



# Joanne Greenage Coppage

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**O**ur mom passed away on Saturday, April 1, 2023 after a courageous battle with cancer. She was 79 years old.

She had previously instructed that there was to be NO obituary. So we are not going to write one that states she was born on January 25, 1944 in Easton, MD to Robert James and Claire Hallowell Meredith.

We will not mention that she grew up on the family farm in Federalsburg, MD. Missing will be the story of how, while growing up, she worked on the farm milking her cow, tending chickens and many other chores in the mornings before heading to school. She graduated from Colonel Richardson High School in 1962. No where in print will it be stated that on January 24, 1963 she was married to William Gordon Greenage and had two children, Claire Marie and William Gordon, II (Billy).

They made their home in Preston, MD on Beechwood Farms. She worked at A.W. Sisk and Son in Preston until 1970 when she became the most beloved school bus driver in all of southern Caroline County. Bus 63 was famous for good music, last day of school shenanigans and for being ruled with an iron fist full of love. In the early 1980s, in addition to driving the bus, she began working at Preston Trucking Co. until its closure in 1999. She then worked at Xpert Xpress and in 2008 began working for Greg Koski Building and Construction. She retired from driving the bus in the spring of 2020 after 50 years of service. She continued working for Greg Koski until the time of her passing.

We won't be able to tell you that on August 29, 2009 she married Samuel Coppage of Preston, MD. No one will have the pleasure of learning that Joanne was a force to be reckoned with, full of spice, spirit, and spunk. She was feared by many and loved by all.

She had no problem telling you how she felt about things and would threaten to "cut you" if you crossed her. She would also give you the shirt off her back and was always there for those that



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needed her.

She had a burning love of animals and had several rescue dogs throughout the years. She had the biggest heart of gold for all of the people and animals that were fortunate enough to be loved by her.

Unfortunately, it will remain unknown that she was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Bill, her sister Carolyn Mercer, her nephews Eddie Greenwood and Jimmy Mercer, and her beloved dogs Sissy, Lucky, Beauty, Lucky II and Suzie.

She is survived by her husband Sam, daughter Claire Bennett (Keith), son Billy (Carole), grandchildren Jonathan Noble (Sarah), KJ Bennett, Matthew Bennett, Samantha Greenage, Thomas Greenage and Michael Greenage, three great-grandchildren Elizabeth Noble, Alexandra Noble and Charlotte Noble, three sisters Beverly Adams, Barbara Coleman, Debbie Alvey and one brother RJ Meredith, numerous nieces and nephews as well as her dogs Buddy, Bailee, Tippy, Chloe and Molly.

Services will be private per her request. A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, April 16, 2023 at the Preston Volunteer Fire Co., Preston, MD from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. All are welcome to attend and share their stories. Light refreshments will be provided.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in her honor to her favorite charity Hill Hounds Animal Rescue and Sanctuary at [www.hillhounds.org](http://www.hillhounds.org) and click "Support Us" or mail to Hill Hounds P.O. Box 202 Denton, MD 21629.

We love our mommy so very much and will miss her tremendously for the rest of our lives.

Share condolences and memories with family at [www.framptom.com](http://www.framptom.com)




## Events

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### Memorial Service

 **Sunday**, April 16, 2023

 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET

 **Preston Volunteer Fire Company**  
3680 Choptank Road, Preston MD 21655





# Tribute Wall

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**Susan Frank** posted:

Joanne was one of my favorite people when I was principal at Preston Elementary. "Love with an iron glove" is a perfect description of her and how she ran her bus. She always said exactly what she thought, but it was her good and kind heart that made her such a special person. I am so disappointed that I just saw this sad event.

May 12 at 11:09 AM



**Gloria Watson - Phillips** July 7 at 8:37 PM

Wow ,,Mrs.Greenage ,my old school days bus driver,I could ever forget her ,I just can't get my words , together right now, I'm choked up with many tears I had so much fun on bus 63 , I just can't believe it ,my heart will always have a piece of you, Mrs.Greenage, I'm sad , and hurt , cause I'm just getting to know about this, I'll always keep my child hood memories of her ,in my heart, R.I.P , Mrs.J.Greenage, coppage , I'll be thinking of you, miss you already,( Love you, my condolences to the entire family, ,(. Phillips Family,) God Blessings to all, Amen.



