



Joan Elizabeth Sanders Morris

October 22, 1941 - January 31, 2026

Joan Elizabeth Sanders Morris, beloved mother, loving sister, devoted Nana to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and cherished friend, passed away peacefully on January 31, 2026, in her lifelong home of Lubbock, Texas. She was born on October 22, 1941, to Gordon Robert and Ethel Sanders. She spent her formative years in Lubbock, graduating from Lubbock High School in 1960.

Joan dedicated nearly four decades of her career to Texas Tech University, where she found purpose and fulfillment in her role as Office Manager in the Career Center, positively impacting countless students along the way. Her warm spirit and commitment to her work endeared her to colleagues and students alike.

Joan's creativity blossomed through her passions for cross-stitching and crocheting. She had a great love for video games and movies, often sharing these interests with family and friends. An avid reader, she cherished biographies and the enchanting world of Harry Potter. Joan had a special place in her heart for animals, particularly her beloved dogs and cats, reflecting her kind and nurturing nature.

As an enthusiastic supporter of the Red Raiders and the Kansas City Chiefs, she brought joy to her family and friends with her lively spirit during game

days. Joan's life was filled with love, laughter, and a profound appreciation for the simplest joys.

She is survived by her daughter Jenny Lind, daughter Elizabeth Ann and son-in-law Erik With, sister Karen Sparkman Lindell, grandchildren Shawn Patrick, Danielle Nicole (Chris Huffman), Tyler Gordon (Nyna), Erin Elizabeth (Trent Williams), Kennedy McKay, Nielsen LeRoy Sanders, and Jensen Elizabeth, as well as great-granddaughters Amelia Jane, Caroline Elise, and Olivia Renee. A legacy of love and devotion will continue through her family, who will forever cherish the beautiful memories made together.

Joan was preceded in death by her husband, Karl Morris, her father, Gordon Sanders, her mother, Ethel Sanders and her dear friend, Antionette Burse White, who was like a daughter to her.

A Funeral Service will be held at Sanders Memorial Chapel on February 5, 2026, at 10:30 AM, followed by an inurnment Service at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church Columbarium on February 7, 2026, at 9:00 AM.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that memorial donations be made to the Joan Morris Scholarship Fund through Texas Tech University, <https://give.ttu.edu/Joan-Morris>.

In the embrace of family and friends, Joan's spirit will live on, reminding all who knew her of the power of love, kindness, and unwavering support.

Cemetery Details

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church Columbarium

Previous Events

Funeral Service

FEB 5. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Sanders Memorial Chapel
1420 Main Street
Lubbock, TX 79401

Graveside Service

FEB 7. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (CT)

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church
2807 42nd Street
Lubbock, TX 79413

Tribute Wall



“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Joan Elizabeth Sanders Morris



Sanders Funeral Home - February 05 at 09:31 AM

K.

Thank you so much for posting this.

K. - April 22 at 12:26 PM



“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joan Elizabeth Sanders Morris



Sanders Funeral Home - February 04 at 12:26 PM

KL

“ Kaye Lee purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Joan Elizabeth Sanders Morris.



Kaye Lee - February 04 at 06:28 PM

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“ *Kaye Lee planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joan Elizabeth Sanders Morris.*

Kaye Lee - February 04 at 06:28 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joan Elizabeth Sanders Morris.*



February 04 at 01:08 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Joan Elizabeth Sanders Morris.*



February 04 at 11:54 AM



“ 98 files added to the album Life Tributes



Sanders Funeral Home - February 04 at 11:41 AM

KL

Joan is truly missed as her contagious smile and genuine caring spirit were her true gifts.

Karri Lin - March 02 at 01:48 PM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Joan Elizabeth Sanders Morris.



February 04 at 02:43 AM



“ Love-Vern, Gloria, Lin's, With's, Taylor's purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Joan Elizabeth Sanders Morris.



Love-Vern, Gloria, Lin's, With's, Taylor's - February 03 at 11:44 PM

MM

“ You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers at this time of your loss.....💕 hugs & kisses.....Mary Ann and Joe

Mary Ann & Joe McKay - February 03 at 08:51 PM

LC

“ A dear friend who will be missed mightily. Love you Joan. Fly free
❤️

Lesley Cooper - February 03 at 03:04 PM

TS

“ My heart breaks for the passing of Joan, especially for her devoted daughters, Jenny and Elizabeth and her fiercely loyal sister, Karen and all her grandchildren. Joan was a joy to be around. She was fun, thoughtful and laid back in nature. For that reason, we all chose to “hang out” at Joan’s on Saturdays when our kids were young. At Joan’s the kids could get away with most anything! Their favorite was jumping on the beds, hiding in her closet and running around in her large backyard. On Easter, Joan would boil, dye and hide more eggs than you could imagine. It was great, it kept the kids busy for hours! I will miss Joan’s smile, laugh and calm demeanor and I will treasure the memories, always.

With love, Tami Sparkman

Tami Sparkman - February 03 at 12:17 PM

AI

Watching the tribute video was at once a joyful and yet heart rendering experience. I am not sure I can remember a time when Joan was not offering up that smile. I can hear her voice and laugh as I watch the photos float by. We had a most unusual upbringing. How many kids can say they spent Christmas Eve at their grandparents with aunts, uncles, and cousins--at the funeral home. Great times were had playing tag in the chapel or bouncing balls down the stairs. Once I left Lubbock, we rarely saw one another, yet when we did the conversation picked up where it had left off and words flowed like honey. I am less for your loss. You were dearly loved, My Dear. A.C. (Akie) Sanders

A C Sanders III - February 04 at 03:57 PM