



## Ms. Joan "Joanie" Lee Brown

November 15, 1956 - February 20, 2024

Joan (Joanie) Lee Brown, affectionately known as “Boss Lady”, “Dr Brown” & “Joanie B’. Sunrise November 15, 1956 - Sunset February 20, 2024. Joanie was born to Herman Myles & Maggie Pink in Peoria, IL, they preceded her.

Joanie married Maurice Anthony Brown in August 1985

Joanie attended Peoria High School, then went on to serve in the US Army and the Army Reserve. She was employed at Walmart “Wally World” where she started as a front-end cashier, front end supervisor, and Customer Service Manager. Joanie was affectionately known as the Walmart Mom.

Her baptism, soul salvation and acceptance of Christ in her life occurred at an early age. She was a faithful member of Rising Sun Christian Church over 20 years of Peoria, IL - Pastor John L. Gibson - serving as the President of the Usher Board and was a member of the United Usher Board.

Joanie enjoyed spending time with her family and was the Life of the Party. She was famous for her cooking, baking, making everyone laugh and would dance the night away. She loved music and being a mother figure to all her nieces, nephews, and her Walmart children.

She leaves to cherish her life, and memories of her brothers: Herman Joseph

Myles of Peoria, IL, and Paul (Brigette) Myles of Phoenix, AZ; her sisters: Icyphine Williams, Georgianna Davis, Elizabeth Slaughter all of Peoria, IL, Janet Shields of Buckeye, AZ, Mary Jane Myles of Chicago, IL, Susan (Clifford) Stringer of Peoria, IL, Rhonda Brown of Roseville, MN, Angela Myles-Graham of Glendale, AZ and, Valerie Bursey of St Louis, MO; a host of nieces, nephews, two sister/cousins: Katherine (Kat) Thomas and Patricia Smith and two Goddaughters: Teanna Johnson and Kamesha Glore-Sims.

A Celebration of Life Service for Joanie will be held on Friday, March 1, 2024, at Rising Sun Christian Church at 11:00 with visitation commencing two hours prior at 9:00 a.m. Pastor John Gibson will officiate. Arrangements were made especially for the "Brown/Pink" family and professionally directed by T.W. Parks Colonial Chapel. Live streaming can be viewed by clicking the link for TW Parks Colonial Chapel Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/twpa rkscolonialchapel>.

Joanie will be laid to rest at Swan Lake Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Swan Lake

4601 W War Memorial Drive  
Peoria, IL 61615

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 1. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Rising Sun Christian Church  
4310 W Charter Oak Rd  
Peoria, IL 61615-3213  
(309) 692-2786

## Celebration of Life

MAR 1. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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4310 W Charter Oak Rd  
Peoria, IL 61615-3213  
(309) 692-2786

# Tribute Wall

SR

“ *Shari Rutherford lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan "Joanie" Lee Brown*



Shari Rutherford - March 19, 2024 at 02:13 PM

SH

“ *To the families and friends of Joanie Brown. We send our deepest condolences from across the miles. Losing a loved one is never easy. We are praying our God will give you peace beyond understanding in the days to come.*  
*Friends from afar Lorraine Giwa, Waters, Hinton, Willis & Hobson families*

Shirley Hinton - March 02, 2024 at 09:37 AM

MC

*I searched for her for years. We worked together in Tennessee on the Naval Base. She saw me so much she asked me to work for her, and I wasn't looking for a job. I miss her, but i'm glad I don't have to look any further. God is good, and my search is over, and she's in the best Hands.*

Monica Christopher - December 10, 2025 at 01:28 AM

TA

“ *Rest Well Aunt Joanie. You will be missed and forever loved..~"Your Tidy"*



Taiesa - March 01, 2024 at 01:32 PM

LP

“ Worked the front end with Joanie several years @ Walmart 1028, It was our home away from home & She became family, My Sister from another! We had some great moments all of us & I will cherish them forever more! May the lord give you beautiful wings & RIP Pinky your in great hands now! 🌹🌹🌹



laura parchman - March 01, 2024 at 01:12 PM

AG

“ Rest in perfect peace my sister. I love you. ❤️

Angela Graham - March 01, 2024 at 11:55 AM

MB

“ Georgia and the Brown family... I remember her from Walmart..My deepest condolences.