**Juanita Harmon** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.

April 19 at 8:44 PM



**Cathy C Collins** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.

April 19 at 9:33 AM



**Lacy Savage** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.

April 18 at 9:54 AM



**Cindy Greene** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.

April 17 at 7:10 PM





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LD

**Lavern Deshields** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.

April 15 at 10:06 AM



PC

**Preston Circuit Ame Church** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.

April 13 at 10:44 AM



DJ

**Darron Johns** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.

April 8 at 4:21 AM



WM

**Wanda "Crumble" Molock** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.

To the Family, My most sincere and heartfelt condolences to each of you on the loss of your Mother, Grandmother, Sister, and Friend. I will remember Joanne in a special way because she was always full of joy, laughter and love for everyone. Keep all her memories close to your heart.Sincerely

April 7 at 11:38 AM



TO

**Toni** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.

April 6 at 3:09 PM



VJ

**Vanessa Toni And Harvey Jordan** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.

April 6 at 3:09 PM





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RB

**Ronnie J. Burklew Sr.** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.

April 6 at 7:06 AM



YB

**Yvette Bechtel** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.

April 5 at 11:57 PM



YB

**Yvette Bechtel** posted:

Ms. Joanne was one of my favorite persons in the world, she scared the tar out of me but I loved her anyway, she knew I was looking for my uncle and she set it up for me to meet him Clarke Harrison and I will always be grateful for that. I will miss you, but you leave memories in everyone's hearts.  
Love Yvette & Patrick Bechtel

April 5 at 11:56 PM

AM

**Antonio And Gail Murray** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.

April 5 at 5:09 PM



BW

**Bill & Ruth Worm** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.

April 5 at 11:38 AM



BH

**Bonnie Kenton-Hastings** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.

April 5 at 11:07 AM





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GM

**Gina And Duff McConnell** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.

April 5 at 8:50 AM



SR

**Sheila Jean Richardson** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.

April 5 at 8:42 AM



SR

**Sheila Jean Richardson** April 5 at 8:45 AM

To All the Family , our deepest sympathies on your loss . We shall remember her as a caring , funny , hardworking woman . Your non-obit was wonderful ! The Richardson Family

MC

**Marsha Callis** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.

To the Family of Joanne Greenage, I'm so sorry for your loss, JoAnne, always had a smile on her face and something funny to say. What a great way to spend your life! She was a hard worker and I'm sure she will be missed by many friends and Family members.

April 5 at 8:41 AM



PV

**Peggy Vogel** posted:

Dear Claire and Family, We are so sad to learn of your mother's passing. We were fortunate to meet her several times during Jonathan and Sarah's wedding and parenting adventures. We will always remember her as an energetic, humorous, kind and wonderful woman. Joanne's legacy shines through her wonderful children and grandchildren. We hope that happy memories will ease the sorrow of your loss. Love, Mike and Peggy Vogel

April 5 at 7:57 AM



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TD

**Tammy Darrow** posted:

We are so sorry to hear of your moms passing. She was a very sweet lady. Just last year she made an handmade afghan for the rescue to auction. Our sincere condolences. ~Tammy Darrow and Hill Hounds

April 5 at 4:55 AM

EM

**Emily Meintzer** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.

That was the best non obituary I have ever read ..Testimony to a beloved & beautiful soul ~❤️

April 4 at 4:55 PM



LP

**Laura Patchett** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.

April 4 at 4:34 PM



MO

**Monaye** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.

Rest in Peace

April 4 at 1:05 PM



HP

**Henrietta Porter** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.

My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

April 4 at 11:57 AM



DG

**Dawn Gencel** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. So very hard to lose a sister. Paul and Dawn Gencel

April 4 at 9:06 AM





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**Barb Callahan** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.

Bev, Debbie, and FamiliesMy heart goes out to you and your families. Joanne was one of a kind. She always left me with a smile on my face. I know how close you sisters are and am sure that she will still be watching out for you.



April 4 at 9:05 AM



**Kelly Henry** posted:

My heart breaks for the entire Meredith family, but especially Claire and Billy, Beverly, Barbara, Debbie and RJ. I loved the abbreviated version of Miss Joanne's life. She was my kind of person, genuine, not superficial. Her laugh, her smile was contagious. May all of the fond memories you share keep the smile and laughter alive in your heart and soul forever and ever. With our deepest sympathies, Alan and Kelly Richardson Henry

April 4 at 9:03 AM



**Ann Franz** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.



April 4 at 8:57 AM



**Ann Franz** April 4 at 9:18 AM

Joanne was a tough wonderful special woman, along with much kindness. My prayers and caring thoughts are with her children and all her family. God bless..



