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Peggy Joanne Thompson, Vice-President and Co-Founder of Dove Broadcasting, WGGGS-TV 16, died March 3, 2011 at the Woodlands in Greenville, South Carolina.

Mrs. Thompson and her husband, Dr. James H. Thompson, are considered visionaries and pioneers in Christian broadcasting. Since October 1972, Joanne and Jimmy have been devoted to producing high quality, family-oriented Christian programming. Together they have made outstanding contributions to not only South Carolina but to the nation and the world.

Joanne touched the lives of thousands of people in Appalachia, Romania and Moldova. She also had an ongoing prison ministry and assistance to families in need. She lived her life in service to children and families who were hurting and had no hope. She received many Angel Awards for excellence in media for documentaries featuring her mission outreach projects. She was a member of Faith Temple Church.

Her commitment to all God's people regardless of race, social status or denomination has touched lives for over three generations. Joanne has been a mentor for many women who are serving in ministry today. Her goal was to empower individuals to achieve the highest standards of ministry for today's hurting world.

For 38 years, Joanne was a regular host of WGGGS TV-16's flagship program

“Nite-Line”. She also hosted “You Can Make It,” and a children's program “The Jo-Mitch Show.”

Her life is truly a cause for celebration.

In addition to her beloved husband, Dr. James H. Thompson, she is survived by her sons, Dante Maurice Thompson and his wife Katie, Chad Duane Thompson and his wife, Christina, Vincent Gene Thompson and his wife, Betty. She had two beautiful granddaughters, Riley and Hannah. She had one grandson, Shane Thompson and his wife, Nikita and one beautiful great-granddaughter, Bristol. She had a very special sister-in-law, Margaret B. Upton.

Joanne was predeceased by her mother, Ester Sylvey Upton and a brother, Raymond Fred Upton.

The family is at the home of Dante and Katie Thompson, 317 Magnolia Meadow Lane, Taylors, S.C. 29687.

Visitation will be held 3:00-6:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 5, 2011 at the WGGG-TV-16 studio.

The funeral service will be 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 6, 2011 at Faith Temple Church with Dr. Coy Barker and Dr. Jerry Goff officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Flowers will be accepted. Any donations should be made to Dove Broadcasting, 3409 Rutherford Road, Taylors, South Carolina 29687.

The family wishes to thank the many viewers and supporters of Dove Broadcasting.

To God Be The Glory, Great Things He Hath Done!

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 5. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

WGGS-TV 16 Studio
3409 Rutherford Road
Taylors, SC

Service

MAR 6. 3:00 PM (ET)

Faith Temple
5080 Sandy Flat Road
Taylors, SC 29687

Tribute Wall



“*Joanne will never be forgotten on this earth or in heaven. She was a pioneer for women in the ministry. She was not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ. From the sidewalks of California to the hills of the Appalachia many will be in heaven because she was there sharing the love of God. Hundreds of orphan babies in Romania were helped because of her determination to be certain that children she knew about would be taken in and cared for. She always said when it came to children she WOULD get involved. She not only helped get children in a safe environment but she and Jimmy brought many thousands to Faith in Jesus Christ.*

Joanne was an inspiration in my own life. I thought she was an example of what a Godly woman should be. I wanted to be like her and serve others my whole life.

I know she will be welcomed by thousands in Heaven. I remember her telling the story of the missionary who was coming home after many years of service and being on the same plane with a very famous person. After they landed the missionary saw hundreds of people waiting to see the famous person step off the plane. He quietly ask the Lord why no one was there to greet him after so long in service for the Lord. The Lord spoke to him and said, "You're not HOME yet !"

