



Joni Pressley

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Joni Sossamon Pressley, 63, was born August 28, 1958 to the late Jonathan Harvey Sossamon, Sr. and Hazelene Gant Sossamon. She passed into the company of her Savior, Jesus Christ, Saturday, December 18, 2021, due to complications of the Covid virus at Atrium Health Northeast in Concord, NC.

Born and raised in Charlotte, NC, she and Randy had recently moved to Cabarrus county near Mt. Pleasant, NC. She graduated from North Meck High School in 1976. Joni earned her education degree in Special Education from Appalachian State University and a Master's degree from UNCC. She married Randy Pressley on September 29, 1990, and were blessed to share 31 years together in union as one.

A member of Grace Church, PCA in Harrisburg, NC, she grew in her faith and in love of God's Word. Joni had a great joy for the Ladies Bible Study and was blessed by the preaching and teaching of her pastor, Doug Agnew. Joni taught and loved Special Needs Children for 35 years at Devonshire, Dilworth, Eastover, and Pinewood Elementary. She also mentored many student and young teachers over her long career. Joni was a National Board Certified Teacher. Her love, teaching skills, and persistent dedication touched and improved many children's lives and families. Joni was awarded "Teacher of the Year" in 2014 at Pinewood Elementary School.

Joni had many and varied interests and pastimes including arts and crafts, painting, photography, reading, camping, fishing, day trips to the mountains, and spending vacations at Cherry Grove Beach with dear friends for the past 30 years plus. She was always ready to spend time at the Elliott House and Meeting Street Inn at Charleston, SC. She was always eager to enjoy time with her family whether at sporting events, birthdays, and trips with them at Garden City Beach, SC.

In addition to her parents, Joni was preceded in death by her sisters, Judy Hicks (Frankie) of Mooresville, NC, and Janet Hinson (Marvin) of Lowesville, NC.



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Joni is survived by her husband of 31 years, Randy Pressley; her sister, Jane Ann Ervin (Gary) of Advance, NC; brother, Jonathan Sossamon (Leisa) of Charlotte, NC; and many loving cousins, nieces, and nephews.

The visitation will be held on Sunday, December 26, 7:00-9:00 PM at James Funeral Home.

The graveside service will be private at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church Cemetery in Cornelius and the memorial service will be held on the same day, 1:00 PM at Grace Church in Harrisburg, NC.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital at <https://www.stjude.org/donate/donate-to-st-jude.html>

James Funeral Home, of Huntersville, is serving the family and obituary lovingly written by the family.






Events

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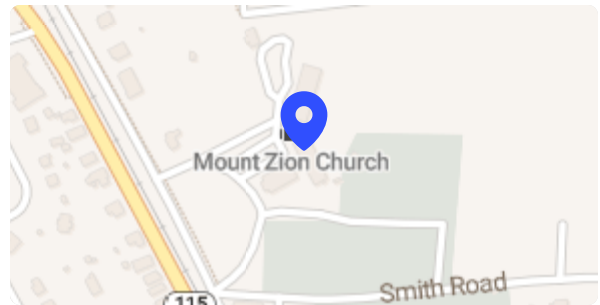
Visitation

-  **Sunday**, December 26, 2021
-  7:00 PM - 9:00 PM ET
-  **James Funeral Home**
10520 Arahova Dr, Huntersville NC 28078






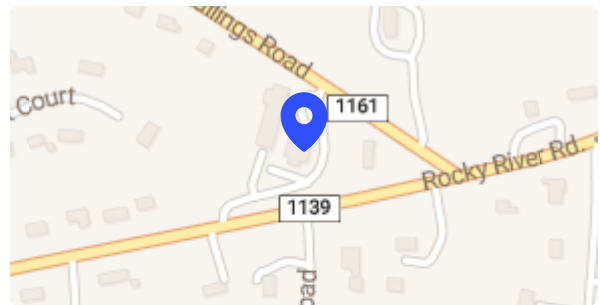
Graveside Service

-  **Monday**, December 27, 2021
-  10:00 AM ET
-  **Mt. Zion United Methodist Church Cemetery**
19600 Zion Avenue, Cornelius NC 28031



Memorial Service

-  **Monday**, December 27, 2021
-  1:00 PM ET
-  **Grace Church**
2007 Stallings Road, Harrisburg NC 28075





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TF

Tish Farmer posted:

Joni became my roommate and lifelong angel at ASU in 1976. She was always there for me and I loved her beyond words. I will miss this special woman. Randy and Sossamon family I send my love and prayers your way. She is forever in my heart.

December 30 at 12:52 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Pressley family.



December 27 at 2:46 AM

CM

Calvin Mcguirt posted:

Randy God be with you. I will always remember how Joni could walk in a room and her smile would light it up.