**Patsy Meredith Warner** posted:

Joanne was my go to buddy/cousin when we (the Everett Meredith's) visited down Grubby Neck way. We were the gang leaders or so we thought. What fun during our childhood years. We were so ornery. She will be missed. I send my condolences to all the family. Patsy

April 4 at 7:54 AM



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LP

**Lavern Pitts** sent a virtual gift in honor of Joanne.

To Debbie, Beverly and the rest of the Family I am going to miss Joanna she was a great lady she treated everybody the same didnot care where she seen you at she would talk every Thanksgiving every Xmas she brought my Mom all the things that went with the dinner we are so grateful that she thought of our Mom but that was her way She was real I will miss talking to her and seeing her around To the family keep her memory alive because you all was close no more pain Praying for you alk



April 4 at 7:48 AM

EW

**Elisa Adams-Wise** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.



April 4 at 7:17 AM

EW

**Elisa Adams-Wise** April 4 at 7:18 AM

Please accept my heartfelt condolences. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family



JV

**Joseph Levi Voshell** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all the families! Joanne was an Awesome Woman, loved by all! Joe & Margaret Voshell



April 4 at 7:03 AM

DM

**Donna Milby** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.



April 4 at 7:00 AM

DC

**Darrin And Lisa Carroll** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.



April 4 at 6:51 AM



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**Rhonda Riggleman Corder** posted:

. Joanne was my BIGGEST beaten biscuit customer upon my opening of 'baking biscuits' beginning and during 2020. Along with her beautiful sisters, Beverly and Debbie, the trio were my saving grace of laughter, joy and prosperity! You ladies have 'grand' genes. Fly high, sister Joanne and hugs to all the family.

April 4 at 6:43 AM



**Nancy Dinisio** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.



April 4 at 5:52 AM



**Nancy Dinisio** April 4 at 5:55 AM

To The Family, So sorry about Joanne. She was a great cousin. You never knew what she was going to say. Nancy & Larry DiNisio



**Vicky And Bart Johnson** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.



April 4 at 4:29 AM



**Chester Armes** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.



April 4 at 4:13 AM



**Robin Peele** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.

She was my bus buddy. I will miss her. She was fun to be around and she would tell it like it was. Thoughts and prayers for the families. She will definitely be missed by all.



April 4 at 2:38 AM



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AH

**April Steenken Hauf** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.

April 4 at 2:38 AM



AL

**Amber Booze Lecompte** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.

April 4 at 2:14 AM



JH

**Jeff And Wanda Hallowell** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.

April 4 at 1:34 AM



LM

**Lorna Morris** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Years ago she did something quite kind that shall never be forgotten. It meant the world to the then 18 year old young woman so far away from home and just needing to know that someone care.

April 3 at 8:59 PM



GW

**Gail And Bruce Willoughby** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.

April 3 at 8:51 PM



SB

**Sandy Biskach** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.

April 3 at 6:59 PM





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CM

**Craig & Robin Meekins** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends. Craig and Robin Meekins

April 3 at 6:55 PM



BG

**Bryan Gadow** posted:

If Preston was a pot of soup, she was one of the spices that brought it to life. One ornery woman! Every time she came up to the shop she left me smiling, and shaking my head! She will be missed.

April 3 at 6:04 PM

TF

**Tami Fitzgerald** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.

Sending Condolences 🙏🙏🥹 From the Fitzgerald's

April 3 at 5:48 PM



SH

**Shannon Haddaway** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.

She made a huge impression on me as a kid. She had a way of being tough and gentle at the same time. I loved riding her bus so many years ago! Prayers for her family & loved ones. ♥

April 3 at 5:09 PM



GB

**Gerry Bradley** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.

April 3 at 5:04 PM



KC

**Kay Cooper** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.

April 3 at 4:59 PM





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RM

**Robin Fluharty Mitchell** posted:

Mrs. Joanne was a spitfire. She was tough when needed but never failed to show love and compassion to others. Love and prayers to her children, grandchildren, husband, siblings, nieces and nephews. You all meant the world to her.

