



Jan Lawley Lenz

May 15, 1951 - May 9, 2026

Jan Lawley Lenz, aged 74, passed away on May 9, 2026 following a hard fought battle with metastatic breast cancer.

Mrs. Lenz was born May 15th, 1951 in Columbus, Mississippi to Payton Lawley and Mary Dowkins Lawley.

She was an amazing woman of God. She loved her family, sunshines, hiking, the beach, the mountains and traveling.

She is preceded in death by her loving husband, Charlie Lenz, parents, Payton & Mary Kate Lawley, brother, Ken Lawley, and nephew, James Lawley. Survived by children Jennifer Johnson (Bruce), Jason Perkins (Beverly), step-children - Jonathan Lenz (Haylee), Matthew Lenz (Sable), Drew Lenz (Brandi).

Grandchildren - Cristofer Johnson (Rachel), Dominic Johnson (Mary Caitlin), Meagan Johnson (Jared), Austin Perkins (Autumn), Savannah Lenz and Jayden Lenz, Isabella Lenz, Everly Lenz

Great grandchildren - Ada Johnson, Eleanor Johnson, Zoey Johnson, Benjamin Johnson, Aurora Perkins, and one great grandchild on the way.

Siblings - Pat Lawley (Jeanie), Joe Lawley (Carol), Vickie Ford (Mike), Bennie Lenz (Donna), Eddie Lenz (Jennifer).

Nieces & Nephews -Daniel Lawley, Tammy Reece (Dean), Jacob Lawley,

Brady Lenz, Chris Lenz, Stephen Lenz, James "Jimbo" Lenz
Great Neice & Nephew - Katy Reece & Chad Reece

She graduated high school at Gardendale High School in 1969
Graduated Jefferson State College in 1977 as a Registered Nurse
Graduated UAB with a BS in Nursing and a Masters in Public Health

She was Director of Education, Director of Emergency Services, and Director of Nursing Services at Carraway Methodist Medical Center in Birmingham AL
Jan retired as Chief Nursing Officer at Athens-Limestone Hospital from September 30, 2001 to June 30, 2017

She was a faithful member of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Highway 72 in Athens AL. She served as part of the Limestone Baptist Association Disaster Relief

She was a vital part of Emmanuel's mission team for many years, served with VBS, a Sunday school teacher and served in many other ways both at church and in her community.

Special thanks to Clearview Cancer Institute, Huntsville Hospital, and Huntsville Hospital Hospice Family Care

A Memorial Celebration will be held at
Emmanuel Baptist Church
1917 US Highway 72 West
Athens AL 35611

Date - 5/23/26 - Visitation at 10:00 am and a Memorial Service to follow at 11:00 am.

EBC will livestream service on their YouTube channel - EBC Athens

In leu of flowers please send donations to

Emmanuel Baptist Church Missions or the
Russel Hill Cancer Foundation

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **23**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Jan was my friend.*

Virginia Ponder - May 23 at 12:23 AM

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“ *I used to babysit Jan when she was a tiny tike. She was always such a precious person - from day 1. Her Mom and Dad would give me a big handful of change when they returned. I never told them I should be paying them for the privilege. 🥹. My Mom, Eloise Lawley Guinn was Jan's Dad's older sister.*

Phyllis Guinn Stovall - May 14 at 04:26 PM

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“ *I'm so sad to hear of Jan's death. She had been on my mind lately even though I have not seen her in over 50-60 years. I thought it would be fun to get together and catch up. We were best friends at Mt. Olive Junior High. We had so much fun going to watch our boyfriends who were in a band.*

Rita Telle - May 11 at 06:57 PM