



Ms. Jo Anne Davis Grafton

November 8, 1962 - May 29, 2023

Ms. Jo Anne (Davis) Grafton was born on November 8, 1962 in Saginaw, Michigan the daughter of Sam and Mary (Davis) Sherrod. Ms. Grafton passed away on May 29, 2023 at the age of 60 years.

Jo was the fourth of five children, a longtime resident of Saginaw, Michigan and she also resided in Grand Rapids, MI. She attended Buena Vista Schools and was a proud graduate of Buena Vista High School "Class of 1980".

Shortly after graduation, she joined the U. S. Army and received an Honorable Discharge. Jo loved singing, listening to and dancing to her music and she also loved her Newport 100's. She was greatly known for her delicious tacos and tamales sales that she did in Saginaw and Grand Rapids, MI. Jo was the life of the party, you were always in for a good laugh. She never hesitated with expressing how she felt about something or someone. She was a true born soldier in any and everything thrown her way. Our wild, unique Anchor and Angel will be truly missed.

Jo Anne leaves to cherish many memories two daughters, Ciara Davis, Grand Rapids, MI and Olivia Miller, Saginaw, MI; five grandchildren, Haily Taylor, Ava Daniels, Ariel Richmond, Alijah Miller and Liam Moore; two sisters, Jeanette Blacksher, Saginaw and Jill Dennis, Montgomery, AL; two brothers, Gary Davis, Battle Creek, MI and Gerald Davis, Flint, MI; three aunts, Carolyn

Davis, Annette (Arthur) Millege and Letha (Clifford) Calhoun both of Saginaw; two uncles, Jake (Virgie) McNair, Lisbon, AL and Robert S. (Earlene) McNair, Saginaw; a host of nieces, nephews and cousins, including cousins that she held dear, Patricia Lynn, Robert Glover, Jr. and Donald McNair, other relatives and special friends.

Ms. Jo Anne Grafton was preceded in death by her loving mother, Mary (George) Sherrod; grandmother, Sadie (Robert) Finnel; uncles, Willie DeShazor, Herman McNair and Johnny Ray Finnel; aunts, Delores Finnel and Jewel McNeal; great-aunts, Beatrice Glover and others; best friend, Levern "Slick" Simon.

The family extends special thanks to Pastor Ben Smith, Pastor Aundrea Lewis, Pastor Luciose (Mother Kayron) Lewis, Pastor Ronnie Bryant, Katonha Conley, Alberta Palmer and the Designer Dugout families.

A memorial service will take place at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, June 28, 2023, 441 N. Jefferson Ave., Saginaw, MI 48607. Dr. Willie F. Casey will officiate.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 28. 2:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home
441 North Jefferson Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48607

Tribute Wall



“ Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Ms. Jo Anne Davis Grafton



Browne's Mortuary - June 28, 2023 at 01:51 PM

SC

TT im a miss you so much thanks for all the love and good times and always putting yo foot in them tamales and menudo☐☐☐Love you Forever Nephew SMOOTH❤️❤️❤️

Smooth Collins - June 28, 2023 at 03:16 PM

CD

My name is Craig Donahue,I reside in Georgia.I went to B.V with Jo Ann and Gerald.I also went to Longfellow elementary with her.I always wondered what happened to such a beautiful spirit named Joann. She's gone home where we must all go,if we're blessed

Craig Bryan Donahue - September 05, 2023 at 09:08 PM

EM

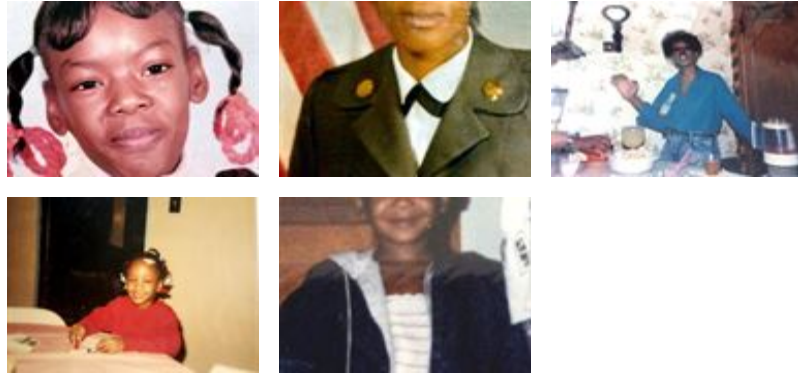
“ Mama Jo was always delightful to be around and I loved watching her and Ava go a round or two arguing. She'll be missed, but I thank God for the time he loaned her to us. Ciara, you all are in my prayers! RIP Mama Jo