*Joanne IS HOME now.##imported-begin##Sandra
Winchester##imported-end##*

March 18, 2011 at 10:32 AM



“*You have set an amazing example for the rest of us to follow. Your love for mankind and for your Lord and Savior was a true inspiration to everyone. You will be missed! Our loss is heavens gain!##imported-begin##Jeff adams##imported-end##*

March 18, 2011 at 09:53 AM



“ God bless the family###imported-begin###sheila###imported-end##

March 10, 2011 at 08:29 PM



“ Joanne was an inspiration to all who knew her or watched her on Channel 16. She and Rev. Thompson have contributed more to our area that words can express. Thank God for people willing to step out in faith and believe Him for great things.###imported-begin###Doris Khoe###imported-end##

March 08, 2011 at 02:11 PM



“ Our hearts were saddened to hear of Sis. Joanne's passing and will surely miss her. Have enjoyed niteline for so many years. Have supported 16 for many years. We are going to pray for the children and grand children and your continued blessings in the ministry. Rev. Harry T. and Jeanie Friar.###imported-begin###Rev. Harry T. Friar###imported-end##

March 08, 2011 at 11:51 AM



“ What a blessing you've been Joanne. I know you are rejoicing now. Will miss you!!!###imported-begin###Lynn Anderson###imported-end##

March 08, 2011 at 10:07 AM



“ Mrs Thompson was such a Blessing! She will truly be missed.. God be with the family!!!!###imported-begin###Tammy Woods###imported-end##

March 06, 2011 at 11:17 PM



“ Dr. Jimmie, Shane, Dante and Family, WE were so sad and shocked to learn of Joanne's passing. We have watched you all for many years. She was such a special lady and will receive many crowns. May God be with you and bring you comfort in the days ahead. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Love the Down Home Gospel.##imported-begin##Brenda & ED Stewart##imported-end##

March 06, 2011 at 06:50 PM



“ I just wanted to let the whole Thompson Family know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Joanne will be greatly missed by the many communities that she touched. Her great sense of faith will never be forgotten. She loved her family and it was evident that her extended family was dear to her too. God bless you all. Yvonne Ellis##imported-begin##Yvonne Ellis##imported-end##

March 06, 2011 at 06:36 AM



“ Thank you for your contributions through the years to help change people's lives! May God bless your family!##imported-begin##Denise and Jeff Johnson##imported-end##

March 05, 2011 at 09:50 PM



“ To the entire Thompson Family:
I'm truly sorry for your loss but thank you for allowing us to serve her and you. God bless each and everyone of you.
Love in Jesus Christ.....Denise##imported-begin##Denise##imported-end##

March 05, 2011 at 07:11 PM



“ I first met "Miss Joanne" when I was a little girl in the late 60's early 70's when channel 16 was still on top of Paris Mtn in that tiny concrete facility. She was truly a beautiful soul and an inspirational woman . She will be greatly missed. Safe journey dear lady, our hearts go with you...
sincerely, Mrs Laura Phillips##imported-begin## Mrs. Laura Phillips##imported-end##

March 05, 2011 at 05:49 PM



“ I was saddened to hear about Joanne.
She was was strong woman of God and fought the good fight. She was gracious, hard working, generous, kind, and loved the Lord (and it showed). She made a deep impact on me always. May you feel God's love surrounding you--giving comfort and peace. May you rest in the promise of eternal life.
Deut. 33:27##imported-begin##Betty Garvin##imported-end##

March 05, 2011 at 05:30 PM



“ Praying for the Thompson Family##imported-begin##Shane Bohannon##imported-end##

March 05, 2011 at 12:25 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and extended family.##imported-begin##Homer and Judi Price##imported-end##

March 05, 2011 at 11:04 AM



“ Our prayers go with the family in the time of this loss. Sister Joanne was a great blessing to our area and I enjoyed working with her for many years at WGGG-TV16 as a co-host. She has received her reward for the great work that she has done.##imported-begin##Rev. Alton Stone##imported-end##

