



Joanne C. Whitney

October 25, 1942 - May 31, 2024

Joanne Cameron Whitney, age 81, of Grove, OK, formerly of Tulsa, OK, passed away peacefully with her family at her bedside on May 31, 2024.

Joanne was born on October 25, 1942, in Jackson, MS, the daughter of Daniel Wayne and Bonnie Lee (Forrest) Cameron. She graduated from Tulsa Edison High School in 1960 and attended the University of Tulsa, where she studied Journalism. On June 20, 1963, Joanne married the love of her life, Bernard "Ben" Whitney, in Tulsa, OK, at Christ the King Church.

The couple has resided in Grove, OK, (Grand Lake) since 1990, and owned and operated Hide and Seek USA since 1978 as a nationwide licensed private investigator and litigation support firm. Joanne was an avid painter and owned Whitney Art Gallery in downtown Grove, OK.

A partner and consultant for various family businesses, Joanne contributed to Credit Control Systems, Inc; One Stop Realty; and Mortgage Makers Lending Corp.

Throughout her life, Joanne enjoyed the finer things in life, including horses, art, traveling, birding, politics, listening to classical music, and boating. She was known for her adventurous spirit, love of writing, and knack for hosting extravagant parties. Joanne was also a skilled chef, often delighting her

friends with gourmet meals at her five-star dinners. She was a talented equestrian Show Rider - American Champion and commissioned horse painter artist. But undeniably, her most cherished activity was spending time together with her large family.

Those who knew Joanne remember her as a beautiful, spontaneous, fun-loving, and whimsical person who brought joy and laughter wherever she went. She will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Joanne is preceded in death by her parents, Daniel "Dan" and Bonnie Cameron and beloved canine companions.

Left to cherish her memory is her adoring husband of 61 years, Ben Whitney, of Grove, OK; children, Merritt Graham and husband, Kenny, of Holmen, WI, Cameron Whitney and wife, Traci, of Austin, TX, Adrienne Kallweit and husband, David, of Bartlesville, OK, and Aaron Whitney and wife, Leslie, of Austin, TX; brother, Forrest Cameron and wife, Sharon; and sister, Krista "Kippy" Gardner and husband, Raymond.

Joanne was blessed with 11 grandchildren: Whitney and Wilson Graham; Canaan, Ethan, Bella, Josh, Melody, Tyler, and Ben Kallweit; and Max and Ripley Whitney.

A graveside service will be at Olympus North Cemetery in Grove, OK, at 3:00 p.m., followed by a visitation for friends and family from 3:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m. at Nichols-Stephens Funeral Service. Mass will be held at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church at 5:30 p.m. A celebration gathering for family and close friends will be held at the Whitney lake home.

Arrangements entrusted to Nichols-Stephens Funeral Service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Whitney Art Education

Scholarship @ <https://checkout.square.site/merchant/ACWFYK00NGGRY/checkout/4BEPDT5MHBSKNDOX245YHNVV?t=1717450647.565565>.

Cemetery Details

Olympus Cemetery North

Grove, OK 74344

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 8. 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Nichols-Stephens Funeral and Cremation Service
10201 U.S. Highway 59
Grove, OK 74344
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Tribute Wall



“ Nichols Funeral & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Joanne C. Whitney



Nichols-Stephens Funeral & Cremation Services - June 07, 2024 at 12:45 PM

MB

“ Matt & Michelle Bergwall purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Joanne C. Whitney.



Matt & Michelle Bergwall - June 08, 2024 at 10:17 AM

DW

“ Debbie Deibert and Cheryl Wilkinson purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Joanne C. Whitney.



Debbie Deibert and Cheryl Wilkinson - June 07, 2024 at 04:51 PM

JB

“ Jerry and Elizabeth Baker purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Joanne C. Whitney.



Jerry and Elizabeth Baker - June 07, 2024 at 01:07 PM

SM

“ Susan Siegler, Lisa, & Mark purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Joanne C. Whitney.



Susan Siegler, Lisa, & Mark - June 07, 2024 at 10:29 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joanne C. Whitney.