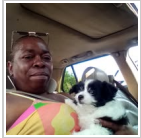
Elissa McDole - June 28, 2023 at 02:20 PM



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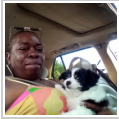
Browne's Mortuary - June 28, 2023 at 12:15 PM



“ Chop Pork Coleman lit a candle in memory of Ms. Jo Anne Davis Grafton



Chop Pork Coleman - June 28, 2023 at 10:08 AM



I remember Jo Ann and I sitting on the porch laughing and having a great time with her grandkids Ava and Haley she will truthfull be missed. Send my condolences from Edith Coleman and family

Chop Pork Coleman - June 28, 2023 at 10:13 AM

CB

“ Cheryl A Blacksher lit a candle in memory of Ms. Jo Anne Davis Grafton



Cheryl A Blacksher - June 27, 2023 at 06:53 PM

MD

“ *Mark Davis lit a candle in memory of Ms. Jo Anne Davis Grafton*



Mark Davis - June 26, 2023 at 08:51 PM

CM

“ *Remembering her laugh and sense of humor.*

Cynthia Maise - June 26, 2023 at 12:34 PM

CH

“ *Cynthia Maise Hamilton lit a candle in memory of Ms. Jo Anne Davis Grafton*



Cynthia Maise Hamilton - June 26, 2023 at 12:32 PM

LD

“ *Rest in Paradise my friend, my God give your family and friends strength at this time.*
Leslie Culpepper Davis

Leslie Davis - June 26, 2023 at 03:27 AM

CM

“ Rest in Peace JoAnn. May God wrap his comforting arms around the family and strengthen you all during this trying time.



Carla & Edward Mason - June 24, 2023 at 05:12 PM

SM

“ Sheilanda Manuel sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Jo Anne Davis Grafton



Sheilanda Manuel - June 23, 2023 at 10:00 AM

 Terri Davis-Pham

“ We will miss you Auntie Jo.



Terri Davis-Pham - June 22, 2023 at 09:03 AM

SB

To be absent from the body is to be present with the lord.

Sandra Boone - June 25, 2023 at 09:16 AM

SC

“ *Starr Curry lit a candle in memory of Ms. Jo Anne Davis Grafton*



Starr Curry - June 21, 2023 at 05:12 PM

BH

“ *Full of joy and laughter. My memories are the fun times with family gatherings at Jeanette's home. My condolences to Jeannette and the entire family. Barbara Hill*



Barbara Hill - June 19, 2023 at 03:22 PM

CS

“ *Connie J Sanders sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Jo Anne Davis Grafton*



Connie J Sanders - June 19, 2023 at 11:26 AM

AR

“ *Ann Robinson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Jo Anne Davis Grafton*



Ann Robinson - June 17, 2023 at 08:07 AM

VF

“ *Vonnie Jones & Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Jo Anne Davis Grafton*



Vonnie Jones & Family - June 16, 2023 at 04:18 PM

LC

“ *Lakisha Calhoun lit a candle in memory of Ms. Jo Anne Davis Grafton*



Lakisha Calhoun - June 15, 2023 at 01:45 PM

SR

“ *Beautiful inside and outside! All smile's because that's who you were. So rest in peace my friend*