December 26 at 2:10 PM

KD

Kathy Denig Davidson posted:

Randy, I am so very sorry for your loss. I remember how excited she was when y'all first started dating. Also, how happy I was when she and Janet traveled to Georgia for my wedding. So many memories from high school. She will be greatly missed. Kathy [Denig) Davidson.

December 23 at 5:07 PM

BE

Beth Ellen lit a candle in honor of Joni.

So sorry to hear...love and prayers for peace. Beth and Jeff Ellen



December 23 at 10:07 AM



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NS

Nancy Starcher posted:

Randy, Scott, Oksana and I are so very sorry for your loss. I don't need to tell you how special Joni was. She always sent my brother Jeff a Christmas card and told him of Jesus. She loved the Lord and I know that gives you comfort knowing she is with Jesus. Our deepest sympathies. You are in our prayers. Love, The Starchers

December 22 at 11:33 AM

MC

Ms. Coleman posted:

Mrs. Presley. You are missed thank you for being the light for your students. Praying for your family take your rest. Ms. Coleman

December 22 at 7:32 AM

DW

Diane Winn posted:

Randy, I am so sorry to hear of Joni's passing. I know how much she meant to you and how she brightened your life. Wishing you peace and strength thru this difficult time.

December 22 at 7:01 AM

JG

Jack And Frances Gooden posted:

Dear Randy and Sossamon Family, We offer our sympathy and prayers to each of you during this time of deep sorrow. Jack and Frances Gooden

December 22 at 5:46 AM

SI

Suzie Inman posted:

There are no words to express how saddened I am of Joni's passing. Joni was a very special person and she will be missed. Love and prayers Randy.

December 22 at 5:43 AM

SL

Sam Lemmond posted:

Randy, very sorry to hear about Joni. Very fond memories of you and Joni in our younger days. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Sam and Jami Lemmond

December 21 at 6:18 AM



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KC

Keith Cross posted:

Randy and Family, We were saddened to learn of Joni's passing. She will be missed by all that knew her. Please know that the entire family is in our prayers. Our prayer is that the Lord will comfort each of you with precious and found memories that will last a life time. Please be assured that the Lord is with you during this difficult time. We love you all. Keith & Kelly Cross

December 20 at 4:36 PM

AH

Alan Hodge posted:

Randy i am thinking about you hang in there old friend alan hodge

December 20 at 11:02 AM

GM

Gigi Mullid posted:

Randy and the Sossaman family, we are so saddened to hear of Joni's passing. Know each of us are praying and lifting each of you up to the Lord for his divine comfort to be given at this difficult time. We are here if you need anything at all. Gigi and Jim and The Rhyne family

December 20 at 6:53 AM

JL

Jack Leaird posted:

Randy - We are all so sorry to learn of Joni's passing. You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

December 20 at 6:05 AM



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KC

Kim Cross posted:

Randy & Family, May God's Grace shine upon all during this time and the days ahead. Kim & Abby Cross

December 19 at 10:06 AM

MH

Marsha Hoffman January 3 at 7:25 AM

Randy and family, I was saddened to hear of Joni's passing. I was her dental hygienist for many years and so looked forward to her dental visits. She was a ray of sunshine with an infectious smile. We both had contacts at Cole Memorial and enjoyed sharing information about those we knew. She loved her family and enjoyed all the adventures they brought. She also introduced me to her favorite Northface flip flops. Every time I slipped them on I thought of her and I definitely will in the future. May you cherish her memory as you grieve her loss. Love, prayers and sympathy. Marsha Hoffman

SL

Sarah Lockhart December 23 at 12:40 PM

It was a privilege to work with Joni and her students at both Devonshire and Dilworth schools. She was a dedicated teacher and a lovely person. So sorry to hear of her death.

MB

Melanie Blythe December 22 at 6:54 PM

Randy and family, so sorry for your loss. Prayers and thoughts with you. Melanie Stutts Blythe

DS

Debbie Harrington Stuart December 22 at 2:22 PM

Randy and Family, so sorry for your loss. Each of you are in my thoughts and prayers. Praying for you during this difficult time. Debbie Harrington Stuart

IS

Irv Sharp December 21 at 4:43 AM

Randy just heard this morning and it took me aback. Robin and I remember as if yesterday you all meeting, dating and marrying. Never easy as to words in these times other than to let you know the respect we have always had for for you all and the ache now of knowing you are going through this. Good memories of a good person. Sending our condolences and love. Irv and Robin Sharp

DR

Doug Rhyne December 20 at 9:12 AM

Randy and Family, We are saddened to hear about the loss of Joni and extend sincere condolences to you and your family. We pray that you may find comfort in treasured memories, peace in the support of dear friends and family and healing through God's eternal love. Doug and Debbie Rhyne

KB

Karen Browder December 19 at 6:17 PM

Thinking and praying for you all during this very difficult time! Karen and Rich Browder



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Michael Moore December 19 at 1:18 PM

So sorry for your loss. Sending love and prayers. Mike & Kathy Moore



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Joni by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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