



## Joan Wallace

September 24, 1933 - January 21, 2024

Mrs. Joan Wallace, beloved aunt and a wonderful piano teacher, passed away peacefully on January 21, 2024 in Kaufman, Texas. Joan was born on September 24, 1933 in Myrtle Springs, Texas to Other Thomas Keese and Della Frances Keese, both of whom preceded her in death along with her beloved husband Thurman Alexander Wallace and sisters, LaRue Belcher and Mildred Thomas.

Joan was a wonderful piano teacher and imparted the love of playing piano into each of her students; many of her students still remember fondly her tender way of teaching and inspiring others. When Joan was not teaching, she was putting her hands to good use by crocheting. After making many wonderfully crocheted items, she would lovingly give them away so that she could pass the blessings along to others. Of all the things that meant so much to Joan, her priorities were always God, family and friends.

Left to carry on Joan's love are her niece, Regina Cantrell and husband Owen great nieces and nephews: Michael Fruin and wife Laura, Rhonda Blackburn and husband Pat, and Janell Hoedebeck and husband C.C.. Also left to carry on her legacy are her great-great nieces and nephews, Monica, Jacob, Hillary, Hannah, Cristelle and Haydin and great-great-great nieces and nephews: Aria, Kora, Lawson, Delilah, and Cale. The peanut butter crackers shared with Aunt Jo will be missed but not forgotten.

Funeral services are scheduled for Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at Max Slayton Funeral Chapel, Terrell, Texas beginning at 10:00 a.m. There will be a private burial at Oakland Memorial Park.

# Cemetery Details

## Oakland Memorial Park

1000 W. Moore Avenue  
Terrell, TX 75160

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JAN 23. 10:00 AM (CT)

Max Slayton Funeral Chapel  
642 N. Rockwall Ave.  
Terrell, TX 75160

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lisa Melone lit a candle in memory of Joan Wallace*



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**Lisa Melone** - January 27, 2024 at 11:38 AM



“ *Ms. Wallace, you will be missed. Such a beautiful woman of God with a sweet, kind spirit. You used the gifts that God blessed you with to bless others and I am grateful to be counted among those who learned from and were blessed by you.*

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**Lisa Melone** - January 27, 2024 at 11:38 AM



“ *Karo Stewart lit a candle in memory of Joan Wallace*



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**Karo Stewart** - January 24, 2024 at 10:13 AM



“ *I remember all the wonderful crocheted blankets, pot holders, and towels she would make. I will rember her with love.*

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**Hoedebeck** - January 23, 2024 at 12:37 PM

KH

“ So sorry to hear of her passing. She taught me piano lessons 40 years ago and was a wonderful compassionate lady with a very tender heart for all. She will be missed.

*Kitty Harwell*

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**Kitty Harwell** - January 23, 2024 at 10:32 AM

JJ

“ I was introduced to her as Grandmother over 25 years ago & she has been Grandmother to me ever since. My family lives almost a thousand miles away and she took me in and showed me kindness just like one of her own. We enjoyed many special occasions over the years like birthday parties for my children. One of the things I will miss most is her sense of humor and love to laugh at life's little oddities. I'm sure she is in heaven walking the streets of gold, probably while drinking a Diet Dr. Pepper.

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**Jeremiah Jones** - January 23, 2024 at 06:22 AM

RB

“ My sweet Aunt Jo, how you blessed my life! I know you are rejoicing in the arms of Jesus! Although, I did not get to see you that often because of living out of state I have several fond memories...one, being able to attend church with you a few times and also watching several Cowboy games with you and watching you give that team a stern talking when they were not playing well, haha! Your love for Jesus never wavered and you loved sharing your faith. I will miss our sweet talks but I take great comfort in knowing I will see you again. Please give my Granny a hug for me. Love your great-niece Rhonda



Rhonda Blackburn - January 22, 2024 at 06:10 PM

KJ

“ My children all knew her as Great-Gram. She gave me my first piano lesson, introduced me to my favorite classical song, and played at my wedding. Although we were not related by blood, she has always been my Grandmother Wallace. I have too many memories to recount them all, but I learned so much about faith, forgiveness and family from this wonderful lady.

Karla Jones - January 22, 2024 at 05:46 PM

GC

“ Grace Community Church planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joan Wallace.

Grace Community Church - January 22, 2024 at 03:11 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joan Wallace.*



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January 22, 2024 at 03:11 PM



“ *Karo Stewart lit a candle in memory of Joan Wallace*



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**Karo Stewart** - January 22, 2024 at 02:51 PM



“ *Miss Joan was such a sweet Christian lady who loved her Lord so very much. She had such a kind loving heart and cared for people so much. The last time my friend and I visited her she played the piano for us we so enjoyed it. She played and we sang. Even though she was not feeling well she still used her God given talent to share. What a blessing she has always been to me. She was also an avid crocheter and we would always talk about what we had been crocheting on. Joan loved all people and prayed for others often. Even at the nursing home she was praying for her nurses. I will always remember her love and care for others and her sweet spirit. I know God is so excited to have her there their with Him now. Thank you Lord for her very special life. She was and will always be a blessing and remembrance to me. I thank the Lord for our paths crossing and what I have learned frome this sweet lady.*

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**Diana Teague** - January 22, 2024 at 02:05 PM



“ Grandmother Wallace may not have been related to me by blood but she will always be my Grandmother. She has been a part of my family since before my mom met my dad. She was Aunt Joan until my sister was born then she became Grandmother. She was loved very much! We have a lot of wonderful memories with her. Trina Royer

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**Trina Royer** - January 22, 2024 at 01:51 PM

MC

“ Joan was a sweet lady who loved her Lord. I will always remember her kindness and smile. Her faith was an inspiration to me, it was an honor to know her. Looking forward to seeing her again in the resurrection.

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**Michael Cooper** - January 22, 2024 at 01:06 PM

TT

Joan Wallace was the greatest example of a Christian I have ever known. I have known her for over 52 years and I have never heard her say a negative word about anyone. She had the greatest praise for her niece Regina and husband Owen and the awesome way they took care of her in her later years. Her love for Jesus surpassed all else in life and her greatest desire was to fulfill his will for her to the last moment of life before facing Him to "Well done good and faithful servant. She called her son and my daughters her grandchildren. Her memories will always be with us until we join her in heaven.

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**Thomas Taylor** - January 22, 2024 at 01:50 PM