



Jo Ann Edwards

February 4, 1948 - March 23, 2026

Jo Ann Edwards of Rock Hall, Maryland, passed away peacefully on Monday, March 23, 2026, at the University of Maryland Hospital in Baltimore. She was 78 years old.

Born on February 4, 1948, in New York, Jo Ann was the beloved daughter of the late Robert O. Linder and Marijoan “Antonius” Linder. She was a proud graduate of Rock Hall High School, class of 1966, and continued her education at Chesapeake College.

Jo Ann dedicated many years of her life to serving her community through her work. She began her career at the Rock Hall Shirt Factory in 1975, where she worked as a floor supervisor. In 1985, she briefly worked at the Town Office in Rock Hall before finding her true calling in real estate. Jo Ann spent the next 31 years with Hogans Agency, where she built lasting relationships and helped countless families find their homes.

A devoted member of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah’s Witnesses, Jo Ann found great joy in her faith. She was known for her grateful heart and often expressed it with her familiar saying, “Thank you God, one more time.” Above all, she cherished time spent with her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who brought her immense happiness.

In addition to her parents, Jo Ann was preceded in death by her loving husband, John D. Edwards Sr., and her brother, Lawrence “Larry” Linder.

She is lovingly remembered by her children: John D. Edwards Jr. (fiancée Pam Parent) of Rock Hall, MD. Kathi Naumann (Chris) of Rock Hall, MD; Jaynie Orr (Scott) of Fairlee, MD; She is also survived by her seven grandchildren: Hilary and John Dylan Edwards; Kylee and Mitchell Naumann; and Caitlin, Jillian, and Ashlyn Orr; as well as her two great-grandchildren, Mylah Edwards and Pierce Reihl.

Jo Ann is further survived by her sister, Carol Ann Knapp of Blowing Rock, NC; her brother, Robert O. Linder Jr. of North Myrtle Beach, SC; and her dear friend, Vaughn Hogans of Tolchester, MD.

A visitation will be held on Tuesday, March 31, 2026, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, 130 Speer Road, Chestertown, MD. A Celebration of Life will follow at 6:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah’s Witnesses, 2020 McGinnes Road, Chestertown, MD.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 31. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home
130 Speer Road
Chestertown, MD 21620
<http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com>

Memorial Service

MAR 31. 6:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home
130 Speer Road
Chestertown, MD 21620
<http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jo Ann Edwards* ”



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - March 30 at 12:17 PM

MH

Beautiful service for a beautiful Lady 🌸💕

Margaret Holliday - April 01 at 12:25 PM

JC

A Beautiful tribute to her life 💕

Jean Antonius Cheshire - April 02 at 08:25 PM

JH

“ *Jack Heinefield lit a candle in memory of Jo Ann Edwards* ”



Jack Heinefield - April 09 at 03:04 PM

RO

“ *RJ Kristi Osborn lit a candle in memory of Jo Ann Edwards*



RJ Kristi Osborn - March 31 at 01:29 PM



“ *Kelley Sisco lit a candle in memory of Jo Ann Edwards*



Kelley Sisco - March 30 at 09:21 PM

RC

“ *Richard Cookerly lit a candle in memory of Jo Ann Edwards*



richard cookerly - March 30 at 06:31 PM

LS

“ *Love Scott, Jen & Sammy purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Jo Ann Edwards.*



Love Scott, Jen & Sammy - March 30 at 05:39 PM

CH

“ *Carole Hickman lit a candle in memory of Jo Ann Edwards*



Carole Hickman - March 30 at 02:53 PM



“ *Cindy King lit a candle in memory of Jo Ann Edwards*



Cindy King - March 30 at 02:12 PM

LU

“ *Laurie Usilton lit a candle in memory of Jo Ann Edwards*



Laurie Usilton - March 30 at 12:57 PM

YP

“ *Yvonne P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jo Ann Edwards.*

Yvonne P. - March 30 at 12:18 PM

YP

“ So sorry to hear of this. Sending ((hugs)) and prayers to you and your family, kathi

Yvonne Purpora - March 30 at 11:58 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Jo Ann Edwards.