Sandra Roberson - June 14, 2023 at 04:18 AM

TR

“ *The Richardson's lit a candle in memory of Ms. Jo Anne Davis Grafton*



The Richardson's - June 13, 2023 at 11:39 PM

CD

“ Cynthia Parham Daison lit a candle in memory of Ms. Jo Anne Davis Grafton



Cynthia Parham Daison - June 09, 2023 at 10:40 PM

OT

“ Olivia Tatum Taylor lit a candle in memory of Ms. Jo Anne Davis Grafton



Olivia Tatum Taylor - June 08, 2023 at 03:04 PM

CP

“ Charlotte Perkins lit a candle in memory of Ms. Jo Anne Davis Grafton



Charlotte Perkins - June 08, 2023 at 09:40 AM

CW

“ Cassie Davis Winder lit a candle in memory of Ms. Jo Anne Davis Grafton



Cassie Davis Winder - June 06, 2023 at 11:54 PM

FT

“ *Felicia Thomas lit a candle in memory of Ms. Jo Anne Davis Grafton*



Felicia Thomas - June 06, 2023 at 11:16 PM

YV

“ *YvonneSanders lit a candle in memory of Ms. Jo Anne Davis Grafton*



YvonneSanders - June 06, 2023 at 10:03 AM

CD

“ *Cynthia Parham Daison lit a candle in memory of Ms. Jo Anne Davis Grafton*



Cynthia Parham Daison - June 04, 2023 at 11:00 PM

KH

“ *Kathy Hamilton sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Jo Anne Davis Grafton*



Kathy Hamilton - June 04, 2023 at 06:16 PM

TQ

“ *Tanya Quiroz lit a candle in memory of Ms. Jo Anne Davis Grafton*



Tanya Quiroz - June 04, 2023 at 04:54 PM

BH

“ *Our condolences with prayers to Jeannette and the entire family.*



Barbara Hill - June 04, 2023 at 04:13 PM

YK

“ *Yolanda King lit a candle in memory of Ms. Jo Anne Davis Grafton*



Yolanda king - June 04, 2023 at 12:47 PM

SO

“ *JUST CHECKING FRIEND AND YES THE PICTURE REASSURES ME THAT ITS YOU I WILL ALWAYS HOLD YOU NEAR AND DEAR TO MY HEART...REST MY TRUE FRIEND*



SONACARRUTH - June 03, 2023 at 11:55 PM



“ *Joanie Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Jo Anne Davis Grafton*



Joanie Williams - June 03, 2023 at 11:11 PM

JS

“ *Jackie Sanders lit a candle in memory of Ms. Jo Anne Davis Grafton*



Jackie Sanders - June 03, 2023 at 12:21 PM

EM

“ *Ebony McNair lit a candle in memory of Ms. Jo Anne Davis Grafton*



Ebony McNair - June 03, 2023 at 11:39 AM

SH

“ *Sonny And Freddie Hodges sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Jo Anne Davis Grafton*



Sonny and Freddie Hodges - June 02, 2023 at 09:43 PM

BP

“ Prayers of comfort for the Davis-Grafton Family, classmate of JoAnne.



Barbara Payton - June 02, 2023 at 06:16 PM

LS

“ Lillie Strong & family sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Jo Ann Davis Grafton



Lillie B. Strong - June 02, 2023 at 02:30 PM

GM

“ Gary McClain lit a candle in memory of Ms. Jo Anne Davis Grafton



Gary McClain - June 02, 2023 at 10:17 AM

BF

“ Condolences to the Davis family. Praying God's comfort and peace during the loss of your dear mother.



Betty King & Family - June 01, 2023 at 10:19 PM

CW

“ *Cookey Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Jo Anne Davis Grafton*



Cookey Williams - June 01, 2023 at 05:36 PM

GP

“ *My condolences to the entire family, Praying for God daughter Olivia and your sister. May God comfort and keep you both during this very trying time.*



Gerald and Alberta Palmer - June 01, 2023 at 04:11 PM

FJ

“ *Felicia Jones lit a candle in memory of Ms. Jo Anne Davis Grafton*



Felicia Jones - June 01, 2023 at 03:03 PM

JW

“ *Jeanette Williams lit a candle in memory of Ms. Jo Anne Davis Grafton*



Jeanette Williams - June 01, 2023 at 08:24 AM

CY

“ *Joanne your family has always been close to my heart, still remember eating tacos at your home with you , your mother and the rest of the family, rest in peace.* ”