Mildred Baldon - March 01, 2024 at 10:26 AM

WD

“ Ima miss my Walmart mamma 🥹 rest in heaven

Whitney Drummond - March 01, 2024 at 09:54 AM

CH

“ *Carmen Hines lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan "Joanie" Lee Brown*



**Carmen Hines** - March 01, 2024 at 09:42 AM

BG

“ *Benita Green lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan "Joanie" Lee Brown*



**Benita Green** - March 01, 2024 at 09:33 AM

BG

*Joanie you will be missed at Walmart. That smile . Back in the day that neighborhood was our Village. From Joanie and Ronda house, The Jacksons, The Sanders and many more. You did something best believe they telling . They gonna get you first then tell . I wasn't a trouble child. I was in 5th grade at Roosevelt when we moved on 5th St. The times we had. And when my mom passed Joanie gave me the biggest hug. And said I loved your mom and I love you. You will be missed . The Angels done came and signed your name. Job well done. My Condolences to all The Family 🙏*

**Benita Green** - March 01, 2024 at 09:41 AM

CG

“ *My condolences to Joanie's family. Cheryll Lamon Gordon*



**Cheryll Lamon Gordon** - March 01, 2024 at 12:14 AM

PM

“ I Will always have great memories of my sister Joanie. We had great fun in the 70s working together at Pepe Taco. Plenty of laughs, and good times. Wish I could have stayed in better contact with her. I treasure the time that we had. She will be greatly missed, and loved forever. She’s in a better place now. Lots of love to all my family.

*Paul Myles and wife Brigitte*

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**Paul Myles** - February 29, 2024 at 11:21 PM

FC

“ Felisha Connor lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan "Joanie" Lee Brown



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**Felisha Connor** - February 29, 2024 at 09:43 PM

FC

*Joanie was such a sweet soul. Was a joy to see her in the aisles of walmart*

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**Felisha Connor** - February 29, 2024 at 09:45 PM

JT

“ Janette Terrell lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan "Joanie" Lee Brown



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**Janette Terrell** - February 29, 2024 at 01:57 PM

JT

*I am going to miss you dearly.*

Janette Terrell - February 29, 2024 at 03:04 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Joan "Joanie" Lee Brown.*



February 29, 2024 at 01:17 PM

TS

“ *Theresa Sanders lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan "Joanie" Lee Brown*



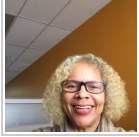
Theresa Sanders - February 29, 2024 at 12:04 PM

BJ

“ *BEVERLY JOHNSON sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Joan "Joanie" Lee Brown*



BEVERLY JOHNSON - February 28, 2024 at 09:48 AM



“ *Melody Holman lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan "Joanie" Lee Brown*



Melody Holman - February 28, 2024 at 09:41 AM



“ *I love you Ms Joanie 🥹🥹 I'll miss you forever get your rest I'll see you on the other side* 💜



Kashmere - February 28, 2024 at 08:54 AM



“ *Belinda(Lynn)Spencer-Little sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Joan "Joanie" Lee Brown*



Belinda(Lynn)Spencer-Little - February 28, 2024 at 12:56 AM



“ *Rufus And Kim Nelson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan "Joanie" Lee Brown*



Rufus and Kim Nelson - February 27, 2024 at 10:01 PM

PF

“ I remember one day I was walking I believe at Walmart and Joanie said Pamela Farmer, I turned around and looked, I didn't recognize her and she said Rhonda Pink sister Joanie.. I had not seen her in years.. We hugged and talked.. When I joined FB, we stayed in contact..

*Rhonda, Paul and the rest of the family, my deepest sympathy and condolences to you all.. Praying for peace and comfort in your time of need..*

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**Pamela Farmer** - February 27, 2024 at 09:18 PM



“ Vicky Gagliardi lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan "Joanie" Lee Brown



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**Vicky Gagliardi** - February 27, 2024 at 08:28 PM



“ I will miss seeing you at Walmart my friend RIP

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**Vicky Gagliardi** - February 27, 2024 at 08:28 PM



“ Miss Joanie was a trooper. Her knees hurt her so badly when we worked at Walmart, but she kept going She was a trooper for sure

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**Diana Ryan** - February 27, 2024 at 08:06 PM

KM

“ *Kim Miller lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan "Joanie" Lee Brown*



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**kim miller** - February 27, 2024 at 05:37 PM

KM

“ *I worked with this sweet woman. She was always there to listen when I need a shoulder. To lean on. May you rest in peace my sweet angel. Kim miller*

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**kim miller** - February 27, 2024 at 05:36 PM

TM

“ *Tammy McChristian lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan "Joanie" Lee Brown*



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**Tammy McChristian** - February 27, 2024 at 05:08 PM

EE

“ *Essie Elis lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan "Joanie" Lee Brown*



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**Essie Elis** - February 27, 2024 at 05:06 PM

DA

“ Loved working with you Joanie miss seeing you at Walmart you where the strength of Walmart when I came there won't be the same

denayer artis - February 27, 2024 at 02:52 PM

PB

“ Pamela Biles-Whitelow and Joseph Whitelow Sr. lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan "Joanie" Lee Brown



