



## Lou Ann Arnold

September 11, 1953 - April 8, 2023

Lou Ann Arnold, 69 of Graceville, passed from this life to her eternal one surrounded by her beloved family on, Saturday, April 8, 2023.

Lou Ann was born in Providence, Rhode Island on September 11, 1953, to the late Jim and Margaret "Margie" Spelman Sims. Moving to Graceville at an early age, Lou Ann was a graduate of Graceville High School, Class of 1971. She was retired from CCA and was of the Christian faith. Lou Ann loved spending time with family and making the most of every moment spent with them.

She is survived by her devoted husband Rick Melendez, three sons Greg (Terre) Arnold, Kevin (Georgia) Arnold, Derrick (Amy) Arnold, four bonus children Clyde Melendez, Anita Melendez, Timothy Melendez, Michael Melendez, six grandchildren Chase (Dara) Arnold, Andrea (Trent) Jackson, Wiley (Meghan) Beauchamp, Jon Beauchamp, Brantley Arnold, Emma Arnold, four great grandchildren Evelyn Arnold, Fenton Beauchamp, Annabella Beauchamp, Bristol Beauchamp, one sister Dianna (Danny) Garcia), three brothers David Sims, Steve (Donna) Sims, Charles (Twila) Sims, several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A Celebration of Her Life will be held, 2 p.m., Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at the Chapel of James & Lipford Funeral Home with Rev. Larry Newton officiating.

The burial will follow in Marvin Chapel Cemetery with James & Lipford Funeral Home in Graceville directing.

The Family will receive friends at the funeral home on Tuesday, 1 p.m. until time of service.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 11. 1:00 PM (CT)

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## Celebration of Life

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# Tribute Wall

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“ How do you choose what special memory to share out of a lifetime. Maybe when we took a motorcycle trip to the Grand Canyon, or spent a week on a Caribbean Island, or when she opened up her home so me and my husband could be married surrounded by family, maybe one of the most important ones-when her 3 sons were born, she saw them grow-up and get married and kids of their own. One of the most precious gift God gave us is our memories, you grow up sharing the same love, laughter, pain and sorrow. My most precious memory of Louanne will always be in having the privilege of being able to share even a small part of her life. I love her with my whole heart and always will.

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**Dianna Garcia** - April 09, 2023 at 07:57 AM

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To share a memory, so personal. Louanne was a light in my life. We shared confidences over the many years. Even from afar. There were not many days in a week that we did not touch base. Sometimes just to laugh together. Other times, to share gardening ideas and questions. And come each fall, the Alabama football season made Saturdays delightful. Sharing opinions on the game. Me rooting (oh how could I) for Auburn during that match up. Most importantly, she never let a time go by without mentioning her family, sharing their milestones and noting how much joy they brought to her. I will miss her in a most deeply and sad way. Louanne, may you be riding on the wings of angels, and with loved ones who will take care of you now.

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**Donna Spelman** - April 10, 2023 at 07:46 PM