March 30 at 11:12 AM

RM

“ Sending hugs and prayers to her family ❤️



Robin Merchant - March 30 at 10:28 AM



“ Marilyn Ford lit a candle in memory of Jo Ann Edwards



Marilyn Ford - March 30 at 09:52 AM

DB

“ Debra B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jo Ann Edwards.

Debra B. - March 29 at 10:46 AM

AS

“ Johnny, Kathi, & Janie, we are so sorry for your loss!
Kevin & Amy Stokes



Amy Stokes - March 28 at 09:16 PM

RM

“ Ruthie Maloney lit a candle in memory of Jo Ann Edwards



Ruthie Maloney - March 28 at 05:17 PM

EL

“ Edgar & Nancy Legg lit a candle in memory of Jo Ann Edwards



Edgar & Nancy Legg - March 27 at 08:22 PM

LG

“ *Lisa Good lit a candle in memory of Jo Ann Edwards*



Lisa Good - March 27 at 04:17 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Jo Ann Edwards.*



March 27 at 03:59 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jo Ann Edwards.*

March 27 at 03:59 PM

BC

“ *My heart is broken. JoAnn and I worked together for over 30 years. I have such good memories, so many funny ones! She will be truly missed. I love you JoAnn and I miss your face already. We always said that when we called each other!!*

Bonnie Chaires - March 27 at 01:48 PM

TB

“ *Thelma Bright lit a candle in memory of Jo Ann Edwards*



Thelma Bright - March 27 at 12:50 PM

CF

“ *Connie Fithian lit a candle in memory of Jo Ann Edwards*



Connie Fithian - March 27 at 10:22 AM

ME

“ *Mary Ann Edwards sent a virtual gift in memory of Jo Ann Edwards*



Mary Ann Edwards - March 27 at 08:13 AM

JH

“ *Joan Horsey lit a candle in memory of Jo Ann Edwards*



Joan Horsey - March 26 at 11:42 PM

LD

“ Liz And Marty Davidson lit a candle in memory of Jo Ann Edwards



Liz and Marty Davidson - March 26 at 11:08 PM

LP

“ Leah Plato lit a candle in memory of Jo Ann Edwards



Leah Plato - March 26 at 07:11 PM

GW

“ Greg And Janie Welch lit a candle in memory of Jo Ann Edwards



Greg and Janie Welch - March 26 at 06:53 PM

DD

“ Denny Dalrymple lit a candle in memory of Jo Ann Edwards



Denny Dalrymple - March 26 at 06:43 PM

MH

“ Jo Ann and John Daniel are reunited and are watching together over the Family they loved so much, they will always be with you all in your hearts and the memories you shared I will truly miss her quiet spirit and humor.

Margaret Holliday - March 26 at 06:18 PM

BA

“ So sorry Jaynie and family, and other family members for your loss. Thoughts and Prayers for everyone at this difficult time.



Barbara Allen - March 26 at 05:45 PM

RJ

“ Ronnie And Rhonda Jewell lit a candle in memory of Jo Ann Edwards



Ronnie and Rhonda Jewell - March 26 at 04:38 PM

BC

“ Barry And Nancy Conner lit a candle in memory of Jo Ann Edwards



Barry and Nancy Conner - March 26 at 04:13 PM

BC

*My Dear Sweet Friend ,Jo Ann I can't believe it .
I chose a yellow candle because it reminded me of you .
All sunshine and light with that big beautiful smile of yours. Whenever I
saw you it was like kisses from heaven . You are just as beautiful on
the inside as the outside Oh my are you ever going to be missed. I am
having a hard time writing this through my tears .However
because of Jesus I will see you again.You are walking on the streets of
gold even as we speak. Jesus said to you as soon as you walk through
the gate Welcome Home My Good And Faithful Servant. This is not
goodbye but see you later old friend . Hugs and kisses to your family. I
am here for you all .
Lots of Love
Nancy*

