



# JoAnn Haws Cowart

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## JoAnn Haws Cowart

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JoAnn Haws Cowart died on 29 September 2004 after a courageous six-year battle with ovarian cancer. She had turned 55 just four days earlier. Born JoAnn Haws on 25 September 1949, in Tacoma, Washington, she was the first child of Keith Clifton and Arletta Larsen Haws. She was beloved by younger siblings Debbie and Rick. JoAnn graduated from Wilson High School in 1967 and in 1971 graduated from Brigham Young University with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and a minor in Science. While at BYU, she met James Edgar Cowart Jr. whom she married on 23 June 1971 in the Logan, Utah Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. JoAnn gave birth to their first child in 1972 and by 1984 they were the parents of six children, Joseph, Julie, Jared, Jeffrey, Jeremy and Jamie. They were the "8 Js," and JoAnn was a devoted and loving full-time mother. She mastered the art of homemaking and was proficient in sewing, knitting, crocheting, bread baking, canning and gardening. She was known for a house that was always clean and an immaculate yard with an abundance of flowers. JoAnn spent countless hours assisting her sons and others in the Boy Scouts of America. All of her five sons achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. As a faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints she served in the Young Women's Program, in the Primary and in the Relief Society where she served as president three times. Most recently she was a Primary Sunday School teacher. As her children grew, she had the desire to continue to teach and nurture young children and so she opened Auntie JoAnn's Preschool in her home in 1988. Her love of children and education were well known among the many students and parents who knew and loved her. She was adored by her students and wherever she went you would often find her kneeling down to talk to children on their level. JoAnn was active and healthy. She was known for her energy and ability to work circles around just about anyone. It was often quipped that she had more energy on her sick days than most



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people have on their healthy days. She loved snow skiing, waterskiing, swimming, running and tennis. She loved to travel and did so often with her husband Jed. Hawaii was her favorite destination. Until she was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in 1998, JoAnn said she had never had a sick day in her life. JoAnn was a miracle cancer patient. After being diagnosed with stage 3c cancer she continued to beat the odds and surprise her doctors. She battled cancer on her terms and won herself, her family and friends six more years. JoAnn's positive attitude and faith in God were an inspiration to all who knew her. She strengthened others and even at her lowest moments, greeted others with the warmth of her smile and a genuine cheerfulness that exemplified her trust in God. She knew He would heal her if it was His plan, and trusted in His wisdom if he did not. While sick with cancer, she spent countless hours sewing quilts and blankets for each one of her ten grandchildren. She had decided that if she was to die, she wanted to leave a legacy of love to her grandchildren to remember her by. Now, each grandchild has at least one beautiful quilt made especially for him or her by "Mama Jo". She did all she could to fight to the end, and accomplished more in her six cancer-stricken years than many do in a lifetime. We will miss you JoAnn and know that you will be watching over us. We will try to keep up with your pace. JoAnn leaves behind husband Jed; parents Casey & Lettie Haws, siblings Debbie & Rick, children and spouses Joseph & Jessica, Julie & Chuck, Jared, Jeff & Jyl, Jeremy, Jamie; grandchildren Samuel, Austin, Benjamin, Ashley, Clara, Avery, Hannah, Madison, Elijah, Jaycie-Ellen, and two more due this year. A viewing will be held on Tuesday, October 5, 2004 from 5-8:30PM at Mt. View Funeral Home and from 10:00-11:30 AM prior to the service at the church. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, 6 October 2004 at Noon at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on 12th and Pearl, Tacoma.



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**Jennifer Joyce** posted:

My siblings and I were reminiscing about high school and particularly the subject chemistry, today. Joann was my chemistry lab partner. After all of these years, I am now 75, I remember laughing with Joann during lab. She was fun with a great sense of humor. There were a couple of experiments that we followed to a T, but something went wrong, and we laughed our heads off over our failures. Her warm and caring heart will always be with me.

