



## Joanne Astin

April 3, 1942 - December 6, 2011

Mrs. Joanne J. Astin, age 69, of Forrest City, died Tuesday at the Methodist Hospital in Memphis.

Mrs. Astin was born April 3, 1942, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and was the daughter of Joe Ruggaber and Anna Yannuzzi Ruggaber. She was a retired school teacher from the Forrest City Public Schools and was a member of the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church.

Mrs. Astin is survived by seven children; Carroll Astin of Cabot, Debbie Nearn, and husband, Mike, of Lawrenceburg, Indiana, Joey Astin, and wife, Terry, Tim Astin, Bobby Astin, and wife, Sherry, Tony Astin, and Gina Astin, all of Forrest City, seven grandchildren; Allison Astin, Meghan Astin, Ty Nearn, Chandler Astin, Teagan Nearn, Ashley Astin, and Claudia Astin, and a close family friend, Katie Bardaman. She was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Nicole Bennett.

Visitation will be held for family and friends at the Astin home, Thursday, December 8, 2011, 6:00 till 8:00 P.M.. A private family service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to the SFC Elves-Toys for Tots, P.O. Box 924, Forrest City, Ar. 72336. Stevens Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. You may log on to [stevensfuneralhome.net](http://stevensfuneralhome.net) for the on line registry.



# Tribute Wall

CP

“ My prayers and thoughts are with you all! I remember the first time I met Joanne! She was my mentor when I came to work at Lincoln Middle School. Not only did she guide in how the system worked, she was a regular little "bulldog" when she found anyone was picking on me or trying to make trouble for me!! It was like seeing "Mutt" and "Jeff" with her and Jamie Rougeau...you can rest assured that they are having a good time together. My heart goes out to you during this TREMENDOUS loss. Although I have not seen her in awhile I always thought of her and appreciated having had the opportunity to have her in my life.

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**Cheryl Parrish** - April 12, 2013 at 08:29 AM

MW

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Mrs. Astin was a very special lady. She touched the lives of many people! You are in our thoughts and prayers!  
Mary and Emily

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**Mary Wells** - April 12, 2013 at 08:29 AM

BJ

“ So sorry for your loss. You are in our prayers and thoughts.

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**Bea Jackson** - April 12, 2013 at 08:29 AM

LB

“ *Astin Family,*

*I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Your mom was a great lady! She was always so funny and quick to be a kidder! I have so many fond memories of growing up playing at your house after school. You will all be in my thoughts and prayers!*

*Love,  
Libby*

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**Libby Parker Byrd** - April 12, 2013 at 08:29 AM

PT

“ *To the Astin Family, my prayers are with you at this time of grief. Mrs. Joanne will be remembered by all of her students at Forrest City Middle School. She was a pleasure to have as a Teacher. And she will be greatly missed!!! Love, Penny and Will*

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**Penny Tarver** - April 12, 2013 at 08:29 AM

NM

“ *Your Mom was one of the greatest! Best wishes and in my prayers.*

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**Nicole Mardis** - April 12, 2013 at 08:29 AM

MW

“ *Dear Children, Loved your Mom! I have so many nice memories of her. Please know that you, as well as your Mom, are in thoughts and prayers. Mary Lou Wilkinson*

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**Mary Lou Wilkinson** - April 12, 2013 at 08:29 AM

DE

“ You are missed by your family and many, many friends. I know you are looking down on each of us. I Love You.

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**Debbie** - April 12, 2013 at 08:29 AM

TF

“ The Astin family you all are in our prayers ! Mrs .Joanne was a wonderful & sweet lady she will be missed!

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**The Lynaugh family** - December 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM