



## Mrs. Joan Marie Hudson Whitesel

September 2, 1936 - March 11, 2026

Joan Marie Hudson Whitesel, 89, wife of the late Roger L. Whitesel, passed away on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at The Palmettos of Mauldin.

A native of Franklin, Ohio, Mrs. Whitesel was the daughter of the late Lester P. and Mary E. Snider Hudson. She graduated from Franklin High School and worked her first ten years as an Executive Secretary at Armco International in Middletown, Ohio. After marrying in 1962, she and Roger raised their three girls in Middletown. They nurtured so many friendships at the Wildwood Golf Club and at more school athletic events and summer swim meets than anyone could count. In 1986, she and her husband moved to Keowee Key in Salem, South Carolina, where they built their dream home, log by log. Everyone was welcome there, greeted with a big smile, a hearty laugh, and a cold beer. Their home was the essence of hospitality, where Joan was ever-ready for anyone to stop by and stay a while. While there, she worked with Charter Communications as an office manager. She was a member of the Eastern Star (in Ohio) and St. John's Lutheran Church in Walhalla, SC.

Mrs. Whitesel is survived by her daughters Krista Whitesel Woolly (Rhodes), Karla Whitesel Koon (Donnie), and Kari Whitesel Stover (Chris). She was most proud of her seven grandchildren: Carter (Sarah) Woolly, Matthew (Meg) Woolly, Patrick Childers, Caroline Stover, Anna Grace Woolly, Abbie Koon, and Madison Stover. She is also survived by a wonderful sister (Anne, of

Cincinnati) and her two children, Jennifer and Stephen, to whom Joan was far more than just an Aunt.

No services will be held at this time.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Community Care Clinic of Rowan County, 315G Mocksville Ave., Salisbury, NC 28144, or Via Health Partners, 1003 Grove Road, Suite E, Greenville, SC 29605.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I am sorry for the loss of your mother, sweet funny Joan. She had a special way of connecting with people that made them feel seen and heard. I was caring for her but she always made me feel like she was looking out for me. I looked forward to every visit I had with her at the Palmettos. 💕 Kim Bright, PT

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**Kim** - March 17 at 06:57 PM

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“ I will forever miss Joan. I appreciate all of our talks and laughs. I enjoyed every hairstyle I ever did for her at The Palmettos. Forever her friend ❤️ Love, Brandy O'Neal

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**Brandy O'Neal** - March 16 at 09:01 PM

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“ Mrs. Whitesel was truly a joy to be around. She had spunk and plenty of personality. Before I would leave her room we would talk about events on the news. She always wanted to know what I thought.

*I will truly miss you  
Sharon Gray  
3rd shift @ palmettos*

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**Sharon Gray** - March 14 at 10:38 AM

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“*Frieda Cobb lit a candle in memory of Mrs.  
Joan Marie Hudson Whitesel*



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**Frieda Cobb** - March 13 at 07:46 AM