



## Joann Yoakum

December 29, 1941 - January 11, 2012

Joann Yoakum, age 70, of Henderson, KY, passed away at 6:52 PM, Wednesday, January 11, 2012, at Deaconess Hospital, Evansville, IN.

Mrs. Yoakum was preceded in death by her parents James William and Ola Mae Luna, five brothers, and three sisters.

She loved her family.

Survivors include:

Husband of 53 years: Foster Merrell Yoakum Henderson, KY

2 Daughters: Karen Duddleston Evansville, IN  
Sheryl Render Evansville, IN

1 Sister: Wilma Ricketts and husband Donald Morganfield, KY

4 Grandchildren: Chad Viars wife Dana, Shana Garza, Brittany Griffin, and Cody Griffin

6 Great Grandchildren

Funeral Services will be conducted at 2:00 PM, Sunday, January 15, 2012 at

Benton-Glunt Funeral Home, Henderson, KY. Reverend Randy Durham will officiate. Burial will be in Fairmont Cemetery, Henderson, KY.

Friends may call from 11:00 AM to until service time on Sunday at Benton-Glunt Funeral Home, Henderson, KY.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 15. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Benton-Glunt Funeral Home  
629 S. Green Street  
Henderson, KY 42420

## 2:00 P.M. Tuesday May 8, 2018 Funeral Service

JAN 15. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Henderson, KY 42420

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joann Yoakum*

November 29, 2022 at 08:01 AM



“ *Im still holding on with this cancer. Dont have a clue for when the good Lord will say its time. I just take a day at a time. Watch over us till then. Love Wilma*

**wilma ricketts** - November 21, 2020 at 12:16 PM



“ *Havent written to you in awhile. A lot has happened. I have cancer now and incurable. Joe Bill is gone and Shug. And I guess you know Cody this last week .It seems everything is getting worse. Thinking of you and would love a good talk. Wilma*

**Wilma Ricketts** - October 19, 2019 at 08:33 PM



“ *Time has gone by and a lot has happened but I think of you often. Miss you and miss our talks. I think a lot since I'm alone. Some memories are pure funny but others are sad.*

**Wilma Ricketts** - May 01, 2017 at 08:23 AM



“ *Today you would have been 73. Happy Birthday. I know your happier there than here.*



**Wilma Ricketts** - December 29, 2014 at 05:15 PM

CV

“ *It's been two years since you left us I really miss you so much I think of you everyday. I long for the day that we all reunite. Until then love and miss you...*

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**Chad Viars** - January 11, 2014 at 08:03 PM

WS

“ *Jo its been a year today that I was at your bedside when you went to alot better place. Still missing you tho.Im selfish and would like to have you here in person. I know your spirit is here but not the same.Still missing and loving you,sister*

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**Wilma Ricketts - Morganfield, KY - sister** - January 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ *Grama...its already been a year since you went to heaven. I miss you everyday. You would be so proud of howbig the girls are and how well they are doing in school. Im sending you a balloon. Catch it and hold it for me when i get there.*

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**shana - louisville, KY** - January 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ *Its been almost a year since you left us. At times it doesnt seem that long but other times it seems like forever since we talked. Im glad your not in any pain because I know you had alot but sure wish you were with me. Love You, Sister*

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**Wilma Ricketts - Morganfield, KY - sister** - December 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ It has been seven months Jo. I still miss you.Pansy passed three weeks after you.Guess you two girls are having a blast.You both loved God and I know you are both breathing better.As the song says no tears in Heaven but we shed alot here. Later Sis.

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**Wilma Ricketts - Morganfield, KY - sister** - July 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ I visited your grave yesterday. Yoke had ordered tombrock and it was up. I know your not there but it makes me feel better knowing thats where you were put to rest. There was no flowers but my next trip there will be.I miss you although I know your not suffering anymore. Wish we could talk and you could tell me how it is. Love your sis

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**Wilma Ricketts - morganfield, KY - sister** - March 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ I miss You Mom. I heard your song tonight at work."I can only imagine". and your song "God on the mountain" is staying firm in my spirit for gods holy spirit is the only thing giving me the strength these days.I miss you but God is giving me a quick PEACE when i feel sad and want to break.I know your in heavenly bliss right now. thank you jesus for such a loving mom.

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**sheryl render - evansville, IN - daughter** - January 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ You will be greatly missed, love you Aunt Joann!!! Rest-in Peace....Gabby

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**Jennifer Patrick - Harrisburg, IL - niece** - January 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ We know Aunt Jo will be missed by all, but where she is now can't compare to anything here. You all have our prayers. Love, Marvin & Melody

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**Marvin & Melody Wortman - San Tan Valley, AZ - nephew** - January 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ i mss you so much mom.i looked into the sunny sky this afternoon and said hi mom.i know you are in heavens bliss and amazed of all thats before you.i tell jesus off and on "give mom a hug for me right now lord."i know he does cause he sends his peace after my request. I will be the same great grandmother to my grandkids as you taught me to be. Love Sheryl

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**sheryl render - evansville, IN - oldest daughter** - January 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LI

“ We've shared many laughs and we've shared many sorrows; most of all, I feel very honored to have you as my Aunt. Although you have left this earth, you can be sure that you will never leave my heart. You have been a wonderful sister and friend to my mother; for this I will always be grateful. I am sure we will share many laughs, memories and thoughts of you while you are keeping watch over us! A peaceful and blessed journey to you Auntie. My love always, Lana.