June 11 at 9:40 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I just wanted to add my love for this wonderful woman and friend to those already written. We had many fun times together with Jed and Jo Ann and will remember her strength in adversity and to her remarkable husband, family, and friends we send our love and prayers.##imported-begin##Janice and Dean Hurst##imported-end##

October 10 at 6:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Her body may be gone but her spirit lives on through her wonderful family. You are in our thoughts and prayers##imported-begin##Al and Shonnie Smith##imported-end##

October 6 at 6:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

What a wonderful person.##imported-begin##Rex & Marie Thomas##imported-end##

October 6 at 6:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

We will always share a positive moment in our memories of Joann. We had great fun with her and Jed, especially in Hawaii and Lake Powell. Heavenly Father blessed us all with an angel in our sweet friend.##imported-begin##Craig & Nann Pettet##imported-end##

October 5 at 6:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Terry & I have wonderful memories of JoAnn & Jed at the many sporting events we attended with our boys Aaron and Tyler.. All the years of the kids growing up... involved with the Cowart family.Even after getting sick.. her positive attitude of life and love shined through.. She is a great inspiration and in passing will continue to be a part of our wonderful memories of life.Terry & Molly Best##imported-begin##Terry & Molly Best##imported-end##

October 5 at 6:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

JoAnn will be in our hearts and memories forever. Anna still calls Auntie Jo's pre-school, 'pretty school'. When she was younger we would correct her but till this day she still calls it that and she is 10 years old. I know in my heart it is because JoAnn made her feel like a beautiful, special princess. Melissa and Anna still talk about watching football games with Auntie Jo and Uncle Jed at Curtis. Thank-you so much for loving my girls and making their pre-school years so special.All my prayers for you, Wendy Collins##imported-begin##Wendy Collins##imported-end##

October 5 at 6:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I Give my condolences and best wishes to Jed and Casey&Lettie and families. Sincerely,Dave[Gary]##imported-begin##David G. Nelson##imported-end##

October 5 at 6:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

NULL##imported-begin##Michael Kresyman##imported-end##

October 5 at 6:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

My thoughts and prayers go out to your family. God Bless.##imported-begin##Mary Rueda##imported-end##

October 4 at 6:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

My families thoughts and prayers are with yours in this sad time. Peace be with you.##imported-begin##Tom E. Gonzales##imported-end##

October 4 at 6:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

As a close friend of Jared Cowart, I would like to pass on my sincere & respectful condolences to Jared and all his family. JoAnn and family will be in my prayers.Respectfully,Chris Cortese##imported-begin##Chris Cortese##imported-end##

October 4 at 6:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I learned about JoAnn from the list members of online ACOR, we are a group of Ovarian Cancer patients...We each struggle with this disease and are stonger because of people like JoAnn, who give to us hope, inspiration and the will to do all we can, while we can. I her memory, I send my prayers for her family and my hope to live as courageously and selflessly as she...With Love, JoanMarie##imported-begin##Joan Marie##imported-end##

October 4 at 6:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

We are sorry we won't be able to attend the services to pay our proper respects. We love JoAnn and Jed and all the kids. We remember you in our prayers. You touched our lives. With love,The Deardens##imported-begin##Bruce & Annie Dearden##imported-end##

October 4 at 6:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I had the pleasure of working with JoAnn and Jed and their wonderful family as they delivered newspapers for The News Tribune. JoAnn was a gift from Heaven. She was always very positive and uplifting. She was an inspiration to all she met. Our prayers and thoughts go out to Jed and his family. May God's love comfort you.##imported-begin##Tom and Kathy Allen##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Cowarts, Kasie,Letty,I am so sorry for your loss.Her suffering is over and you know where she has gone What a comfort the Gospel is at this time.Dan & Karen express their love as well, With Love, Mary Renner###imported-begin##Mary Renner###imported-end##

October 3 at 6:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Among her many talents, JoAnn was a gifted friend. She had the talent of making each person she was with feel like they were a dear friend to her. She truly exemplified the Savior's love. She showed uncanny discipline of herself while being gentle and gracious to others. A bright light has passed beyond our view. I will miss her sparkle.###imported-begin##Karen Hemming###imported-end##

October 3 at 6:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I share a journey with JoAnn, Ovarian Cancer. I am saddened to hear of her death, but inspired by the life she lived with this disease. Each of us brings a bit of peace to the other in this journey. JoAnn is to be remembered as precious in this.###imported-begin##Suzanne Patterson###imported-end##

October 3 at 6:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

We are so saddened that such a cheery, brave, noble and faithful soul has left our realm on earth trailing stardust behind her. No words can express the emptiness all of you must feel, but likewise no words can express the comfort and glow you feel as the Holy Ghost attends to your needs. We so admire the faith of your forever family. B and J###imported-begin##Bob and Jerry Evans###imported-end##

October 2 at 6:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Our Prayers are with your family. The boys delivered our paper and occasionally we meet JoAnn. A wonderful person, we only knew in passing. God Be with All of you.Ray and Nancy###imported-begin##Ray & Nancy Gibson###imported-end##

October 2 at 6:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

I will always Miss and Love you Mommy. I know how much you love me.##imported-begin##Jared##imported-end##

October 1 at 6:00 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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