellers, Devon Ferguson, and Taylor Sellers; two stepdaughters, Judy Schneider of Peachtree City, GA, and Joy Perry (Paul) of Conway, SC; four step-

grandchildren and four step-great grandchildren. Joan also leaves a sister, Linda Moore (Chuck) of Old Fort, NC, and a brother, Al Mabry of Garden City Beach, SC. Additionally, she leaves her “adopted” daughter, Cathy Byrnside of Surfside Beach, SC, and her fur baby, Sassy.

The family wishes to thank the caring staff at Tidelands Waccamaw Hospital and Tidelands Health Rehabilitation in Murrells Inlet, SC and the caregivers of Amedisys Hospice.

A private service will be held.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials in Joan’s memory be made to The Sanctuary Piano Fund, c/o Belin Memorial UMC (POB 528, Murrells Inlet, SC 29576) or the Hall of Fame Foundation (www.halloffamefoundation.org or POB 4070, North Myrtle Beach, SC 29597).

Tribute Wall

ME

“ Lisa and Laura,
I was so sad this morning to read Joan had passed away. I have many memories of spending times with Joan and both of you at horse shows and the beach. My heart is so sad now. It's never good to lose a loved one, especially a parent. Much love to you and your families.

Marcine Evans

Marcine Evans - May 22, 2020 at 04:00 PM

SP

“ Lisa and Family,
I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of your Mom. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.

Sally Peeples

Sally Peeples - May 22, 2020 at 09:50 AM

AE

“ Joan was always a ray of sunshine. A smile on her face and up for any adventure. She & Lisa were such an integral part of my horseback riding days. I will cherish those memories along with the Beach trips. Rest in peace dancing 🦊 queen 👑.

Alison and Marcine Evans.

Alison Evans - May 21, 2020 at 04:40 PM

SH

“ Aunt Joan was a beautiful and classy lady inside and out. So many wonderful memories! I wish to send you my heartfelt love, thoughts and prayers! I will be thinking of you especially today, Lisa, Laura and families.

Shari - May 21, 2020 at 12:07 PM

SJ

“ *Sandy Jeffcott lit a candle in memory of Joan Mabry Owen*



Sandy Jeffcott - May 21, 2020 at 10:25 AM

SJ

Many prayers and love

Sandy Jeffcott - May 21, 2020 at 10:26 AM

BB

Lisa & Laura - I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of your Mom. I will always remember our time at the lake and beach. Our prayers and thoughts are with you both and your family.

Barrett & Margaret

Barrett Bunker - May 24, 2020 at 12:45 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joan Mabry Owen.*



May 21, 2020 at 08:01 AM

FW

“ Liza & Family, so, sorry to hear about Joan passing....she, Don, and the rest of the old jitterbug buddies are having a ball. Loved Joan and all the fun times we all had back in the day at SOS & Lake Norman. May God comfort you all as you go through this loss.

Fran "Cakes" Webb

Fran Webb - May 20, 2020 at 12:49 PM

WY

Was so sorry to hear about Joan. The last time I had a lengthy conversation with Joan, we talked about her coming to NMB to SHAGATTACK. She said that her daughter could bring her up. She has been missed already because of her funny wit. Always enjoyed talking to Joan and Don. I'm sure the ones we lost before her, are glad to see her. So sorry for the loss of a funny lady.

Wanda Walker Yow

Wanda Yow - May 21, 2020 at 08:41 AM

NM

A great southern lady and a wonderful dance partner! Always smiling and witty. Miss all of the HOF dancers that have left us 🌈.

nick mathis - May 21, 2020 at 11:32 AM

DM

So sorry to hear about the passing of my sixth grade girl friend. Or at least I thought so.

We were in grammar school at Wesley Heights and also went to Harding High in Charlotte. We graduated together. The last time I saw Joan was at a high school reunion many years ago. She was always so popular all through our school years.

RIP Joan.

Don McDaniel

Don McDaniel - May 21, 2020 at 01:38 PM

JW

Joan always had a smile. She was an early inductee into Beach Shaggers HOF and loved being with these friends when she could attend events. I did not know she was ill or in the hospital . My sincere condolences to her family.

Jennifer Wattenbarger - May 23, 2020 at 07:09 PM

TE

Lisa, "adopted daughter" Cathy and family...I pray for your comfort and peace. What a beautiful tribute to a special lady.

Terri - May 24, 2020 at 11:49 AM

VW

A very kiind and friendly soul. My sincere sympathy to her family and many friends!!

Vivian Weaver - May 30, 2020 at 03:08 PM