



### **Nancy Joan Chandler Rasberry**

Nancy Joan Chandler Rasberry, 74, passed away in her home on Saturday, September 28, after a nine-year hard-fought battle with Leukemia.

Joan was preceded in death by her parents G.B. and Dorothy (Pickle) Chandler and her brothers Allen and Joe. She leaves behind a daughter, Patti Smith (Ed), and a son, Chandler Rasberry (Amanda). She also leaves behind her grandchildren Kendal, Whitney, and Reagan Smith and Greyson and Cate Rasberry, two great-grandchildren Luca and Isabella Vines, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Joan's life began modestly in Barnes, MS, and she graduated from Carthage High School in 1968. A move to Starkville, MS, followed shortly after, where she spent the next twenty years working for Mississippi State University in a variety of administrative capacities. In 1990, Joan accepted a position with Capstone Companies and moved to Birmingham, AL, where she spent the remainder of her successful, professional life and retired as Chief Operating Officer of Security Holdings LLC in 2016 after being diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia.

“Memaw” enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren, volunteering in her church and for Meals on Wheels, attending UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center’s annual ArtBlink Gala, being an active member of her church cancer support group, attending luncheons and playing Dominos with a very special group of ladies, spending time visiting and talking with friends, old and new, designing her home and backyard oasis, and traveling. Memaw also had quite a competitive streak and religiously watched, cheered, and kept up with football scores on college gamedays (Mississippi State University and University of Alabama specifically, but not jointly).

Patti and Chandler would like to extend heartfelt appreciation to friends and family who have gone above and beyond to assist, support, and love our mother throughout her life but especially the last several years as her health deteriorated. Her goal was to live independently as long as possible, and she did that on her own terms. We are forever grateful to those who made her last wishes possible, especially her neighbors. Home was her comfort zone, and for her to be able to pass peacefully and safely there was a true blessing. Our mom was an independent, organized, hard-headed, stubborn, giving, compassionate, and spiritual woman. She knew what she wanted and took action to make things happen; we will both live out her legacy with love and pride and carry on as she always taught us to do.

A Service of Celebration will be held Thursday, October 3, with visitation at 10:00 a.m. at Vestavia Hills Methodist Church, 2061 Kentucky Avenue, Vestavia Hills, AL 35216. The service will begin at 11:00 a.m. with inurnment immediately following within the church columbarium. Memorial contributions may be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society