



## JoAnn Marie Waite

April 13, 1955 - October 3, 2025

JoAnn Marie Walker Waite was born in Elmira, New York on April 13, 1955, to the late Leland Edward Walker and Mary Ellen Hess Walker. She passed away with her family by her side on October 3, 2025, in Charlotte, North Carolina, after a courageous battle with cancer.

JoAnn leaves behind her devoted husband of 47 wonderful years, Robert "Bob" Joseph Waite; and their beloved children, Heather Waite, Candice Espiritu-Shaw (Dave), Gerald "Jerry" Waite, Stephanie Cowee (Rob), Joseph Waite (Kiley), Jennifer Waite (Maureen), Aaron Remson (Jaime), Peter Turcotte (Mónica) and Catherine Niemiera, along with her grandchildren, Tristan, Madelynn, Sofia, Keagan, Harper, and Noah. JoAnn shared a special bond with her siblings: Karen Vaughn, Deborah Harnas, Rose Klumpe, Nancy Personius, Mark Walker, Susan Spencer, and Bruce Walker, as well as numerous nieces and nephews, all of whom were deeply touched by her warmth and kindness.

But JoAnn's generosity, love, and nurturing nature extended far beyond her own family. She had a remarkable gift for making others feel welcomed, whether it was through her famous family recipe macaroni and cheese or by opening her heart and home without hesitation. She was also gifted with a green thumb and delighted in spending each Mother's Day by having her children join her in gardening. She was fondly known by all who met her for

being as sweet as the chocolate she so loved to enjoy.

The family will gather to celebrate JoAnn's incredible life on Saturday, November 8, 2025. Friends will be received from 12 PM to 2 PM at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home in Mooresville, NC. Following this gathering, a Celebration of Life service will be held in the chapel at 2 PM, with Eddie Karriker officiating.

In lieu of flowers, JoAnn requested donations of small carry-on suitcases to benefit Anderson Outreach, an organization that provides luggage to children in group homes and foster care. Suitcases may be brought to the service at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, or monetary contributions may be made online at [www.andersonoutreach.org](http://www.andersonoutreach.org).

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home and Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Waite family. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory

494 E. Plaza Drive  
Mooresville, NC 28115

# Previous Events

## Receiving Friends

NOV 8. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home  
494 E. Plaza Drive  
Mooresville, NC 28115

## Celebration of Life

NOV 8. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Chapel  
494 E. Plaza Drive  
Mooresville, NC 28115

# Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of JoAnn Marie Waite.*



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November 08, 2025 at 11:19 AM



“ *THE Heart To Heart Lodge #597 planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of JoAnn Marie Waite.*

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**THE Heart To Heart Lodge #597** - November 08, 2025 at 11:19 AM



“ *As her oldest sister I remember Joann as a sweet and thoughtful little girl who always made sure her stuffed animals had a place to lay down and sleep at night. As an adult that caring carried over to her taking in children who needed a home due to unfortunate life circumstances. I always admired and respected her for that and hope I told her. Joann also had a great sense of humor making her a joy to spend time with. I remember a time we were talking about dark floors and keeping them clean. She called the little particles you pick off the floor “snits”, and to this day I can’t see a “snit” on the floor without thinking of Joann. She was a wonderful person and will be forever in our ❤️ hearts.*

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**Karen Vaughn** - November 05, 2025 at 01:41 PM

MP

“ I will hold every moment I got to share with JoAnn “mom” in my heart forever. She truly was one of the most wonderful women I have had the pleasure of meeting, and always treated me like I was a part of the family. She will be missed dearly. ❤️

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**Miranda Palmer** - October 25, 2025 at 08:16 PM

HO

“ Your mom always treated me like a member of the family. She will forever be missed but never forgotten. My condolences to the entire waite family . Heather Baker



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**Heather O'Brien** - October 25, 2025 at 05:17 PM

DH

Never hard to find you sister. We just listen for the laughter. Not a frown in the room and you running around making sure everyone had all they needed. Thankful for our recent time at Seneca lake. I love and miss you dearly. Hugs and prayers sister.

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**Debbie Harnas** - November 06, 2025 at 05:00 PM