



Mrs. Joan Freeman Sasser Coker

November 14, 1933 - November 28, 2022

Joan Sasser Coker, 89, of Hartsville, SC, passed peacefully at home on Monday, November 28, 2022. Joan was born in Conway, SC, on November 14, 1933, to the late Dr. Paul Earl Sasser and the late Sara Ellen Freeman Sasser.

She is survived by her loving husband of 65 years, Charles Westfield Coker; children, Ellen Coker Baldwin (Tyler), Charles Westfield Coker, Jr. (Sylvia), Carrie Coker Haley (John), Robert Howard Coker (Rhonda), Margaret Coker Hungerford (Earle), Thomas Lide Coker (Marcy); 20 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; brother, George Freeman Sasser (Sara Jean); brother-in-law, Fitz Lee Howard Coker (Dotty); many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her sister, Sara Margaret Sasser Oyster.

Joan attended Hollins University and graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, as well as Katharine Gibbs School in New York City. She later received an honorary degree from Coker University. In addition to her family, Joan, known by her grandchildren and great-grandchildren as "Darlin'," was a passionate golfer, Master Gardener, and co-author of the Hartsville Cookbook to benefit Byerly Hospital.

She had unwavering faith, was full of southern charm, and was a strong-willed and determined lady. Her commitment to the betterment of South Carolina led

to her generosity and involvement on various boards and charities, including Brookgreen Gardens, South Carolina Educational Television, South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities, and Spoleto Festival USA. In recognition of her life's work, the Governor awarded Joan the South Carolina Order of the Palmetto; however, her greatest joy in life was being surrounded by her family.

The family is grateful for the love and support given to Joan by her various caregivers, including Hospice.

A funeral service to honor her life will be held at 11 o'clock on Thursday, December 1, 2022, at First Presbyterian Church, with The Rev. Ashely Cheek officiating. The family will receive friends in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service. A private burial will be held in Magnolia Cemetery prior to the service. Arrangements are in the care of Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home.

In Lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in her honor to First Presbyterian Church, 213 W. Home Avenue, Hartsville, SC 29550, Coker University, 300 East College Avenue, Hartsville, SC 29550, or Memory & Movement Charlotte, 411 Billingsley Road #103, Charlotte, NC 28211.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

DEC 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church
213 West Home Avenue
Hartsville, SC

Reception

DEC 1. 12:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall
213 W. Home Avenue
Hartsville, SC 29550

Tribute Wall

LL

“ *When someone you love becomes a memory, that memory becomes a treasure. Our prayer is that you find a measure of comfort in treasuring those beautiful memories, of your precious mother. Sending you all lots of love during this time of sorrow.*



Lori and Randy Lowe - April 15, 2023 at 07:50 PM

MW

“ *My Condolence to Charles and family, may Joan rest in peace. I work for her from 1962 until 1963, I moved to New York.*

Memberree Williams - February 21, 2023 at 12:47 AM

MW

“ *Memberree Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joan Freeman Sasser Coker*



Memberree Williams - February 21, 2023 at 12:44 AM

DA

“ *Dawn W. Anthony lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joan Freeman Sasser Coker*



Dawn W. Anthony - December 29, 2022 at 08:13 PM

MS

“ *Myrtle Stokes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joan Freeman Sasser Coker*



Myrtle Stokes - December 03, 2022 at 07:31 PM

DC

“ *My thoughts, prayers and heartfelt sympathy are with Joan's family.*

Dianne Chinnes - December 01, 2022 at 03:40 PM

BW

“ *Bruce & Marissa Walters lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joan Freeman Sasser Coker*



Bruce & Marissa Walters - December 01, 2022 at 03:01 PM

SD

“ *Sabrina D. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Mrs. Joan Freeman Sasser Coker.*



Sabrina D. - December 01, 2022 at 02:54 PM

BP

“ Brooks Peterson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Joan Freeman Sasser Coker



Brooks Peterson - December 01, 2022 at 11:00 AM

AF

“ Ann Fulcher lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joan Freeman Sasser Coker



Ann Fulcher - December 01, 2022 at 08:29 AM

HS

“ Herman S. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Mrs. Joan Freeman Sasser Coker.