Pamela Biles-Whitelow - February 27, 2024 at 02:20 PM

MR

“ Mattie Risby sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Joan "Joanie" Lee Brown



Mattie Risby - February 27, 2024 at 02:17 PM

AK

“ Arcurtis King lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan "Joanie" Lee Brown



Arcurtis King - February 27, 2024 at 12:22 PM

CS

“ *Cindy Stewart sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Joan "Joanie" Lee Brown*



Cindy Stewart - February 27, 2024 at 11:00 AM

CS

“ *Cindy Stewart lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan "Joanie" Lee Brown*



Cindy Stewart - February 27, 2024 at 10:59 AM

AB

“ *Anita Brown lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan "Joanie" Lee Brown*



Anita Brown - February 27, 2024 at 08:38 AM

PW

“ *Prayers of comfort for people for your family at this time of sorrow* 🙏❤️

Patricia Ward - February 27, 2024 at 08:28 AM

MP

“ *Mancy Pittman lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan "Joanie" Lee Brown*



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**Mancy Pittman** - February 27, 2024 at 06:37 AM

AM

“ *Icyphine and Family, I pray that God will grant you all comfort, peace and love during this time of grief.*  
*Sue Marks and Family*

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**Anna Marks** - February 27, 2024 at 04:57 AM

SI

“ *Sweet Joanie. You will definitely be missed Birthday Twin, but there is no more pain or suffering. I will always cherish our chit-chats and hugs/love we always shared when I would run into you at Walmart. Rest Peacefully. 1115* ❤️



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**Shannon Isadore** - February 27, 2024 at 01:06 AM

AF

“ *My thoughts and prayers to all the family.*

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**Alice Tyus- Winters and family** - February 26, 2024 at 11:23 PM

MH

“ *Mendy Hughes lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan "Joanie" Lee Brown*



Mendy Hughes - February 26, 2024 at 07:23 PM

RH

“ *Rena Webster Horton lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan "Joanie" Lee Brown*



Rena Webster Horton - February 26, 2024 at 06:32 PM

DT

“ *Dallas Terry lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan "Joanie" Lee Brown*



Dallas Terry - February 26, 2024 at 02:11 PM

AI

“ *Annette Irby lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan "Joanie" Lee Brown*



Annette Irby - February 26, 2024 at 12:18 PM

DA

“ Sending my Deepest Sympathy and Prayers and Condolences to the entire family keeping y'all in my Prayers 🙏🙏



Demetra Alexander - February 26, 2024 at 11:51 AM

RU

“ RuthBush lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan "Joanie" Lee Brown



RuthBush - February 25, 2024 at 06:11 PM

DJ

“ Darlene Jackson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan "Joanie" Lee Brown



Darlene Jackson - February 25, 2024 at 11:02 AM

DJ

Praying for STRENGTH AND COMFORT 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

Darlene Jackson - February 25, 2024 at 11:03 AM

AN

My loving cousin, I am going to miss our talks on the phone. Your loving spirit and kind heart. I will always carry you in my heart. Now you are with my brother Mike :)

Andrea - February 25, 2024 at 02:51 PM



“ Maurice Brown lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan "Joanie" Lee Brown



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**Maurice Brown** - February 25, 2024 at 10:39 AM

RB

“ My sissy we will never be apart I will forever carry you in my 💕💕💕 I Love you Always and forever  
Yours Miss you till meet on other side



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**Rhonda Brown** - February 25, 2024 at 09:38 AM

KC

“ Kathy Collins lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan "Joanie" Lee Brown



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**Kathy Collins** - February 25, 2024 at 09:29 AM

TB

“ Tynesia Bailey lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan "Joanie" Lee Brown



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**Tynesia Bailey** - February 25, 2024 at 07:13 AM

RH

“ *Rena Webster Horton lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan "Joanie" Lee Brown*



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**Rena Webster Horton** - February 25, 2024 at 12:10 AM

MH

“ *Mendy Hughes sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Joan "Joanie" Lee Brown*



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**Mendy Hughes** - February 24, 2024 at 10:10 PM

RA

“ *Renee Adell lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan "Joanie" Lee Brown*



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**Renee Adell** - February 24, 2024 at 07:38 PM

MS

“ *Sending my condolences to the family of Joan Brown I have known her forever and just wanted to say sorry for your lost*

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**Mamie Moss Smith** - February 24, 2024 at 06:07 PM

AL

“ *Annette Lucy lit a candle in memory of Ms.  
Joan "Joanie" Lee Brown*



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**Annette Lucy** - February 24, 2024 at 04:42 PM