



## Joni Lynn Berry

January 24, 1961 - July 10, 2020

Joni Berry died after a terminal illness on Friday, July 10, 2020. She was the daughter of Forest and the late Peggy Berry of Valdese, NC. In addition to her father, she is survived by her loving partner, Cindy Adcock.

Born on January 24, 1961, Joni graduated from East Burke High School. An exceptional athlete, Joni was inducted to the East Burke Hall of Fame and went on to play basketball for the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. She remained an avid Carolina fan.

She started Lake Norman Transportation and grew it into an incredible business. She had great people working with her, Cindy, Tammy and Laurie. At Christmas Joni entertained her customers over the course of several days. She came home exhausted but also exhilarated.

Joni could have you laughing til your sides hurt. A quick wit and amazing story teller. St. Peter will forgive some of the language for a true appreciation of her

sense of humor.

A zealous dog lover, she and Cindy supported the Lake Norman Humane Society with more than just money. They brought dogs and cats from hurricane devastation to a safe new home; worked with pups at the shelter; and brought a fair share of them into their home. Through her support for Hospice, Toys for Tots and anonymous acts of kindness, many a child and family have been helped. Always thoughtful, she took her mom and dad to Cherokee for Christmas because that is what they wanted to do. Neighbors received vegetables from the garden and a call to come over and dance.

A customer of Lake Norman Transportation was in a golf cart accident and had amnesia. Joni went to see him and told him, "You know you are the luckiest man in the world because you got to meet Joni Berry twice in one lifetime." We all know that Joni was larger than life and there is a black hole in our universe. We wish she would come back so we could meet her twice.

Due to Covid-19, a celebration of Joni's life will be held at a later time. If you wish, please make a donation in her memory to Lake Norman Humane, PO Box 3937, Mooresville, NC 28117 or online at [www.lakenormanhumane.org](http://www.lakenormanhumane.org). Also visit <https://www.facebook.com/cindy.adcock2> to post a condolence or favorite "Joni story."

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the Berry family.

Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joni Lynn Berry*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Joni Lynn Berry*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Joni Lynn Berry*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *Joni was an out standing young lady, excellent student and an amazing athlete. I was very fortunate to get to coach Joni during her years at East Burke High. She was the hardest working athlete I have ever known. She made everyone better. I owe Joni the credit of my career as a coach. She made me better. She is missed. God bless you Joni. Rest in peace. Judy Kever*

**Judy Kever** - July 26, 2020 at 04:21 PM



“ *Judy Kever lit a candle in memory of Joni Lynn Berry*



**Judy Kever** - July 26, 2020 at 04:12 PM

MG

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Ted, and your family. Jim and Paulette Greene

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**Mrs. Paulette Greene** - July 22, 2020 at 11:22 PM

KG

“ I was sports editor of The News Herald in Morganton when Joni starred at East Burke High School. I've never forgotten the fire with which she played. Afternoons after work, News Herald colleague Charlie Atkinson and I would go over to East Burke and play 2 on 2 with Joni and her teammate, Angie Benfield. That was 40 or so years ago and it remains a great memory from long ago. I think they beat us more than we beat them. Blessings to her family and friends, I'm not surprised she went on to live a passionate life. Ken Garfield, Charlotte.

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**Ken Garfield** - July 20, 2020 at 11:14 AM

LB

“ I had the pleasure of being Joni's band teacher from the sixth grade to ninth grade. She was a good athlete, but she was also a pretty good trumpet player. Most of all, she was a good person, and her smile would light up the room. I remember the last day of school of her ninth grade year. She would be going to East Burke, and I would no longer be her teacher. She and Patricia dropped by my office to thank me for being their teacher and friend. Joni, I told you then and I'm saying it again, you were a very special girl. May God now hold you in His loving arms.

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**Leonard Brendel** - July 19, 2020 at 12:38 PM

JL

One of the sweetest beautiful souls I've met in a lifetime. Love and prayers for all her loved ones.

