



## Joan M. Rives

October 31, 1940 - September 9, 2023

Joan Marie Rives, age 82, passed into the arms of her Savior at her home in Grove, Oklahoma on September 9, 2023. She was born on October 31, 1940, in Salinas, California to John and Edna (Franklin) Popejoy.

Joan graduated from Central High School in Tulsa, Oklahoma and attended college for several years with an interest in architecture.

After 3 dates, Joan got engaged to the love of her life, Larry Rives, and the couple were married on February 9, 1968, in El Paso, Tx.

Joan went on to learn drafting and later to work for the Army Corp of Engineers – Civil Service. Traveling all around the nation, Joan and Larry developed construction plans for Army bases for 23 years.

Joan was a strong Christian and a member of Trinity Baptist Church. She and Larry enjoyed taking trips on Amtrak, traveling all but 2 lines in the United States and collecting model trains. An avid decorator, Joan was known for her over-the-top Halloween (her date of birth) and Christmas decorating. She also loved her fur babies very much.

A spit-fire, witty with a great sense of humor, honest and strong willed, is how that Joan will be remembered. We rejoice in the fact that she is in heaven with her Heavenly Father and not suffering anymore.

She is preceded in death by her parents and sister, Lillian Heflin.

Left to cherish Joan's memory, her adoring husband of 55 years, Larry Rives and god-daughter, Charlotta Hunt of Carnegie, Pennsylvania.

Visitation for Joan will be from 5-7pm Friday, September 15, at Nichols-

Stephens Funeral & Service and funeral services will be at 2pm Saturday, September 16, 2023, at Trinity Baptist Church followed by burial at Olympus Cemetery North.

# Cemetery Details

## Olympus Cemetery North

Grove, OK 74344

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **15**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Nichols-Stephens Funeral and Cremation Service  
10201 U.S. Highway 59  
Grove, OK 74344  
(918) 786-6761  
nicholsfunerals@yahoo.com

## Funeral Service

SEP **16**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Baptist Church  
Grove , OK 74344

# Tribute Wall



“ Nichols Funeral & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Joan M. Rives



Nichols-Stephens Funeral & Cremation Services - September 14, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ Joan M. Rives

October 04, 2023 at 03:23 PM



“ There are so many wonderful memories of Joan beginning in American Airlines reservation office in Texas. Then Joan and I worked the ticket counter in El Paso, Texas. The first Halloween that Joan was in El Paso, Joan and I went to the airport skipping in front of the agents on duty and passed out Halloween candy. Joan and Larry would call my parents and say we are coming over to take you for a ride and/or dinner which my parents enjoyed. Ken and I had the pleasure of introducing Joan and Larry. I remember their happy wedding day. We have kept in contact all these years and Joan and Larry are godparents to our daughter, Charlotta. I could go on and on about the great things Joan has done but best to say she was wonderful person and we love her and Larry dearly. Ken and Sharon Hunt

Ken and Sharon Hunt - September 13, 2023 at 09:10 PM