



## JoAnn Lesta Black

October 13, 1945 - September 27, 2022

JoAnn Lesta Black, 76, of Enon passed away Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at Ohio's Hospice of Dayton with family by her side. She passed rapidly, but peacefully from breast cancer in remission that unexpectedly advanced into leptomenigeal disease.

JoAnn was born October 13, 1945 in Mount Vernon, OH to the late Lester and Rosetta (Rathburn) Smith. She is survived by her husband of 51 years, Robert "Bob" Black, and their three children: Lesley Black-Fontana of Enon, Darren (Jennifer) Black of Findlay, OH, and Cecilia Black of Seattle, WA. JoAnn has a brother, Philip (Kim) Smith of Sunbury, OH, a niece and nephew, April and Tim Smith, and a grand-nephew, Eli Smith, who survive her, as well as many relatives and church and family friends.

JoAnn graduated as Valedictorian from Highland High School in 1963 and in 1967 graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Education from The Ohio State University. She retired from a long career with the Wright State University Athletics Department in 2016. She was a faithful Christian and an active member of New Covenant Baptist Church in Enon.

JoAnn was a caregiver to all who crossed her path. Many were blessed to receive her famous banana bread at Christmas or a care package of ranger cookies. She enjoyed spending the mornings in her backyard sanctuary,

feeding the birds & squirrels, and walking the neighborhood. She prayed daily, enjoyed listening to Max Lucado sermons and watching British shows, and believed in helping those less fortunate. JoAnn rescued numerous stray animals during her life and advocated for family friends and relatives medically and personally when they needed it. She loved spoiling her large herd of animal children/grandchildren: Mabel Anne, Myrtle Jo, Mojo, Monkey, Piggy & Spicey, Annie Nicholas, several named chickens, and a duck.

The family of JoAnn Black wishes to thank the medical and support staff at Hospice of Dayton as well as the Oncology Team/Dr. Joseph Lavelle at Kettering Hospital in Troy.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Clark County SPCA (<http://clarkcountyspca.org/donate.html> ) or Hospice of Dayton (<https://www.hospiceofdayton.org/donations/>).

Per JoAnn's request, a private service for immediate family will be held by Adkins Funeral Home, Enon. JoAnn will be buried in Enon Cemetery (OH). [www.adkinsfunerals.com](http://www.adkinsfunerals.com)

# Tribute Wall

WR

“ *The Wright State University Retirees Association extends our condolences to the family and friends of JoAnn Black. We also wish to acknowledge her years of service to our university.*

Wright State Retirees - October 23, 2022 at 06:58 PM

LF

*Thank you so much! She loved it there and cherished the people she worked with for all of those years. Love from The Black Family*

Lesley Fontana - November 20, 2022 at 01:49 PM



“ *The entire Black family is in our prayers during this difficult time. I know many of the wonderful traits I love about Lesley (witty humor, a generous heart, and a sharp mind) are due to JoAnn. With much love,  
Robin, Rachel and Nate*

Robin Berry - October 04, 2022 at 10:16 PM

LF

*Thanks, Ro and Rachel and Nate! Love you!*

Lesley Fontana - October 10, 2022 at 12:28 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of JoAnn Lesta Black.*



October 04, 2022 at 04:53 PM

DU

“ *My heartfelt condolences to you and your family.  
Wishing you peace, comfort and lots of love during this time.*

Dustin - October 04, 2022 at 04:29 PM

LF

*Thanks so much, Dustin! Love from the Black Family*

Lesley Fontana - October 10, 2022 at 12:28 AM

KA

“ *You are were such a blessing to everyone you came in contact with.  
I will never forget your thoughtfulness and of your love for Jesus.  
You always had a smile and hug for me, you are so loved.*

Karen Amos - October 04, 2022 at 01:53 PM

LF

*Thanks so much, Karen, for the lovely memories of Mom ! Love from  
the Black Family*

Lesley Fontana - October 10, 2022 at 12:29 AM

DC

“ *Jo Ann you will be missed . I looked forward to seeing your smiling  
face every Sunday morning passing the bulletins out and hugging  
me . I'm so glad I was your friend . Just a beautiful person .*

David Christman - October 04, 2022 at 12:51 PM

LF

*Aww thank you for these words! Much love from the Black Family*

Lesley Fontana - October 10, 2022 at 12:30 AM

WF

“ We will surely miss JoAnn at our church. She was a dedicated member and a wonderful friend to everyone. Prayers for her family and friends.

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**Wanda Fisher** - October 04, 2022 at 11:53 AM

LF

*Thank you, Wanda! Love from the Black Family*

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**Lesley Fontana** - October 10, 2022 at 12:30 AM