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**Joan Luquire** - July 20, 2020 at 11:03 AM

RY

“ *What can I say about Joni Berry? My memories of her spanned more than 40 years ago. I was young, an athlete, and I loved basketball. I grew up on the heels of JB, I watched her play throughout her career. She was fiercely competitive and she had such a love for the game. Women’s basketball was better because of Joni Berry. You might not have known it but I was a better athlete because you aspired me to push myself, to believe in myself, and to love the game like you did. For that I am thankful. RIP Joni*

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**Renee Yoder** - July 18, 2020 at 07:22 PM

DS

“ *Debbie Sturm lit a candle in memory of Joni Lynn Berry*



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**Debbie Sturm** - July 18, 2020 at 01:08 PM

RC

“ *Renee Cole lit a candle in memory of Joni Lynn Berry*



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**Renee Cole** - July 17, 2020 at 10:43 PM



“ Mrs. Fields Nibblers® and Brownie Bites Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Joni Lynn Berry.



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July 17, 2020 at 02:02 PM



“ In addition to being such a talented athlete, Joni was a beautiful lady, inside and out. It was my privilege to know her from high school and to also know her family. My deepest sympathies go out to all of her family and friends.

*Debbie Birchfield Sigmon*

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**Debbie Sigmon** - July 16, 2020 at 08:37 PM



“ Jr and Cindy we are all sorry for your loss. She was a spittin image of her mother and she will be missed. Her mom and dad are the best and i think the world of her daddy. Stay strong and i will be thinking of you in the weeks ahead. Take care cousin Robert Berry

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**Robert Berry** - July 16, 2020 at 12:00 PM



“ Robert Berry lit a candle in memory of Joni Lynn Berry



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**Robert Berry** - July 16, 2020 at 11:55 AM

JS

“ I am so sorry for your loss, Cindy! I wish I could heal your hurt right now. Hoping memories will soften the grief you feel, bringing comfort & peace day by day. Joni sounds like a fabulous one-of-a-kind person. Much ALOHA to you, my friend! 😊

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**jeanne stacy** - July 16, 2020 at 10:39 AM

PF

“ Paul Springer and Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Joni Lynn Berry.



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**Paul Springer and Family** - July 16, 2020 at 10:11 AM

MM

“ I always looked forward to seeing Joni during her annual luncheon sponsored by Lake Norman for the staff at Alliance Plastics (during the Holiday season). She would lunch with the staff and share stories that made the entire room light up with laughter. Her friendly personality was infectious and always expressed kindness to everyone. She will be missed.

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**Monique McGhee** - July 16, 2020 at 05:56 AM

CN

“ LIVE.LAUGH.LOVE. Joni did all three and inspired those around her to do the same. Rest In Peace #24.

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**CL Newnam** - July 15, 2020 at 11:03 PM

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“ If you ever met Joni, you would never forget her! We should all aspire to live joyously the way she did. RIP JB. Love U 4ever.

“Prille” - July 15, 2020 at 07:23 PM

JB

“ I can't believe Joni hired me - during my interview, I ended up in tears simply because I couldn't understand anything Joni was saying - my yankee thoughts were that North Carolinians spoke slowly - - - well not this beautiful lady from Valdese! :)

Joan Benner - July 15, 2020 at 07:00 PM

GS

“ I haven't seen Joni in many years, but I've never forgotten her big smile and forever-positive attitude. My deepest condolences go out to Cindy, her dad Forest, her family, and her many friends. She always made everything seem better and effortlessly exhibited traits most people just aspire to. Her spirit and love of life will be missed by all who were lucky enough to have known her. She made a difference in this world...

Greg Smith - July 15, 2020 at 06:41 PM

LM

“ I went to high school with Joni. I sat between her and another friend in a class. The other friend asked me one day, hey, I thought you were dating so and so. I said yes I was but I went to a party and he was making out with someone else. (Long time ago folks) The gal asked me who and I said Joni. We all laughed our asses off! I lost touch over the years but I've always thought of her as so cool and strong!