Carol Young - June 01, 2023 at 07:49 AM

VP

“ *Vyethel Kemp Peterson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Jo Anne Davis Grafton* ”



Vyethel Kemp Peterson - June 01, 2023 at 01:30 AM

VR

“ *To my god brother mark and my necice cc I remember coming over to your your house and you always gave me a hug and treated me like family and you fixing those tacos or you were always cooked some chicken wings or something you said did I want some thank you for your unexceptional love and love my godbrother love you thank you for including me your family send my love to you all your godsister and cuz Valerie D Robinson praying for you guys it hurts so much* ”

Valerie D Robinson - May 31, 2023 at 10:48 PM

MS

“ *Min. Thomas & Helen Speed sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Jo Anne Davis Grafton*



Min. Thomas & Helen Speed - May 31, 2023 at 07:29 PM

TW

“ *JoAnne, Wow!!! I'm at a lost for words. I have been speechless since I got a call saying you were on life support. My first friend on the block. My first babysitter when I had my son. We spent many Friday and Saturday nights up laughing all night long and sneaking food. You are truly going to be missed.*

Toni Wright - May 31, 2023 at 07:29 PM

BK

“ *Barbara Kemp-Lauria sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Jo Anne Davis Grafton*



Barbara Kemp-Lauria - May 31, 2023 at 05:16 PM

ME

“ *I love and miss you Aunt Jo*



Mercedes - May 31, 2023 at 04:15 PM

JE

“ JoAnn Everett lit a candle in memory of Ms. Jo Anne Davis Grafton



JoAnn Everett - May 31, 2023 at 03:58 PM

DT

“ Dwight/Shalanda Akins Houston Tx lit a candle in memory of Ms. Jo Anne Davis Grafton



Dwight/Shalanda Akins Houston Tx - May 31, 2023 at 01:31 PM

MS

“ Can't see myself really writing this , We had jus talk the same Day u was happy about ur glasses, U was such a sweet and caring person Joann, never once did u not holler down the street say hey Mama Marilyn, I can't stop looking at ur apartment waiting for u to come out and flip them chairs backwards so no one is going to sit in them , Wow this hurts,Why but we can't question GOD, really going miss u it's really going to be hard not seeing u out here , Giving my Condolences to ur beautiful daughters and family u always talk about, Rest up now Baby girl until we meet again love u always 💕🥹



Marilyn Simmons - May 31, 2023 at 08:49 AM

CP

“ Cheryl K Payton lit a candle in memory of Ms. Jo Anne Davis Grafton



Cheryl K Payton - May 31, 2023 at 08:17 AM

SF

“ R.I.H Queen 👑 Prayers for The Family 🙏💙



Sonny Moten & Family - May 31, 2023 at 06:26 AM

DR

“ Doris Parham Richardson sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Jo Anne Davis Grafton



Doris Parham Richardson - May 30, 2023 at 11:05 PM

BC

“ Our condolences. God bless and comfort you.



Bobby and Debra Cork - May 30, 2023 at 07:07 PM

SF

“ R.I.H Queen 👑 Prayers for The Family 🙏



Sonny Moten & Family - May 30, 2023 at 06:59 PM

SC

“ JO MY RIDE OR DIE I LOVE YOU GIRL AND I CAN HEAR YOUR VOICE CALLING ME SON-JAE YOUR NAME FOR ME I ENJOYED OUR FRIENDSHIP TO THE UTTMOST REST MY DEAR FRIEND AND I WILL SEE YOU ON THE OTHERSIDE.. YOU'RE IN GODS CARE NOW



SONA Carruth - May 30, 2023 at 05:48 PM

DF

“ Deborah Finch lit a candle in memory of Ms. Jo Anne Davis Grafton



Deborah Finch - May 30, 2023 at 05:37 PM

EL

“ Edith Delphine Lewis lit a candle in memory of Ms. Jo Anne Davis Grafton



Edith Delphine Lewis - May 30, 2023 at 03:51 PM