



Jo Ann Cole

December 5, 1931 - June 21, 2018

There will be a visitation Sunday June 24, five till seven p.m. at Wharton Funeral Chapel. Burial will be Monday June 25 at 10 a.m. at the Alva Cemetery with a memorial service at Wharton's at 2 p.m.

Jo Ann Scribner Cole, the only child of Lillian (Buckles) and Joe Scribner was born in Alva on December 5, 1931. Jo Ann was the granddaughter of homesteaders on both the Buckles and Scribner side, and was always very proud of her pioneer heritage.

As a child, Jo Ann helped with her parent's businesses and was driving a truck for their custom cutting at the age of 13. She also loved her parent's ranch northwest of Freedom and often talked of Whiteman, her favorite horse, who arrived in a boxcar of cattle shipped up from Mexico. Her parents, in partnership with her Aunt Verna (Scribner) Faulkner owned the Oklahoma Cigar Store. When the son of their cook, Ruby Cole, shipped off to the marines, Ruby suggested Jo Ann write him letters. That turned into a wonderful love story, lasting over sixty-six years.

Jo Ann and Kenney made their home in Alva. Kenney mostly worked for the Alva Police department, and Jo Ann became a homemaker. Like everything else she did, she excelled at it. Her flower beds were beautiful, her meals always would have made her home ec teacher happy, and she became an accomplished seamstress. She made fantastic formals and party dresses for her girls.

After the girls were grown and out of the house, she turned her talents to crafting. For years she and Kenney did the craft show circuit where she sold her beautiful fabric creations including dolls, purses, aprons, etc. She was often asked to participate in exclusive shows as far away as Branson and Kansas City Missouri. She founded the first craft show in Alva, a legacy that continues today.

After Kenney retired they bought their first motorhome and began traveling. In their motorhome they drove to 49 states. They flew to Hawaii to complete the list. The family often joked that if they could have loaded the motorhome on a ferry and taken it to Hawaii they probably would have. They enjoyed many trips with their friends and travel buddies, especially the Klines and the Browns. They enjoyed several weeks each summer in the mountains of Colorado and several weeks each fall in Texas, then off to Winterhaven, California to be a snow bird.

Jo Ann was active in many civic and volunteer activities. When the police department sponsored the Easter Egg Hunts, Jo Ann boiled and colored countless dozens of eggs. She was a Girl Scout as a child, and then became a Girl Scout Leader. She volunteered at the Cherokee Strip Museum and helped with the flower beds there.

Jo Ann was a member of the Petunia Unit of the Alva Garden Club Council from its founding in 1960 through the present. She served as club president several times and as Northwest District Garden Club president. She always took dozens of plants and arrangements to the Woods County Fair, along with jellies, pickles, quilts, and craft projects. She was always disappointed if anything didn't get a blue ribbon. Fortunately for her most of her entries did.

Jo Ann passed away Thursday June 21 at the age of 86. She is survived by daughter Virginia and her husband Jon David Toler of Belleville, IL, their two daughters, Victoria Lillian and husband Brian Uphoff of Seattle, WA. And daughter Ann Kathleen and husband Brian Neighbors, with their daughter Natalie, also of Belleville.

Also, daughter Susan and husband Dave Koontz of Alva and their daughters;

Allison Cole and daughter Lydia of Boulder CO and Sarah and Elliott Bates and daughter Aubrey Allison of Basalt Colorado.

Memorial donations may be made to Cherokee Strip Museum or Beadles Activity Fund.

Previous Events

Family Visitation

JUN **24.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wharton Funeral Chapel, LLC.
1302 W. Oklahoma Boulevard
Alva, OK 73717

Graveside

JUN **25.** 10:00 AM (CT)

Alva Municipal Cemetery
1698 Flynn Street
Alva, OK 73717

Memorial Service

JUN **25.** 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wharton Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Jo Ann Cole*



Wharton Funeral Chapel - June 23, 2018 at 05:54 PM

AK

“ *Jo Ann and Kenny we so loving and kind to me always treated me like family I never forget them,they showed me what true love was.*

Angela king - July 01, 2018 at 02:33 AM

ML

“ *I so respected Jo Ann! She always smiled and had a kind loving spirit. So sorry for your loss. Blessings to your family*

Marietta Lynch - June 26, 2018 at 08:22 PM

DC

“ *Just remembering the great times we spent with you girls and your wonderful parents! We love you and hope to keep in touch. Tom and D'Esta Crouch*

D'Esta Crouch - June 26, 2018 at 02:18 PM

VW

“ JoAnn was a very sweet and friendly person. We enjoyed seeing her pretty flowers and crafts. She was a very talented lady. I would sometimes walk down to her house when I lived on Sherman St. and she showed me her flowers and told about their travels. Our sympathy and prayers to all her family.