June 06, 2024 at 09:58 PM

JC

“ Ben, Aaron and Family: I am very sorry to hear of Joanne's passing. She was such a fine lady, artist and friend. I will cherish the memories of parties at your unique lake house with all her artistic touches and what a fun hostess she was. Also many wonderful memories of working at the mortgage company with your family. A beautiful lady, gone too soon.

— Love you all, Jackie Hawes Chandler

Jackie Hawes Chandler - June 04, 2024 at 09:39 PM

TR

“ I am Teri Radloff, the sister of Traci Whitney who is married to Cameron - one of Joanne’s sons. Joanne was such a loving, gracious soul and she lit up the room when she walked in. We will miss her and send our hugs and prayers to Ben and the Whitney kids. So grateful for the dinner we shared with her and with Ben the last time they were in Austin - we had so much fun together!

Teri Radloff - June 04, 2024 at 09:16 PM

TW

Love you, Sissy. ❤️

Traci Whitney - June 05, 2024 at 06:21 PM

AW

“ Love you Mom! My Mom, Joanne, and I were very close over the years and would connect weekly or even daily. She was an extraordinary mom, friend, teacher, and even a business partner of sorts. Joanne was my biggest fan and supporter and this was felt daily. You will be missed greatly, Mom. I look forward to carrying on your 5-star cooking, appreciation of art work, love of gardening, relaxing to sunsets, and unconditional love and closeness of family. This world has been beautiful and fun and I will see you soon in Heaven.



Aaron Whitney - June 04, 2024 at 03:27 PM

MA

Very sweet picture. 🙏

mary.kaiser@ymail.com - June 06, 2024 at 12:26 AM

TS

“ Joanne has been my dear friend ever since we met at Edison High School. She called me Bucky and I called her Tinkan. She was so much fun and we would always laugh and laugh when we got together. I love her and will miss her very much. Lots of love to Ben, Merritt, Cameron, Adrienne, Aaron, Forrest and Kippy and all their families.

Toni Ann 'Bucky' Beavers Stewart

Toni Ann Stewart - June 04, 2024 at 12:17 PM

JS

“ Jean Selman purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Joanne C. Whitney.



Jean Selman - June 04, 2024 at 12:08 AM

JS

“ Jean Selman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joanne C. Whitney.

Jean Selman - June 04, 2024 at 12:08 AM

JS

“ Joanne 's mother in law was Rosemary Whitney. I was Rosemary's niece, Jean Burford {Selman} Joanne when she lived in Tulsa, she and Ben would always have us over at their home for celebrating Thanksgiving or July 4 with family and friends. Joanne even had a baby shower for one of my children after my mom {Lucille Burford} passed away. Joanne Whitney, and Deanna Bell organized a Benning Family Reunion in Grove, Oklahoma on July 2nd & 3rd , 2006. My mom, Lucille Benning {Burford} always had the Whitney's , Bell's and Burford's family and all the nieces and nephews at the John L. Burford home in Miami, Oklahoma for many years. Oh how much memories shared during those times. Joanne always paid attention to her younger nieces and nephews. Joanne always a ray of sunshine whenever she would walk in the room and meet you for the first time. She was always thoughtful, kind, giving, and forgiving. You are always in our hearts and hope to meet you in Heaven someday, dear Joanne. Love, Jean Burford {Selman}

Jean Selman - June 03, 2024 at 11:51 PM

MA

Very happy memories!

mary.kaiser@ymail.com - June 06, 2024 at 12:28 AM

NL

“ This memory is from Nancy and Joe Leake that now live in Bentonville, Arkansas. In 1964 we lived in the Harvard Apartments right above Joanne and Ben. What a happy time that was to share our young married life together. FYI : We celebrated our 60th anniversary last week. What happy times we shared with you our friends from Tulsa. What a wonderful woman we celebrate with her family and friends!!!

nancy leake - June 03, 2024 at 10:53 PM

DK

“ *Joanne painted a picture of our son, Jason which is a treasure to us. We love that picture. One of the memories of our son we have since he passed away. She will forever be in our hearts. The Whitney family holds a place in our hearts*

Debi Kincheloe - June 03, 2024 at 09:05 PM