



## JoAnne Avent Collins

July 23, 1952 - May 24, 2024

Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford

JoAnne Avent Collins, 71, of Oxford, passed away on Friday, May 24, 2024, in Water Valley, Mississippi.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, May 28, 2024, from 12:00 PM until 2:00 PM at Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford, located at 601 Commerce Parkway Oxford, Mississippi 38655. The Memorial service, a celebration of JoAnne's life, will take place in the chapel of Coleman Funeral Home on Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 2:00 PM

JoAnne was born on July 23, 1952, in Oxford, as one of four children born to the late James Lee Avent and Patty Ruth Hensley Avent.

She attended the University Of Mississippi, where she played the snare drum for the Pride of the South Marching band. She later transferred to the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, graduating with a degree in Elementary Education, a testament to her commitment to learning and her profound passion for books. Upon her return to Oxford, Mississippi, she continued her journey of helping with education as an employee of the University of Mississippi working in the library until her well deserved retirement.

After retiring, she remained active and engaged until her health declined. Her golden years were filled with cherished moments spent with lifelong friends Peggy Tubbs and Euphazime Gray, and family. She enjoyed spending time with her book club, cheering on Ole Miss Football, and enjoying leisure time with her beloved dog, Blooper.

JoAnne cherished her relationship with the Lord and worshipped with the body of believers at St. Andrews United Methodist Church and South Oxford Congregational Methodist Church.

Although she has departed from this world, her memory will forever hold a place in the hearts and minds of her loved ones and friends.

She leaves behind a loving family to continue walking down the path of life in her absence: one son, John Collins, and his wife, Brandy, of Pearland, Texas; two grandchildren, Walker and Johnathan Collins of Pearland, Texas; two brothers: Jim Avent and his wife Cathy of Oxford, Mississippi; Mickey Avent and his wife Tonja of Oxford, Mississippi; one sister, Patricia Becker and her husband Charles of Oxford, Mississippi; host of special nephews and nieces; beloved dog Blooper.

The loved ones that departed from this life before JoAnne include her parents, James Lee Avent and Patty Ruth Hensley Avent.

The Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford staff is committed to providing the highest level of care and attention to detail as they stand by the family during this challenging time.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 28. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford created a Webcast in memory of JoAnne Avent Collins



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**Coleman Funeral Home** - May 28, 2024 at 04:54 PM



“ Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford created a Tribute Video in memory of JoAnne Avent Collins



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**Coleman Funeral Home** - May 25, 2024 at 06:52 PM



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**Coleman Funeral Home** - May 25, 2024 at 02:13 PM

BJ

*Sweet, sweet memories of JoAnne and I during high school. We road around th square on Friday nights eating barbecue Fritos ♡♡*

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**Betty Jenkins** - May 28, 2024 at 09:40 AM

CW

*Joanne Avent, Betty Daniels, Pat Talbert, Cindy Wiseman and sometimes Dale Jones...we used to hang out together, ride around Oxford, laugh, talk, dream, think about doing some crazy but never quite getting there...we went out a few times with Trish, Joanne's sister -- who we all thought was so glamorous, Joanne especially -- and we loved going over to her house. Joanne's mother Ms. Avent was such a beautiful warm soul -- we always felt that she was loving, interested in what we were doing and who we were. Joanne loved hanging out with Peggy Bumgartner her nextdoor neighbor..sometimes it wasn't easy to get her to do something, to go out, because she and Peggy had things to do, things to talk about, just hang out. Joanne played drums/percussion, Betty played trombone, Dale played trumpet, and Pat played French horn -- they were all in the brass and percussion group...and I played clarinet...the woodwinds...I always wanted to play in that group -- somehow that big brassy sound gave the impression that the kids that played those instruments were bigger stronger brassier! Joanne loved playing the drums, keeping us all on the beat, following the directions of Mr. Work; indeed, Joanne was one of Mr. Work's favorites! So may memories of Joanne....we did reconnect at some point once or twice when I came back to Oxford to visit family...I made it to the library where she was working and we talked for a good long while...most of the years though I only came home on the holidays for a short visit with my own children so seeing old friends was not possible. It saddens me to think that I lost touch with someone who played such an important role in my life at some point ... in loving memory of Joanne. Cindy*

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**Cynthia Wiseman** - May 31, 2024 at 02:39 AM

JB

“*JoAnne was a lovely, sweet girl in our high school years. And, I had a fair-sized crush on her.*

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**Jon Boswell** - May 25, 2024 at 07:23 AM