April 3 at 4:49 PM

GR

**Greg Robbins** posted:

Had the pleasure of riding bus 63 in the 80's and Ms. Greenage was the best!!! Thoughts and prayers to the family.

April 3 at 4:47 PM

DL

**Donna Lane** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.

Milton and Donna Lane

April 3 at 4:43 PM



AB

**Amy Betts** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.

April 3 at 4:43 PM



LB

**Linda Wright Brown** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.

April 3 at 4:38 PM



GR

**Greg** posted:

Joanne will live forever in our memories. Joanne had the hard job of keeping me straight. There were so many times I could have gotten "cut" by her, but she let me slide. She leaves a void in my heart. Prayers to your family.

April 3 at 4:36 PM



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DH

**Dawn & Brad Hutchison** posted:

To know her was to love her. Ms. Joanne will be greatly missed but the stories will be shared for years to come. May you feel the love and support of the community that truly cares.

April 3 at 4:35 PM

DT

**Diane Towers** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.



April 3 at 4:28 PM

JW

**Janine Wright** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.



April 3 at 4:27 PM

DB

**Dawn Bradshaw** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.



April 3 at 4:25 PM

DC

**Debbie And Jeff Chambers** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.



April 3 at 4:22 PM

BL

**Betty Leak** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.



April 3 at 4:00 PM



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PM

**Patricia Magee** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.

April 3 at 3:54 PM



**PM Patricia Magee** April 3 at 3:54 PM  
Sorry for your loss Praying for your family

DB

**David & Anne Bradley** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.

Thoughts and prayers are with all of you So sorry

April 3 at 3:53 PM



RJ

**Ronnie And Rhonda Jewell** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.

April 3 at 3:52 PM



JC

**Johnny And Diana Cohee** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.

April 3 at 3:48 PM



KB

**Kerri Brandow** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.

April 3 at 3:41 PM



MR

**Melinda Rojas** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.

April 3 at 3:35 PM





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LS

**Lynda Satchell** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.

April 3 at 3:27 PM



AH

**Almira Hubbard** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.

April 3 at 3:17 PM



SG

**Steve & Teresa Gadow** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.

April 3 at 3:10 PM



BC

**Bonnie Carmean** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.

Condolences to Joanne's family. I know she will be missed by many.

April 3 at 3:07 PM



DW

**Dottie And Butch Williamson** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.

April 3 at 2:50 PM



CT

**Cindy (Dyer) Trice** posted:

I, along with my younger brother Bobby Dyer , rode bus 63. Mrs. Greenage also coached Bobby's little league and all star team. We loved her, and she always had a soft spot for my little brother, Bobby Dyer. She will be missed

April 3 at 2:44 PM



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MP

**Missy Perdue** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.

April 3 at 2:42 PM



SS

**Steve & Barbara Swieczkowski** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.

April 3 at 2:27 PM



KO

**Kathie Ostrowski** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.

So sorry to hear of Joanne's passing, she was a wonderful woman. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Joanne will be missed by many

April 3 at 2:22 PM



MT

**Marsha Tull** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.

I loved Joanne. I worked with her at PTC and also the Board of Education. She was hard as nails, with a heart of gold. Love, hugs and prayers to all her family. ❤️. She will be missed by many.

April 3 at 2:14 PM



SF

**Shelly Fisher** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.

April 3 at 2:09 PM



CJ

**Carla Fletcher Johnson** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.

April 3 at 1:37 PM





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**Tina Bandoch** posted:

Ms Joanne took in a Chihuahua that I needed a home for, Molly. I knew she would have more love than anywhere else in this world. I will be forever grateful.

April 3 at 1:23 PM



**Tim And Vicky Jester** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.



April 3 at 1:21 PM



**Deborah Greene** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.

To the family I am sending my condolences from the late Miss Marie Greene family .Ms.Joanne was a good great lady and will be missed

April 3 at 1:20 PM



**Rob Jacki Carels** sent a virtual gift in honor of Joanne.



April 3 at 12:40 PM



**Melissa Zepp Corbin** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.



April 3 at 12:00 PM



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**Ann Bateman** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.



April 3 at 11:56 AM



**Tina Bandoch** April 3 at 1:19 PM

If an obituary had been written, Ms Joanne's would have been the best. 😊 wonderful lady (wonderful obituary). ♥



**Sam And Kay Fairbank** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.



April 3 at 11:48 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Joanne by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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