



## Joan Southard

August 14, 1923 - June 25, 2013

Pawleys Island, SC

Joan Southard passed away peacefully on Tuesday, June 25, 2013 at the Tideland Community Hospice House. She was 89 years old. Born Merle Joan Moore on August 14, 1923, in Electra, Texas, and was the only daughter of T. Leo and Eva Battle Moore. She attended Texas Christian University at age 17 and graduated in three years with a double major in music and education.

Joan met and married the late L.G. "Bubba" Southard, Jr. in 1945 and having grown up in the oil production business with her parents, she and "Bubba" followed in their footsteps and pursued that career in Electra, Texas and Ada, Oklahoma. Joan prior to moving to Oklahoma taught school in Texas for three years.

In 1964, they moved to Washington, DC where Joan began a career in the Federal Government; first with Lyndon Johnson in the White House, then to the Embassy of Iraq. In 1966, she began a long, distinguished career serving as Chief of Staff to a succession of Congressmen, the longest term being with Rep. Delbert Latta of Ohio. In this position, she had the opportunity to travel extensively all over the world.

Joan retired in 1990 and moved to Pawleys Island where she and her husband had purchased property. She was a volunteer for many years at the Smith Medical Clinic, a member of Holy Cross Faith Memorial Episcopal

Church and she served for 10 years as President of the HOA at Salt Marsh Cove.

She was pre-deceased by her husband of 38 years. Survivors include her son, Lawrence G. Southard, III and his wife, Kris; her grandson, Lawrence G. "Bo" Southard, IV and his wife, Eloise and one great-granddaughter, Landon Glover Southard.

Special thanks go to the staff at Tidelands Community Hospice, The Lakes at Litchfield and Waccamaw Hospital. Memorial services will be held at Holy Cross Faith Memorial Episcopal Church on Thursday, June 27, at 3:00 p.m. She will be buried at Quantico National Cemetery in Quantico, VA, alongside her husband at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Smith Medical Clinic on Baskerville Drive in Pawleys Island and/or Tidelands Community Hospice at 2591 N. Fraser Street, Georgetown, SC 29440.

Goldfinch Funeral Home is handling all arrangements. On-line condolences can be made at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Service

JUN 27. 3:00 PM (ET)

Holy Cross Episcopal Church  
Pawleys Island, SC 29585

# Tribute Wall

BC

“ Kris and family, You are in my thoughts and prayers. Never easy to lose a mom and a grandmother. So glad that Joan got to meet Landon.

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**Bonnie Chandler** - July 03, 2013 at 11:13 PM

DS

“ Home at last ... a journey of many accomplishments and family treasures. God be with you as well as the family and friends that you leave behind on this earth. Rest in peace.

*Douglas Spainhour  
Pfafftown, NC*

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**Douglas Spainhour** - July 01, 2013 at 05:22 PM

MB

“ I extend my heartfelt sympathy to the Southard family. May those precious memories of your dear loved one Joan be foremost in your hearts and minds along with this wonderful promise that Jesus made at John 5:28,29. Again, my sincere condolences.

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**M B** - June 29, 2013 at 10:23 PM

JB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. May the outpouring of sympathy, the kind acts of friends and strangers, as well as your memories give you comfort to help you endure the days ahead. The Bible also offers comfort. “For God is near to those broken at heart. “ Ps 34:17,18. Our Creator promises that there will soon be a time when “death will be no more.” Revelation 21:4

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**J. Bell** - June 29, 2013 at 03:42 PM

SW

“ To the famiy of Joan Southard - We were deeply saddened to hear of Joan's passing. She was such a wonderful person, and came to our church services at the Lakes a good bit. She will be sorely missed. Please accept our heartfelt condolences.

*Rev. Tom & Shari Wooten*

*St Paul's Waccamaw United Methodist Church*

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**Shari Wooten** - June 28, 2013 at 02:45 PM

JS

“ Joan was a wonderfully strong, smart, talented, fun, and caring colleague and friend. I remember fondly my happy experiences with her in Washington, and visiting her at her home in Pawleys Island. She always was elegant, dignified, professional and yet truly interested in the welfare of others. I miss her already, and I am grateful to have been her friend.

*John Sparkman*

*Washington, DC*

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**John Sparkman** - June 26, 2013 at 08:40 PM

JC

“ I am so grateful to have had my life touched by you. As "dean" of the Ohio staff delegation I found you always to be firm, fair and great fun in all of our gatherings in and outside the halls of Congress. I will forever cherish the memories of our travels to all parts of the world...Taiwan, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Istanbul, Rome, Paris and the card games that you let me win every now and then.... Heaven will be better organized and much more fun with you at the gates checking everybody in and making sure all documents are in order. Thank you dear friend for everything. With love from your most ardent admirer, Jim Conzelman

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**Jim Conzelman** - June 26, 2013 at 07:57 AM

KL

“ Bubba, Kris and family - you are in my prayers. I did not know Joan but I know Kris and how she talked lovingly about her. Joan was quite a lady! God Bless you all. Karen Lilly



Karen Lilly - June 26, 2013 at 07:38 AM

RK

“ My condolences on your loss. I enjoyed knowing Joan and always admired her fiercely independent streak.  
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LM

Bubba Kris and family...Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time of loss. May God bring you all peace and comfort in these days of grieving. Charlie and Linda Muller

Linda Muller - June 26, 2013 at 09:02 PM

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*The Family of Joan Southard*

*We knew of Joan Southard through imprints made in her daughter, Chris Southard. The life of Joan Southard reflected in her family members bear witness to the serving nature of a woman who loved her Creator and His Creation. Rest now dear lady for God has a place for you in His Heavenly Kingdom. To the family, May God give you peace knowing your loved one has been lifted up to the throne of God ready for a renewed meeting with family and friends gone on before her.*

*Nancy and David Edwards - July 4 at 11:55 AM*

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**Rev. David Edwards and Nancy Edwards** - July 04, 2013 at 11:00 AM