March 04, 2011 at 11:46 PM



“ I will truly miss my good friend, Joanne. We spent so many great times together doing live programs and on the road doing interviews.for the station.She believed in me and my ministry and stood behind me supporting me like none other. The viewing audience loved what we did together. Thank you for all that you have done. You are your husband Jimmy will always stay in my heart. Much love to you,until will see each other again!!##imported-begin##Dr. Henry Lewis##imported-end##

March 04, 2011 at 11:30 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Joanne..She was an inspiration to many.. She will be missed on channel 16..I have been watching channel 16 for many years..She had the love of the Lord in her..Praying for the family..She is now at peace...God bless the family.##imported-begin## Deb Edwards##imported-end##

March 04, 2011 at 10:49 PM



“ Our sympathies and prayers are with the family. God bless you, Dr. Thompson, during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Drs. John and Bonnie Eller##imported-end##

March 04, 2011 at 08:29 PM



“ To The Thompson family I am sorry for your loss. I loved Joanne although I never met her. I will miss her. I have watched TV16 for years and supported it when I could. My prayers are with the entire family.##imported-begin##Inez Grant##imported-end##

March 04, 2011 at 05:17 PM



“ Praying for peace.##imported-begin##lisa conard##imported-end##

March 04, 2011 at 03:43 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to Rev Thompson and family. Joanne was a special person loved by many.##imported-begin##Weylin Brown##imported-end##

March 04, 2011 at 03:33 PM



“ Joanne was always so nice to me whenever I was visiting WGGS-TV16. I liked sitting in the audience watching and praying... She is missed...##imported-begin##King's Kid##imported-end##

March 04, 2011 at 02:41 PM



“ To the Thompson Family,
You are in my thoughts and prayers. May God bless you and keep you in his care. We enjoyed Joanne's program on Channel 2 each and every night. God bless!##imported-begin##Jennie Cromer##imported-end##

March 04, 2011 at 01:46 PM



“ *What a wonderful life she has had. She is an inspiration to any female in the world. My thoughts and prayers are with you all as a family this is a time of many different thoughts. Love to you all. Doris Ogle/Director Foothills Child Development Center.....##imported-begin##Doris Ogle##imported-end##*

March 04, 2011 at 12:43 PM



“ *TO THE DEAR THOMPSON FAMILY. I AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS AND THE GRIEF YOU FEEL. BUT MRS JOANNE IS NOW GRACING HEAVEN WITH HER BEAUTY. OUR LORD HAS CHOSEN THE BEST OF THE BEST. I ALREADY MISS HER ON CHANNEL 16. SHE IS A BEAUTIFUL PERSON INSIDE AND OUT. SHE IS REAPING HER MANY, MANY WELL DESERVED REWARDS. YOU ALL ARE IN OUR PRAYERS! WE LOVE YOU ALL!!##imported-begin##ALMA SMITH##imported-end##*

March 04, 2011 at 11:43 AM



“ *And on March 3, 2011, Joanne heard her Christ say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord." What a life for the Savior...may we also be faithful servants to our loving Lord Jesus Christ. ❤️##imported-begin##Anne Atkinson##imported-end##*

March 04, 2011 at 09:46 AM



“ I only met Ms Joanne Thompson one time a very long time ago. isit the station. I was in wonderment of how Joanne projected the love of the Lord. She glowed with love. I know that she will be remembered by many and her love of life will live on. God has reason to take those that we love. She is now in his presents. To God be the Glory. Praying for you the family.##imported-begin##Trina Thompson##imported-end##

March 04, 2011 at 09:37 AM



“ Our prayer and thought are with the entire Thompsonfamily at this time. Joanne was our friend and great help through many difficult days. Christ became so real to me through her ministry, I was a prayer partner on her WEd nite program and was in her presence many times. She will be missed, but is where she talked about many times. Danny Barr, Easley SC##imported-begin##Danny Barr##imported-end##

March 04, 2011 at 09:35 AM



“ Dr. Thompson and Family,
My Love and Prayers. Please know
I Love you. No words can explain , and
I will miss Joanne too. Until we meet on
that sweet shore. Know I am here to
pray or help any time.
Love,
Alton Seawright
864-905-0368##imported-begin##Alton Seawright##imported-end##

March 04, 2011 at 09:14 AM



“ Joanne, How youve influened my life has been unforgettable. Thanks so much for standing behind and for Mom and Dad. They as I love you so much. All these years as people heard Bob and Clara Hicks, so did they hear Jimmy and Joanne Thompson. Some of those crowns are on you for sure. Save a place for mine one day.

