



Jo Ann F. Herrmann Wade

September 29, 1934 - April 14, 2025

Jo Ann F. Herrmann Wade, age 90 of New Martinsville, WV passed away peacefully on April 14, 2025 at the Davis Community in Wilmington, NC surrounded by her loving family.

Jo Ann was born on September 29, 1934 in Wetzel County. She graduated from Magnolia High School in 1952, where she was an honor student, active in many clubs and lettered in cheerleading. She met Jerome (Jerry) Wade (1934-2014) in high school, and they married on June 26, 1954, at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in New Martinsville. Jerry and Jo Ann served as Eucharistic Ministers and were active on many church committees. Jo Ann also served as the cheerleading coach at St. Vincent Catholic School prior to its closing.

The Wade home was always welcoming to family, friends, and neighbors and the scene of many games, picnics, and Easter Egg hunts. Jo Ann also had many hobbies, but her passions were playing bridge and sewing. She was known for sewing clothes for her family and costumes for many school plays. Her favorite pastime was sharing time with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Jo Ann was employed with Mobay Chemical Corp (Bayer) until she retired as an Executive Assistant in Research and Development. She was an active member of the New Martinsville Library Board for many years. She remained in New Martinsville for nine years after Jerry's death and moved to Wilmington, NC in 2023 to be closer to family.

Left to cherish her memory are devoted children Jan Ellen Crane of

Wilmington, NC; Jacqueline Jean Estep and husband John of Vienna, WV; and Jerome (Jerry) Wade, Jr and wife Susan of Lake Lotawana, MO; grandchildren Jennifer Crane (Lou), Jacqueline Pait (Roby), Scotty Crane; David Underwood (Megan), Kristen Cathey (Hank), Megan Todd (George); Kelley Anne Cole (Eric), Daniel Wade, Andrew Wade, Morgan Wade; and great-grandchildren Brayden and Anderson Pait, Emmy and Cameron Underwood, Madison, Bryce, and Connor Cathey, Nora and Ethan Todd, and Isaac Cole. She is also survived by her brother Jack Lawrence Herrmann (Nancy), as well as many beloved nieces and nephews.

Friends will be received at Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 751 Third Street, New Martinsville, WV on Monday, April 21, 2025 from 6 to 8 p.m. Funeral Liturgy with Mass will be offered on Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 11 a.m. at St. Vincent DePaul Parish, 21 Rosary Road, New Martinsville. Burial will follow in Northview Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations will be kindly accepted at Lower Cape Fear LifeCare Foundation, 1414 Physicians Drive, Wilmington, NC 28401 or online at lifecare.org/donate.

Cemetery Details

Northview Cemetery

219 N. State Rt. 2
New Martinsville, WV 26155

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 21. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - New Martinsville
751 Third Street
New Martinsville, WV 26155
(304) 455-1800
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Liturgy with Mass

APR 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
21 Rosary Road
New Martinsville, WV 26155

Tribute Wall

EF

“ Erin F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jo Ann F. Herrmann Wade.

Erin F. - April 20, 2025 at 07:52 PM

LK

“ Hugs to Jackie, Jan and Jerry. Linda Keegan

Linda Keegan - April 20, 2025 at 03:39 PM

PF

“ Patrick, Carol & the Cathey Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Jo Ann F. Herrmann Wade.



Patrick, Carol & the Cathey Family - April 20, 2025 at 03:28 PM



“ Jo Ann and my Mom (Audrie Ann Campbell Ryan) were best friends... since they were 5 years old (so we were told). I have great memories of Mom talking about their friendship and remember many visits with their family in WV while I was growing up. Jo Ann was a very sweet person. Sincere condolences to her entire family.

Kellie Daniels - April 20, 2025 at 12:12 PM

FW

“ from Jim,Denise,Jenna,and Julie Wade planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jo Ann F. Herrmann Wade.

from Jim,Denise,Jenna,and Julie Wade - April 19, 2025 at 01:44 PM

FW

“ from Jim,Denise,Jenna,and Julie Wade purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Jo Ann F. Herrmann Wade.



from Jim,Denise,Jenna,and Julie Wade - April 19, 2025 at 01:44 PM

CP

“ I am so sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. She was a wonderful lady ... I always loved to visit with her at the UNCW volleyball games! Sending much love!

Cornelia Price - April 17, 2025 at 01:35 AM

CP

I am so sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. She was a wonderful lady ... I always loved to visit with her at the UNCW Volleyball games! Sending much love!

Cornelia Price - April 17, 2025 at 01:52 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jo Ann F. Herrmann Wade.



April 15, 2025 at 08:05 PM

SJ

“ Susan, Kim, Kristen, Alina and Jane purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Jo Ann F. Herrmann Wade.



Susan, Kim, Kristen, Alina and Jane - April 15, 2025 at 10:39 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jo Ann F. Herrmann Wade.

April 15, 2025 at 10:04 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Jo Ann F. Herrmann Wade.



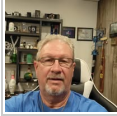
April 15, 2025 at 10:04 AM

SG

“ We are so very sorry to hear this. Our prayers and condolences are with her children and families. Jo Ann was such a wonderful person. Bob and I loved her dearly and always enjoyed visiting with her. RIP dear friend. 🙏🙏❤️
You will be missed.
Sandra and Bob Greathouse



Sandra & Bob Greathouse - April 14, 2025 at 07:26 PM



We are so sad to hear of Joann's passing. She was a very nice lady. Although we will be out of town for the services, our thoughts and prayers are with the family. She is home now with Jerry!
Greg and Nancy Richmond

Gregory Richmond - April 14, 2025 at 07:43 PM

RG

Jo Ann was my friend in high school and through the years even though I had moved away from New Martinsville. She was very active with the 1952 classmates and was instrumental in keeping everyone aware of reunions and information about our class. My sincerest sympathy to her family. She was a wonderful person .

Ruth Graham - April 15, 2025 at 04:44 PM

CS

Tears fall as I get news of JoAnn's step into Heaven. I know the angels are welcoming this beautiful soul. She was a friend that I loved and admired. Those days of bridge are some of my fondest memories.

Coleman and Donette Street - May 03, 2025 at 11:53 AM