Leslie Martin - July 15, 2020 at 06:33 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joni Lynn Berry.*



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July 15, 2020 at 02:45 PM



“ *Susan DePalma-Spivey lit a candle in memory of Joni Lynn Berry*



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**Susan DePalma-Spivey** - July 15, 2020 at 02:14 PM

MP

*Joni was one of my dearest friends starting in the fifth grade ..I loved her dearly..Mickey Poteat*

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**Michael Mickey Poteat** - July 15, 2020 at 08:58 PM

JA

“ *It has been a while since I saw Joni, but I'll always remember the spark she brought to Carolina basketball. My thoughts and prayers are sent to Cindy, Joni's family and close friends as they mourn a life cut way too short.*  
*Jackie Allison*



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**Jackie Allison** - July 15, 2020 at 12:03 PM

ST

“ *Spencer Gifts Transportation Team purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Joni Lynn Berry.*



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**Spencer Gifts Transportation Team** - July 15, 2020 at 11:28 AM

AW

“ *Annette Williams lit a candle in memory of Joni Lynn Berry*



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**Annette Williams** - July 15, 2020 at 11:11 AM

AC

“ *American Converting purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Joni Lynn Berry.*



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**American Converting** - July 15, 2020 at 10:46 AM

HM

“ There are some people that are blessed with a special gift inside of them that just illuminates brightness onto all of those around them. Joni was blessed with that special gift. It didn't matter how bad of a day you were having, how frustrated you were, if you were lucky enough to have a conversation with her, you were instantly taken to a better place. Her infectious humor always could make you laugh on your worst day. She was a truly beautiful person, both inside and out, and she will be so very missed. Sending all of the love, strength, and everything else I can to Cindy, her family, and all of the wonderful ladies at Lake Norman Transport.

Heather McMahan - July 15, 2020 at 10:24 AM

BW

“ The world is a little less bright without her here. Period. At first, I was gonna say without her smile or sense of humor...but that wasn't it. It was all of her. It was everything she embodied. Joni was the Ultimate Light. You could sense her joy and goodness and her heart. Joni was GOLDEN. I miss her so much and I know I always will. My heart goes out to Cindy and her family. I wish you all peace and love and that beautiful light...Joni is a true example of the absolute best things in a human being. I feel blessed to have been given the chance to know her...even if it was just for a little while. I will hold her inspiration close to my heart always.

Brandi Watts - July 15, 2020 at 10:08 AM

AM

“ Anne and Gordon Mackenzie purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joni Lynn Berry.



Anne and Gordon Mackenzie - July 15, 2020 at 08:03 AM

AM

“ *Hard to believe that a woman who was always so full of life and laughter is gone. She will be greatly missed. Much love to Cindy and her family* ❤️

amy - July 15, 2020 at 01:39 AM

SU

“ *Susan lit a candle in memory of Joni Lynn Berry*



susan - July 14, 2020 at 08:19 PM

RK

“ *Randy & Joan Kerr lit a candle in memory of Joni Lynn Berry*



Randy & Joan Kerr - July 14, 2020 at 07:01 PM

DS

“ *Hard to find words BIG enough to describe Joni and her impact in this world and on anyone who had the pleasure & honor to know her. Much love to Forrest, Cindy and the entire Village Family! Much love, Deb*



Deb Schaefer - July 14, 2020 at 06:24 PM

KB

“ *Joni will always hold a special place in my heart and soul. Her infectious smile and laughter cannot be replaced. She will forever be missed and loved!* ”

Karen Brown - July 14, 2020 at 06:00 PM

PD

“ *Pam and Pam2* ”



Pam Daniels - July 14, 2020 at 05:36 PM

PD

*Lit a candle in Joni's Memory.*

Pam Daniels - July 14, 2020 at 05:37 PM

RC

“ *Roger And Coy lit a candle in memory of Joni Lynn Berry* ”



Roger and Coy - July 14, 2020 at 05:31 PM

SM

“ *Susan And Margie lit a candle in memory of Joni Lynn Berry* ”



Susan and Margie - July 14, 2020 at 04:52 PM