



## JoAnne Kessler

October 23, 1932 - November 26, 2025

JoAnne Kessler, 93, of St. Albans, WV, went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, November 26, 2025, at WVU Medicine Thomas Memorial Hospital in South Charleston.

She was born in Saint Albans, WV, to the late Roy and Dorothy Lewis.

JoAnne was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and “Mommaw,” remembered for her sweet and loving nature that touched everyone who knew her. She was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, Donald “DLee” Kessler, as well as her parents.

Left to cherish her memory are her daughter, Jill Pence, and husband Douglas; her grandchildren, Jordan Ferrell and husband Cody, and Jacob Pence and wife Maria; and her great-grandchildren, Rhett Ferrell, and Liliana Pence, who brought her tremendous joy.

JoAnne was a longtime member of Grace Baptist Temple. She was known for her big heart—especially for animals. She never hesitated to take in or feed the neighborhood strays, and more than once earned a laugh from her family for showing kindness even to the occasional possum that wandered onto her porch.

Funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, December 4, 2025, at Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, St. Albans, with Pastor Brian Dean officiating. Burial will follow at Cunningham Memorial Park in St. Albans.

Visitation for family and friends will be from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. prior to the service at the funeral home.

You may visit JoAnne's tribute page at [BartlettNichols.com](http://BartlettNichols.com) to share memories and condolences with the family.

In place of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Fix'Em Clinic, a nonprofit that supports affordable and compassionate animal care. Contributions can be made online at [fixemclinic.org/donate](http://fixemclinic.org/donate) or by check mailed to 102 Dee Drive, Charleston, WV 25311.

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, locally owned and located at 409 Sixth Ave., St. Albans, WV, is honored to serve the Kessler family.

# Cemetery Details

## Cunningham Memorial Park

815 Cunningham Lane  
St. Albans, WV 25177

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 4. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home  
409 Sixth Avenue  
Saint Albans, WV 25177  
(304) 727-4325

## Funeral Service

DEC 4. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I care-gave for Joanne for a little over a year. She became like a grandmother to me. I will miss her dearly.

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**Alexis Scholl** - December 04, 2025 at 01:16 PM

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“ JoAnn & DLee were always wonderful to me. When I was 8, I went with JoAnn, my grandmother, and my mother to visit DLee at Fort Hood Texas. JoAnn was the only driver of the Ford Fairlane with big fins. Her two faithful chihuahuas sat beside her - 3 days down, 2 days to visit with DLee and three days back -two lane roads. She was tough, kind and gentle. DLee was lucky to find her.  
Rudy Henley

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**John Rudy Henley** - December 03, 2025 at 02:30 PM

BW

“ Ben, Sarah, Rebecca, Jason, Joe, Whitney purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of JoAnne Kessler.



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**Ben, Sarah, Rebecca, Jason, Joe, Whitney** - December 01, 2025 at 08:47 AM

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“ *I have so many wonderful memories of both her and her husband. They were so kind to me. Always friendly, always welcoming, always ready to visit rather in the yard or in the house. So many shenanigans when Dora was alive. I remember going to her house when it was her birthday and took some cupcakes. I'm going to miss her!*

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**Tammie Miley** - November 29, 2025 at 08:41 PM



“ *My heart is most certainly saddened to have learned of this news. She was one of my Mothers very best friends and Jill one of my sisters very best friends. I have many wonderful memories involving her and will be praying for Jill and her family. Sending much love and prayers.*

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**Kasia Withrow** - November 29, 2025 at 05:21 PM