Love and Joy

Barry D. Hicks##imported-begin##Barry Hicks##imported-end##

March 04, 2011 at 09:03 AM



“ Gene and family, what a glad reunion day in Heaven! Your mother was a precious and inspiring woman. Have watched her on Channel 16 for what seems my lifetime. God's continued blessings on you and all the family.##imported-begin##deborah rainwater##imported-end##

March 04, 2011 at 03:20 AM



“ Dear Thompson Family,
Joanne will surely be missed. I have watched TV 16 for many years and it has brought me great joy and inspiration.
Joanne, GREAT WAS THY FAITHFULNESS LORD UNTO THEE and now she is in heaven with the heavenly king.
BLESS YOU ALL!##imported-begin##Dale Craft##imported-end##

March 03, 2011 at 11:23 PM



“ What an inspiration! Ms. Joanne used her life to honor/serve the Lord Jesus Christ! She will be missed.##imported-begin##Pam Armstrong##imported-end##

March 03, 2011 at 11:08 PM



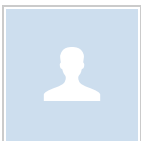
“ Dear Sweet Thompson Family,
We've never met personally, but I feel as though I have lost a great friend. Niteline has been such a link between your family, mine and millions more. We will surely miss Joanne but knowing she is in the presence of the Lord right now I hope makes it a little easier. God bless all of you. He's blessed Joanne already. She's so happy.##imported-begin##Billie Burns##imported-end##

March 03, 2011 at 10:47 PM



“ We are thankful for the service Joann gave in the work of the ministry and the souls that came to know the Lord. Jimmy. and family we know your heart is sad at this time may THE Lord hold you close to his side and give you peace.##imported-begin##wayne/mary snipes##imported-end##

March 03, 2011 at 10:08 PM



“ I did not know Mrs. Thompson personally, I never met her. However, when my parents were alive and able to travel they went to the TV staton often and watched Joanne's broadcast.

I know they are both rejoicing in heaven that a Christian friend has come home.

Judy Abrams/Fred and Edna Henderson
Ware Shoals, S.C.##imported-begin##Judy Abrams##imported-end##

March 03, 2011 at 09:35 PM



“ RIP JOANNE. YOU'VE FINISHED THE RACE, A JOB WELL DONE, MAY YOUR FAMIL HAVE THE PEACE THAT SURPASSES ALL UNDERSTANDING##imported-begin##Christine Childers##imported-end##

March 03, 2011 at 09:25 PM



“ THIS IS FROM ALL THE CUTSHALL FAMILY WE HAVE BEEN WATCHING NIGHT LINE FOR YEARS Mabel, margaret, tate, sara, james, jacob##imported-begin##Herman (tater) cutshall##imported-end##

March 03, 2011 at 08:28 PM



“ What a Saint. We are praying for the Family and pray that God will raise up many Joannes because of the the faithfullness of this one obedient servant.##imported-begin##Melvin Klaudt##imported-end##

March 03, 2011 at 07:58 PM



“ My Dear Jimmy and Children,
What a great pleasure it was to meet You and Joanne "Up on the mountain" and at your church. How I loved to come down from Maryland and help you with getting support for the TV station. That of course was a long time ago, But I will never forget the Christ-like folk you were back then and even until this day.
May Our Lord give you peace. I love you all.

Alton##imported-begin##Carl Alton Brown##imported-end##

March 03, 2011 at 07:20 PM