



Joan Ann Dunham

November 16, 1932 - February 6, 2025

Joan Ann Dunham, 92, of Charlotte, NC, passed peacefully from the arms of her loved ones into the arms of Jesus on Thursday, February 6, 2025. Born in Syracuse, NY, Joan lived a life full of love, service, and devotion to those around her. She retired and moved to Eustis, FL in 1995, and later to a suburb of Charlotte, NC in 2015 to be closer to family.

Joan had a fulfilling career as a bookkeeper for Syracuse Ladder and Scaffolding, where she worked for many years before retiring in 1995. However, it was her role as a mother, grandmother, and devoted servant to others that truly defined her life.

Joan will be lovingly remembered for her incredible kindness and patience, especially in caring for her special needs daughter. She had a heart for service, exemplified by her cooking for people at Liverpool Christian Church, Liberty Baptist Church, and Joy Christian Fellowship, where she also served as a greeter. She poured love into everyone she encountered, never meeting a stranger.

A lifelong sports enthusiast, Joan was a passionate supporter of Syracuse sports teams and was an avid Yankees fan, finding joy in cheering on her favorite teams.

Joan was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Milford Dunham; her son, Steven Backus; and her daughter, Laurie Emerson. She is survived by her 3 sons, John Dunham, Baldwinsville, NY, James (Laurie) Dunham, Oak, FL, Jack (Carla) Dunham, Lantana, FL, 3 daughters, Jerrilyn (Chuck)

Reininger, Weston, FL, Phyllis Backus, Charlotte, NC, Bonnie (David) Hoag, Charlotte, NC; 16 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Joan's memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew her. She will be deeply missed but always remembered for her love, faith, and generosity.