



## Joan Gibson Berryhill

February 25, 1938 - August 31, 2021

Cashiers, NC: Joan Gibson Berryhill, who passed from this life on August 31, 2021, truly made the most of the 83 years she was given. Joan was a beautiful, caring person, who was loved and admired by all who knew her. Her love for her family and her kindnesses that also extended to her many friends are just part of the legacy she leaves behind.

Joan had an undergraduate degree in education and a masters degree in English from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. It was there she met the love of her life, Bruce, on a blind date during their junior year. There, too, she had the wonderful opportunity to hear the great poet, Robert Frost, read his poetry.

Joan loved art and music. She was an accomplished pianist who enjoyed many different musical genres. Always well kept and well dressed, Joan also was the perfect hostess who knew just how to make her guests feel right at home. She loved to cook, especially during the holidays. Christmas was special to her, and she managed to make it special for her friends and family. Just about every Christmas Joan would prepare a meal for around 100-150 family and friends.

Flowers were also one of Joan's passions. She loved, loved, loved flowers, the more the better and the bigger the better. Joan raised roses in her gardens at her home in Charlotte, NC, and dahlias at her home in Cashiers, NC. She loved sharing her flowers and was known for gifting her friends with flowers from her gardens.

During her lifetime, Joan and Bruce had many opportunities to travel the world, visiting every continent. She loved seeing new places and having new adventures, but settled on Northern Italy and especially Florence as her favorite place other than her home, naming France as her second choice. Joan also loved the beach and the ocean and helped make many happy family memories at their home at Sea Island, Georgia.

Joan's faith was very important to her. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Highlands and Covenant Presbyterian Church in Charlotte where she was active in

Women of the Church.

Joan was born on February 25, 1938, to James Robert and Amanda Charm Waldroup Gibson. She is survived by her husband, Bruce H. Berryhill, MD; her daughters, Janie Busbee (Brandon) of Nashville, Tennessee, and Julie Berryhill of Mt. Holly, North Carolina; her grandson, Britton Busbee, whom she absolutely adored; and her brother, James Robert Gibson, Jr., DDS (Elizabeth) of Monroe, NC. She is predeceased by her parents and her brother, Jerry Gibson.

A private family memorial will be held soon along with a public Celebration of Life to be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to [mothertomother.org](http://mothertomother.org) or by mail: Mother to Mother, 11 Warwick Lane, Nashville, TN, 37205.

Moffitt Family Funeral Care is honored to serve Mrs. Berryhill's family.

# Comments

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“ Genise Moffitt Humphrey ( Care Giver) lit a candle in memory of Joan Gibson Berryhill



Genise Moffitt Humphrey ( Care giver) - September 12, 2021 at 12:48 AM

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“ I'm so sorry to hear Joan passed , I enjoyed getting to know her . She was very sweet .Praying for the family may God give you peace and comfort . Genise Moffitt Humphrey

Genise Moffitt Humphrey ( Care giver) - September 12, 2021 at 12:47 AM

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“ Joan was my aunt on my mother's side and I have many wonderful memories of her. My sincerest condolences go to Bruce and the family. I hope you take comfort in her being in a better place with God. - Scott

Scott Conklin - September 11, 2021 at 07:19 PM

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“ We wish to express how deeply affecting Joan's warmth and goodness has been in our lives. Joan was a cousin to our mother, Mary Gibson Stiles, but she was in many ways a sister. Joan was wise, loving, gifted, and ever so generous. Our most heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with Bruce, Julie, and Janie. Please know that Joan has left an indelibly beautiful mark on our lives, and that of our mother's as well. Much Love, Michael and John Stiles

Michael Stiles - September 08, 2021 at 01:24 PM

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“ My dearest cousin, Joan, was the kindest of all souls. She always brought love and hope to everyone she encountered. She loved to laugh, and she was especially gifted at imparting happiness. Joan's smile was both genuine and contagious, and it lit up every room she was in. I have lost a significant piece of my heart, and I will miss her terribly. My love and prayers are with Bruce, Julie, Janie, and the entire Berryhill family. With Love, Mary Gibson Stiles

Mary Gibson Stiles - September 08, 2021 at 01:21 PM

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“ Dearests Julie and Janie,  
Your Mom was a special friend. We first met at college and then re- connected at CCDS. She was a gentle lady with a sweet soul. Please know that my love and prayers are with you. Deepest deepest sympathy.  
Maria Collias

Maria Collias - September 04, 2021 at 12:32 PM

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“ Dear Janie,

I was so sorry to read about your mom in this morning's Charlotte Observer. She was a beautiful, warm, kind, friendly person, and during the years we both had children at Country Day, I always enjoyed our chats when we ran into each other. My heart aches for you; how sad for you to lose such a dear person in your life.

Love,  
Judy Goldman (Laurie's mom)

Judy Goldman - September 03, 2021 at 09:18 AM

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Moffitt Family Funeral Care - September 01, 2021 at 03:08 PM