



Joan McElhaney

March 30, 1921 - May 31, 2025

Joan Violet McElhaney, 104, of Huntsville; passed away Saturday, May 31, 2025, at her home. She was born Wednesday, March 30, 1921, at Finstock, England; and was the daughter of James Henry and Ada Webb Harris.

Joan led a remarkable life spanning 104 years. Growing up in England, she cherished simple joys such as taking trips to the seaside and into Oxford to go shopping on Saturdays. Her childhood cottage, where she was born, still stands today and remains furnished with her parents' cherished belongings. Joan married Clay McElhaney on April 7, 1945, in Finstock, England, and together they raised four children. A dedicated homemaker and devout member of Huntsville Freewill Baptist Church, Joan found joy in gardening, canning fruits and vegetables, and was renowned for her delectable chocolate pies. Above all, she was a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, always placing others' needs ahead of her own.

Joan was preceded in death by her husband, Clay McElhaney; her parents, James and Ada Harris; one son, Bobby Gene McElhaney; two brothers, Kenneth Harris and Allen Harris; two sisters, Enid Miller and Daisy Harris; and her best friend, Madge Whittemore. She is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, James and DeAnna McElhaney, of Witter; two daughters and sons-in-law, Susan and Herb Marshall, of Huntsville; and Jennifer and Ron Bolinger, of Huntsville; eight grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, and 12 great-

grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 10:00 AM, Thursday, June 5, 2025, at Brashears Funeral Home with Jessie Laird officiating. Pallbearers will be grandsons and great-grandsons. Honorary pallbearers will be Ron Bolinger, Herb Marshall, and Colby Philpott. Interment will immediately follow services at Aurora Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Joan's name may be made to Aurora Cemetery, PO Box 1491, Huntsville, AR 72740. Services are entrusted to Brashears Funeral Home and Crematory of Huntsville.

Cemetery Details

Aurora Cemetery

Madison County Road #5675
Huntsville, AR 72740

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUN 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

Brashears Funeral Home and Crematory
509 North Gaskill Street
Huntsville, AR 72740
(479) 738-2123
<https://www.brashearsfuneralhome.net/>

Tribute Wall



“ Susan I am so sorry for your loss Prayers for each of you during this time or sorrow. May the Lord hold each of you up in His arms of love and comfort.



Alvin L Herrington - June 11, 2025 at 04:56 PM

SS

“ My favorite memory of Joan/Grandma McElhaney are her laughing and teasing me in her feisty way, the times I got to spend the night and we would stay up laughing and talking “like a couple of school girls” she used to say, and all of her stories of England. I loved her very much, and will really miss her. I’m so grateful that she was a part of my life. ❤️

Suzie Sanford - June 08, 2025 at 11:09 PM

SB

“ I am so sorry to hear of Joan's passing. I always enjoyed visiting with her and listening to her stories. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.
Steve Ball

Steve Ball - June 05, 2025 at 10:49 PM

DS

“ I remember Joan from my childhood she was a wonderful lady. She was friends with my grandma Lucy. They would joke around with each other about watching each other across the river with their binoculars. She always mowed her yard with push mower even after she was older I will miss seeing her outside. My condolences to the family. Debbie McCoy Sprinkle

Debbie Sprinkle - June 05, 2025 at 12:20 PM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Joan McElhaney.



June 04, 2025 at 01:42 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joan McElhaney.

June 04, 2025 at 01:42 PM

RO

“ Joan was a wonderful person and one of a kind. Our prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Royce and Charlene.

Royce - June 04, 2025 at 01:14 PM

WP

“ Prayers for the family. My memories of Joan go all the way back to my childhood. She and my mom were great friends. I have lots of memories of time spent at her house. She was such a sweet, feisty little lady. I know you all will miss her very much.

Wendy Henderson Pettz

Wendy Henderson Pettz - June 03, 2025 at 04:03 PM

LN

Prayers for the family. She will be missed by all. I loved when she came into Ozark foods she was such a sweet lady ❤️ 🙏

Lucille Napier - June 03, 2025 at 07:36 PM

JS

“ Prayers for all the family. She was a sweet person and will be missed by all.

Joetta Smith - June 03, 2025 at 12:09 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joan McElhaney.



June 03, 2025 at 09:43 AM

SW

“ To Susan and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Joan was always so happy and cheerful, she led a long and full life. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. I doubt I am able to come to the funeral. Since I lost my legs I don't get out much but I will be with you in spirit and will be praying for you all. Much love to you all. Susan, I love you and am so very sorry for your loss.

Sarah Spurlock Ward - June 03, 2025 at 09:28 AM

DP

“ Such a sweet lady. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.

Donna Phillips - June 02, 2025 at 11:38 PM

WB

“ So very sorry for your loss. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Wynonia Burgess Boller - June 02, 2025 at 06:22 PM

BS

“ So sorry to hear of your mother's passing Susan. My thoughts & prayers are for you all. 🙏🙏🙏

Betty (Carlton) Snyder - June 02, 2025 at 04:35 PM

BW

“ *Joan was pure joy to visit with and a wonderful neighbor.
I loved her stories of England and hearing her talk about her family!
She loved them so deeply.
Prayers and condolences to all her family and friends.
It won't seem right going by her house and not seeing her on her
deck enjoying the sounds of nature.*

*Good bless you all
Tom and Billie Whorton*

Billie Whorton - June 02, 2025 at 04:07 PM

JM

*So sorry to hear about Joan. She had a family that she loved very
much and she was loved by everyone who knew her.*

Prayers for you all.

Jimmy and Gemma Miller

James Miller - June 03, 2025 at 01:53 PM

DB

*Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead
and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts*

Donna Bolinger - June 05, 2025 at 08:20 AM