Barry and Nancy Conner - March 26 at 04:37 PM

BC

“ *Barbara Calder lit a candle in memory of Jo
Ann Edwards*



Barbara Calder - March 26 at 04:12 PM

CT

“ *Carroll & Carol Thompson lit a candle in
memory of Jo Ann Edwards*



Carroll & Carol Thompson - March 26 at 04:02 PM

GK

“ *Glenda Kelly lit a candle in memory of Jo Ann Edwards*



Glenda Kelly - March 26 at 03:21 PM

CN

“ *Chris & Vivian Nordhoff lit a candle in memory of Jo Ann Edwards*



Chris & Vivian Nordhoff - March 26 at 03:20 PM

BE

“ *Bonnie&Ronnie Edwards lit a candle in memory of Jo Ann Edwards*



Bonnie&Ronnie Edwards - March 26 at 02:38 PM

DN

“ *Debbie And Bob Nickerson lit a candle in memory of Jo Ann Edwards*



Debbie and Bob Nickerson - March 26 at 01:03 PM

CC

“ I’m so sad about the passing of such a beautiful lady. I remember Jo Ann fondly while working for Hogan’s Agency. So knowledgeable and kind. Prayers to the family during this difficult time .

Cathy Cole - March 26 at 12:06 PM

SP

“ Stephanie Price lit a candle in memory of Jo Ann Edwards



Stephanie Price - March 26 at 12:02 PM

SP

I am so sorry to here of Jo Ann's passing. Sending prayers of comfort to the family.

Stephanie Price - March 26 at 12:05 PM

SB

“ Thoughts and prayers to all your family Kathy during this sad time. Take care.



Stefanie&David Blyman - March 26 at 11:51 AM



“ *Such a nice lady and friend to my Mom 😊 My deepest condolences to Kathi and family 🙏 RIP Ms. Jo Ann ❤️*



Bonnie Bennett - March 26 at 11:38 AM



“ *Jordan Blanchfield lit a candle in memory of Jo Ann Edwards*



Jordan Blanchfield - March 26 at 10:56 AM



“ *Sheila Blyman Dlugoborski lit a candle in memory of Jo Ann Edwards*



Sheila Blyman Dlugoborski - March 26 at 10:55 AM



“ *So sorry to hear this!!! We have been friends since school and frequently talk to her while she was at Hogans. Many times I was at the farm when I was hanging out with Carol or her cousin Jackie Shaffer. Knew her Mom and Dad very well! Please accept my deepest sympathy for your loss!! I will miss her voice when I'm calling Vaughn at work.*



Butch Price - March 26 at 10:24 AM

CE

“ Charles & Donna Edwards sent a virtual gift in memory of Jo Ann Edwards



Charles & Donna Edwards - March 26 at 10:24 AM

CE

Our thoughts & prayers are with the family. Joanne was a wonderful person inside & out. She will be missed greatly. Love, Charles & Donna

Charles & Donna Edwards - March 26 at 10:26 AM

GS

“ George Short lit a candle in memory of Jo Ann Edwards



George Short - March 26 at 10:23 AM

EL

“ Ellen lit a candle in memory of Jo Ann Edwards



Ellen - March 26 at 09:58 AM

EL

She was such a nice lady. Prayers for the family.

Ellen - March 26 at 09:59 AM

MC

So sorry to see this. One of my favorite people.

Muffy Caputo - March 28 at 03:58 PM

RK

“ *I am so sorry to hear this. Joanne was always very pleasant and kind. She treated everyone with kindness and respect. I loved seeing her at Hogans and will miss her. Our sincere condolences to her entire family. Rita and Eddie.*



Rita and Eddie Kulley - March 26 at 09:06 AM

RO

“ *RJ Kristi Osborn lit a candle in memory of Jo Ann Edwards*



RJ Kristi Osborn - March 26 at 08:29 AM