



JoAnn Shelton Richey

June 21, 1942 - September 10, 2025

JoAnn Shelton Richey, age 83, of Albertville, passed away on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at Shepherd's Cove Hospice. Born on June 21, 1942, to the late Otha Dean and O.E. Silas, JoAnn lived a life centered on faith, family, and caring for others.

She attended The Fellowship Church and found great joy in serving the Lord. JoAnn retired from H.D. Lee Company and later touched countless young lives through her years of providing home daycare. She was known for her loving spirit and the kindness she shared with everyone she met. JoAnn also treasured her time spent with friends at the Martling Senior Center. She enjoyed traveling, especially to the Smoky Mountains, and she was grateful for the opportunity to visit Yellowstone National Park and the Grand Tetons.

She is survived by her son, Keith Shelton; sister, Sara Terrell; Godchildren, Joleigh and Kallum Baugh; a host of nieces and nephews; special friends, Kerry and Doris Bryant; and her beloved golden doodle, Shadow. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Donald Reece Richey; siblings, Gerald Silas, Melba Nixon, Wanace Silas, Billy Silas, Kay Silas, and Donnie Silas.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, September 12, 2025, in the Chapel of Adams Brown Service Funeral Home, with Bro. Kerry Bryant and Bro. Wayne White officiating. Burial will follow at Asbury Cemetery. The family will receive friends Thursday evening from 4:30 until 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Adams Brown Service Funeral Home, directing.

Cemetery Details

Asbury Cemetery

3177 Asbury Rd.
Albertville, AL 35951

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 11. 4:30 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Adams Brown Service Funeral Home
6906 US Highway 431 South
P.O. Box 488
Albertville, AL 35950
(256) 878-0231

Funeral Service

SEP 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *To Acknowledge with Appreciation...
Miss JoAnn,*

*Once upon a time,
at the beginning of Year 2K,
Miss JoAnn's home became
the Safe Space,
where my 4-year old daughter spent her days.*

*Upon entering Miss JoAnn's home,
Paper and Pencil for Parents to Sign-in...
Upon drop-off and upon pick-up,
My daughter, and Miss JoAnn, always smilin'.*

*Miss JoAnn taught by example,
Respect for Others, and Respect for Self,
Including, but not limited to-
Manners and Moral Health.
And Toothbrushing after mealtimes, for Oral Health.*

*Miss JoAnn guided children to her Underground Storm Shelter,
for Severe Weather Safety "Drills,"
for Practice and Preparation.*

*Beyond A-B-C's and 1-2-3's,
never necessarily "goodbyes"
but with "graduation ceremonies,"
with "Diplomas" being Demonstration of her Dedication.*

*May my memories be a testimony
of the days and the ways
we were blessed because of
Miss JoAnn Shelton Richey.*

*-Felicia Grace Flores
Photo of my daughter, holding her "Diploma"*



Felicia Grace Flores - December 28, 2025 at 12:29 AM



“ 59 files added to the album LifeTributes



Adams Brown Service Funeral Home - September 11, 2025 at 02:22 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of JoAnn Shelton Richey.



September 11, 2025 at 10:09 AM



“ I was one of the children of JoAnn Richey or (Mrs.JoAnn) as we all called her. I have fond memories of her house. I started kindergarten while in her care and caught the bus there many days, she watched me from the age of 1 and after I left her care my sister, Elena and I were continually invited to spend the night and spend time with her and PawPaw Donald. Her biscuit and gravy was THE BEST hands down, no lumps. Her soul was the kindest I've met and now that I am grown and have children of my own I hope to show them some percentage of the love, respect, and affection she showed my sister and I. She is at rest now but will not be forgotten. We love you Mrs JoAnn ☐☐☐

Autumn Stephens - September 11, 2025 at 12:37 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of JoAnn Shelton Richey.

September 10, 2025 at 07:26 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of JoAnn Shelton Richey.*



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“ *Jerilynn S. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of JoAnn Shelton Richey.*



Jerilynn S. - September 10, 2025 at 06:21 PM



“ *Jerilynn S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of JoAnn Shelton Richey.*

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