Virgil and Lavon Wiersig - June 26, 2018 at 10:54 AM

JF

“ I met Kenny and Jo Ann when they would eat lunch on Sunday at Yur Place in Hardtner, Ks. It was always a pleasure to see them and talk to them. They were made for each other and the nicest people. She was a grand lady. My sympathies to all of her family and friends. I will always remember Jo Ann and Kenny.

Jim Fallis

Jim Fallis - June 25, 2018 at 09:27 AM

KH

“ Was so sorry to learn about Jo Ann's passing. I loved your mother and your father. JoAnn was always so happy to see you and was just a wonderful woman and friend. I have such fond memories of her. It is so hard to lose your mom. Virginia & Susan - you have been such wonderful daughters, care givers and encouragers. Blessings on you and your families during this sad time. I am sorry I can't be at the service tomorrow but you all will be in my thoughts and prayers. With love, Kathy Kline Hampton

Kathy Hampton - June 24, 2018 at 05:44 PM

KH

What a wonderful video tribute.

Kathy Hampton - June 24, 2018 at 06:03 PM

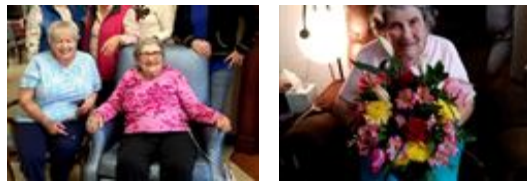
JG

SO SORRY, BUT REMEMBER THEY ARE TOGETHER AGAIN

JERRY & JUDY GERBAZ - June 26, 2018 at 03:57 PM



“ 2 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Wharton Funeral Chapel - June 23, 2018 at 06:55 PM

SL

“ *We couldn't have had better neighbors than JoAnn & Kenny! JoAnn had an amazing green thumb and could grow anything. I loved her flowers and looking at all her handy work at the County Fair. She would wave great big everytime she saw us. She was a special lady! Steve Lehr family*

Sheila Lehr - June 23, 2018 at 06:41 PM

SR

“ To Jo Ann Cole's Family,

There are no words to express how sorry we are for your loss. Jo Ann will truly be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

*God Bless,
Tom and Sherry Ramy*



Sherry Ramy - June 23, 2018 at 05:11 PM



“ 76 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Wharton Funeral Chapel - June 23, 2018 at 04:27 PM

LS

“ *Liz & Roger Uphoff , Stacy, Brett, Carol, & Cael Starr purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Jo Ann Cole.*



Liz & Roger Uphoff , Stacy, Brett, Carol, & Cael Starr - June 22, 2018 at 07:41 PM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jo Ann Cole.*



June 22, 2018 at 07:38 PM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. She was always so nice to me and always so supportive of you. She raised wonderful girls. Fond memories keep flooding my thoughts. Blessings to you.*
Cyndy

Cyndy - June 22, 2018 at 06:31 PM



“ *Many great memories of Jo Ann and Kenney! So lucky to be apart of this wonderful family! I will cherish the memories of all the Sew 'N Sews. We can rejoice in knowing Kenney and Jo Ann are together again. Love and Prayers. Jennifer, Mike, Drake and girls.*

Jennifer Scribner - June 22, 2018 at 01:33 PM



“ *Doug, Betsy, Zach and Kate Koontz purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Jo Ann Cole.*



Doug, Betsy, Zach and Kate Koontz - June 22, 2018 at 01:07 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jo Ann Cole.*



June 22, 2018 at 12:58 PM



“ *Sorry to hear about Jo Ann She was a wonderful lady and Harry and Norma thought the world of the Coles. I bet they are reminiscing about some of their adventures right now. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Annie and Darrell*

Darrell Kline - June 22, 2018 at 12:31 PM



“ *we had some really great times with joann ,kenny and the girls at the gulf...loved listening to the play their instruments and sing,share family history, and some good food...love and prayers to you all. jack, sandy, and john john*

sandra s scribner - June 22, 2018 at 12:08 PM



“ *Very sorry to hear of Jo Ann's passing. Her and Kenny are reunited again. May God be with you cousins.*



Jim & Cleo Scribner - June 21, 2018 at 08:12 PM