

JoAnn Church (Gmama)

JoAnn Church (GMama) age 84 went to her beloved heavenly home on August 11,2024. She lived in Lake View via Oak Grove Alabama. JoAnn was always a hard worker. She worked in the food and beverage industry for over 25 years. Then she went to work at Jim Walter mines and was a coal miner at number 7 and 4 for 8 1/2 years. When the miners went on strike she went to school to learn how to drive a semi truck so she could tag team with her husband AC. They drove Coast to Coast. She bought magnets from all the unique states and put them on her refrigerator. After going back to the mines she bought Little Shoals Camp. JoAnn and AC turned a small fishing camp into a family community. She worked and managed it for over 30 years. For fun, and she knew how to make fun! She would take family, friends, and especially the kids for rides on her boat on the Wonderful Warrior River. She went on several cruises with her girlfriends and they were nicknamed The Golden girls. She also loved working in her yard which was beautiful and had many roses and flowers. She always had a beautiful down because the hose pipe was her therapy. Because she would pray and talk to the Lord, Boy at the water bills! She loved her family deeply and in turn they loved her deeply and are so grateful for her guidance always. She lived an amazing life and now is at peace with God.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 39 years Alfred C Church (56), her daughter Sandy Thomas (53). She is survived by her daughter Debbie Brown son Kris Church, granddaughter Janey Cain (Chris), great-grandchildren Owen Rice, Trent Rice and Brandon Cain and many other family members and friends. Cremation Center of Birmingham Woodstock Chapel will be handling all arrangements for Mrs. Church.