



JoEllen A. Hardwick

May 9, 1942 - February 18, 2025

JoEllen Ausband Hardwick, age 82, of Conway, went to her eternal home on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, after an extended illness, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born in Conway, South Carolina on May 9, 1942, to Joe Hill Ausband and Vivien Leola Cox Ausband. She married her best friend and the love of her life, Gene A. Hardwick, on August 6, 1966, in Conway.

In addition to her parents, JoEllen is preceded in death by her brother, Jerry Cox Ausband; great-granddaughter, Hadleigh Grace Davis; and step-granddaughter, Mason McKinley Sellers.

She is survived by her husband; three children - Janet H. Cannon (Chris), Katherine L. Hardwick, and Jonathan A. Hardwick (Becky); three grandchildren - Derrick Cannon (Tiffani), Taylor Davis (Tony), and Allison Cannon (Dakota); two step-grandchildren - Justin Hyman and Hanna Sellers (Ethan); two great-grandchildren - Hudson Davis and Hailey Davis; four step-great-grandchildren, Kylan Smith, Brentley Alford, Konnor Alford, and Gracelyn Alford; and numerous in-laws, nieces and nephews.

During her life-long walk with Christ, she served in youth ministry at First United Methodist Church - Conway where she had been a member for most of

her life. More recently, she enjoyed leading a bible study with her peers at Pisgah United Methodist Church in Dog Bluff.

After graduating from Conway High School in 1960, JoEllen attended Winthrop College where she earned a degree in education. She taught in Horry County Schools most of her professional life. In the latter part of her career, she obtained a master's degree in library science from University of South Carolina - Coastal and became an elementary school librarian, where she spread the gospel of Dr. Seuss. After retiring from Horry County School District, Gene and JoEllen travelled extensively throughout the United States visiting national parks and monuments.

Other hobbies stemmed from her grandmother and mother's love for sewing and needlework. It became a life-long passion for her that she shared with her children, grandchildren, and friends.

She believed her greatest accomplishment was positively influencing her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, ensuring that her legacy would continue through the generations.

Friends and family will be received at Goldfinch Funeral Home in Conway on Saturday, February 22 from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Interment will be private.

Tribute Wall

SH

“ Jonathan, praying for you and your dear family. She loved her family and enjoyed encouraging others especially children. She will be greatly missed.

Steve Harrington - February 26, 2025 at 08:32 AM

DW

“ To Jo Ellen's Dear Family,
I just found out of my friend's passing. Sadness is filling my heart at the moment, but also a rush of great memories of my time with her at South Conway Elementary. I'm glad that I stopped in last summer to visit with her. We sat on her beautiful porch, talked about the North Carolina mountains, nature, her family, and her beautiful flowers scattered about. She was a lovely, smart Lady who taught me a lot of life's lessons. I love her. May she rest now!!❤️

Dale West - February 24, 2025 at 12:34 PM

DS

“ Debbie Smith lit a candle in memory of JoEllen A. Hardwick



Debbie Smith - February 22, 2025 at 08:51 AM

RS

“ Rhonda Sanders-Butler lit a candle in memory of JoEllen A. Hardwick



Rhonda Sanders-Butler - February 22, 2025 at 08:32 AM

CG

“ To Janet, Derrick, and Taylor...I offer my deepest and sincere condolences to you all for your loss. It's my loss also because JoEllen was a dear friend who gave me the pleasure of teaching her brilliant grandchildren. She truly loved her family and she made "Cliffird" even more fun. I shall never forget our talks and our friendship at South Conway Elementary.
I'll remember you always,
Carolyn Goodale

Carolyn Goodale - February 21, 2025 at 09:18 PM

DG

“ Dennis & Kay Graham lit a candle in memory of JoEllen A. Hardwick



Dennis & Kay Graham - February 21, 2025 at 06:57 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of JoEllen A. Hardwick.*



February 21, 2025 at 06:42 PM



“ *Lynn Fox lit a candle in memory of JoEllen A. Hardwick*



Lynn Fox - February 21, 2025 at 06:36 PM



“ *JoEllen influenced my life greatly with the sharing of Gods word and taking vacations together with our Church group.I will miss her greatly and our times together. Love you always my friend. Lynn Fox*

Lynn Fox - February 21, 2025 at 06:29 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of JoEllen A. Hardwick.*

February 21, 2025 at 06:05 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of JoEllen A. Hardwick.*



February 21, 2025 at 06:05 PM



“ *Elaine Sarvis lit a candle in memory of JoEllen A. Hardwick*



Elaine Sarvis - February 21, 2025 at 05:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of JoEllen A. Hardwick.*



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“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of JoEllen A. Hardwick.*

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“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *JoEllen A. Hardwick*.



February 21, 2025 at 11:10 AM



“ *Jackie Holt Shaw lit a candle in memory of JoEllen A. Hardwick*



Jackie Holt Shaw - February 21, 2025 at 11:10 AM