Herman S. - November 30, 2022 at 06:04 PM

TM

“ We wish to convey our sincere sympathies and condolences to the entire Coker family Dr Tom and Katie Mincheff



Thomas Mincheff - November 30, 2022 at 01:23 PM

KL

“ *What wonderful memories of such a lovely lady, Fondly Kathy Lawhon*



Kathy Lawhon - November 30, 2022 at 01:19 PM

GB

“ *To the Coker family, you are in our thoughts and prayers. May you gain strength from the many wonderful memories you shared and for a life well lived. Gloria, Monty and Michael Bell*



Gloria Bell - November 30, 2022 at 10:01 AM

GG

“ *Our thoughts and prayers on your families loss.*



Greg & Sherri Goode - November 30, 2022 at 12:00 AM

WC

“ *Howard, Rhonda and family, you have been in my thoughts and prayers. I continue to pray that you all are comforted by fond memories of a life well lived.*

Willie Cannon - November 29, 2022 at 07:22 PM

BM

“ *Billy And Jo-Ann Matthews lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joan Freeman Sasser Coker*



Billy and Jo-Ann Matthews - November 29, 2022 at 04:47 PM

MN

“ *Mike And Brenda Northcutt lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joan Freeman Sasser Coker*



Mike and Brenda Northcutt - November 29, 2022 at 02:36 PM

TW

“ *Terri Northcutt Woodham sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Joan Freeman Sasser Coker*



Terri Northcutt Woodham - November 29, 2022 at 12:08 PM

CB

“ *Cheryl Burch lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joan Freeman Sasser Coker*



Cheryl Burch - November 29, 2022 at 11:29 AM

VA

“ *Viola R Arthur lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joan Freeman Sasser Coker*



Viola R Arthur - November 29, 2022 at 10:54 AM

MB

“ *Melinda Byrd sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Joan Freeman Sasser Coker*



Melinda Byrd - November 29, 2022 at 10:43 AM

PJ

“ *I remember Joan when she would come to Dr. Nickles office. I always enjoyed talking with her. Such a pretty lady. Thoughts and prayers for all the family. RIP Joan*



Pat James - November 29, 2022 at 10:26 AM

RB

“ *Roy Bowers lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joan Freeman Sasser Coker*



Roy Bowers - November 29, 2022 at 09:44 AM

PS

“ Pam P Sansbury lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joan Freeman Sasser Coker



Pam P Sansbury - November 29, 2022 at 09:12 AM

JM

“ I enjoyed meeting Joan through the Coker family. Joan and Charlie made a very special team, raising wonderful children and bringing so many positives to the Hartsville community and to Sonoco. My sincere condolences to the entire extended Coker family. Jim Micali

Jim Micali - November 29, 2022 at 08:22 AM

CB

“ Carol Elmore Bryant lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joan Freeman Sasser Coker



carol elmore bryant - November 29, 2022 at 07:04 AM

AW

“ Dear Charlie and all of Joan's beautiful family, I will always remember beautiful Joan. We had such fun times playing golf. Always with her smile and her love for her family. Prayers for her family...Love, Anna

Anna Williams - November 29, 2022 at 04:13 AM

GG

“ *Gene And Teresa Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joan Freeman Sasser Coker*



Gene and Teresa Gibson - November 29, 2022 at 01:39 AM

RS

“ *Rebecca Skinner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joan Freeman Sasser Coker*



Rebecca Skinner - November 28, 2022 at 09:07 PM

LL

“ *Mr Coker, Howard, Rhonda and family
We were so sorry to hear about the loss of your precious wife and mother
We pray that our good Lord will wrap his loving arms around each one of you and hold you tight
Love and prayers sent for all
Lawrence & Cindy Lowe
& family*



Lawrence & Cindy Lowe - November 28, 2022 at 08:18 PM

GB

“ I am so sorry to hear about Mrs. Joan. Praying for the family.



Genia Blackwell - November 28, 2022 at 07:22 PM

BP

“ Billy And Linda Price lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joan Freeman Sasser Coker



Billy and Linda Price - November 28, 2022 at 07:00 PM

LN

“ Lynn Newsom lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joan Freeman Sasser Coker



Lynn Newsom - November 28, 2022 at 06:36 PM

CE

“ Mr. Coker and family - so very sorry to hear of Mrs. Coker's passing. Many prayers lifted for you all.

Cathy Robbins Easter - November 28, 2022 at 06:28 PM

SH

“ *Sandra And Larry Huggins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joan Freeman Sasser Coker*



Sandra and Larry Huggins - November 28, 2022 at 05:17 PM

JM

“ *Johnny And Denise McLain lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joan Freeman Sasser Coker*



Johnny and Denise McLain - November 28, 2022 at 04:40 PM

CG

“ *Connee Gamble Grantham lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joan Freeman Sasser Coker*



Connee Gamble Grantham - November 28, 2022 at 04:21 PM