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**Lana Joyner - IL** - January 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ for you my sweet angel, today is your day. i love you !karen

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**karen duddleston - evansville, IN - daughter** - January 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ You were with me in all my good times and sad. You were the strength I couldn't seem to find and the encouragement I desperately needed. I will never forget the things you taught me about being the best person I can be. Until we meet again...Love you, Susie

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**Linda Golden - Uniontown, KY - niece** - January 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ HEAVEN NOW HAS ANOTHER BEAUTIFUL ANGEL!!!!

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**Kim Floyd - Henderson, KY** - January 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ Karen,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in this difficult time.

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**Karen Bryant Cox - Smith Mills, KY** - January 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ YOU WERE THE BEST SISTER .WE SHARED ALOT. WE HAD GOOD TIMES AND BAD. WE MOURNED THE LOSS OF OUR PARENTS AND SIBLINGS. yOU WANT HAVE TO MOURN ANYMORE. REST IN PEACE UNTILL WE MEET AGAIN.

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**WILMA RICKETTS - MORGANFIELD, KY - SISTER** - January 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ i love and miss you so much. karen

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**karen duddleston - evansville, IN - daughter** - January 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ mom, you meant the world to me. i wouldnt be who i am today without you. i promised you that i would take care of you for the rest of you life and i granted you wishes. i will miss you so much but i will do everything i can to take and look out for dad. you have been the most outstanding mother a daughter could ask for. i know you are in a better place and now you will have no more pain. i love you mom and you will always br in my heart and with me. love you, karen

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karen duddleston - evansville, IN - daughter - January 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ the first granddaughter and to be born on your birthday, im honored to be that gift, but through my life, you were a gift to me. thank you grama for all the many many things you have done for me. thank you for making me who i am. i try to a good mother to my girls, the way you were to all of your children. you gave us everything we wanted and sometimes we didnt deserve it. Your poor little body couldn't take anymore pain, and i am happy to know that you're in the arms of the angels and walking with the Lord now. I miss you so much, and I promise to take your words of adivce and make you proud. YOU ARE MY HERO!!! I love you with all my heart and I will cry everyday until we are together again.

Love,  
Shana

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shana grza - Henderson, KY - Granddaughter - January 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Your candle has been lit darlin.

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Shana - henderson, KY - Granddaughter - January 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ my mother was very loving sacrificial mother,grandmother(nanny) and great-grandmother(great-nanny)'She lived alot of her life through her children and grand and great-grand children.If she had been in better health most of her life i trully beleive she would have been more outgoing.others were always on her heart and mind more than herself and her personal pain or heartache.God and jesus were #1 priorities she knew we all must realize we needed while going through this lifes journey and into the enternal journey.she enter that other journey with ease and peace and i thank jesus for that.shes with her mother now that she hasnt saw since was 16,and many brothers and sisters and especially jesus.enjoy your new painfree life mom.I will see u again one day and be able to enjoy it with you.Love your oldest daughter Sheryl.

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sheryl render - evansville, IN - mother - January 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ God looked around his garden and found an empty place,He then looked down upon the earth and saw your tired face. He put his arms around you and lifted you to rest. God's garden must be beautiful, he always takes the best. He knew that you were suffering, he knew you were in pain, he knew that you would never get well on earth again. He saw the road was getting rough, and the hills were hard to climb. So he closed your weary eyelids, and whispered,Peace be Thine. It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone. For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.  
Going to miss you so much and miss all our phone conversations. I'm so blessed that you were in my life. Till we meet again!

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Tammy Turley - Henderson, KY - January 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Grandma,  
*i am going to miss you so much..you always thought of all the family  
before yourself..you were so kind..and i love you so much..brit*

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**Brittany Griffin - henderson, KY - granddaughter** - January 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ NANNY YOU WERE AN INSPIRATION TO US ALL YOUR  
PRESENCE WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED BUT YOU WILL ALWAYS  
BE IN MY HEART. NOW YOU ARE GLORIFIED IN CHRIST AND  
THAT SOOTHES ME TO KNOW. YOU ARE AND ALWAYS WILL BE  
MY ANGEL. LOVE ALWAYS, CHAD ALLEN

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**CHAD ALLEN VIARS - HENDERSON, KY - GRANDSON** - January 13, 2012 at  
12:00 AM

DG

“ NANNY I LOVE YOU MORE THAN ANYTHING IN THIS WORLD  
AND I KNOW GOD IS WITH YOU AND I HOPE YOU BE GOOD IN  
HEAVEN FOR IT IS YOUR PLACE. WITH LOVE DYLAN FOSTER.

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**DYLAN FOSTER VIARS - HENDERSON, KY - GREAT-GRANDSON** - January 13,  
2012 at 12:00 AM

EG

“ " I love you nanny, i miss you nanny, you are the best nanny, i love  
the toys you bought me and the clothes too...goodbye nanny, i will  
see you in Heaven" -Elissa

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**Elissa Nicole Garza - Henderson, KY - Great granddaughter** - January 13, 2012  
at 12:00 AM

YG

“ *"I will see you in Heaven, but i miss you right now, we are cying. Thank you for all the gifts, thank you for brushing my hair and getting me ready for school in the morning. I love you"* - Yonna

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**Yonna Lynn Garza - Henderson, KY - Great Granddaughter** - January 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM