



## Joe Rives

September 9, 1938 - June 27, 2024

Born September 9, 1938, in Tuscaloosa, Alabama to the late Dent and Ruth Rives, Joseph Lee Rives passed away on June 27, 2024.

A graduate of the University of Alabama, Joe was a project manager with Lockwood Greene Engineering for over 40 years, Master Gardener who loved the outdoors, travel, and Alabama football (Roll Tide!).

Joe is survived by his wife, Janice Parris and daughter, Jessica Evans (Brett). Also surviving are children, Jason Parris (Daniela), Erin Page (Tim), David Parris (Kelly) and Stephen Parris (Clara). He was affectionately known as Poppy to Jessica and as Jo Jo to grandchildren Lucian, Parks, Walker and Ella Parris and Ellis, Anna, Miriam and Luke Page.

He was predeceased by his first wife, Paula Roberts Rives and sons Lee, Mark, and Chris Rives.

A memorial service will be held 2:00 p.m. Monday, July 1, 2024, at Morningside Baptist Church.

Visitation will be held after the service at the church.

The family is at Joe and Janice's home.

Memorials may be sent to the air conditioning and heating fund at Joe's church, Morningside Baptist, 897 South Pine Street, Spartanburg, SC 29302. Online condolences may be made at [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUL 1. 2:00 PM (ET)

Morningside Baptist Church  
897 South Pine Street  
Spartanburg, SC 29302

# Tribute Wall

GJ

“ Janice, I'm so sad to learn of Joe's death. Thanks for your notification. I will notify our class.  
I'm very happy that you and Joe were able to come to Tuscaloosa on his last visit. He got to see some old friends, and it was such a pleasure to be with Joe again.  
He and I played football together for the Tuscaloosa Black Bears, and he was an excellent high jumper! I went with his family and another family on a wonderful driving vacation to Lake Louise and Alberta, Canada, and also up East! We had some fun hijinks like falling out of a canoe into a melting snow Banf River, scary fireworks, etc.  
Joe was a pleasant and generous friend. He had a car in high school and took a couple of us on many outings. His parents were always so nice to us, too.  
I'd love to meet his daughter someday. Blessings to you and family!  
Gay M. Lake, Jr.

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Gay M. Lake Jr. - August 03, 2024 at 02:47 PM

CM

“ I knew Joe thru my work as an attorney. He was an expert witness in some of our construction cases. He was a saint and helped me with a roof that was on a warehouse in Hattisburg, Miss. that belonged to my mother who was on her late 70's. She was so appreciative for his help. Joe actually flew down to handle the situation personally. I will always remember him as a wonderful, caring man. God rest his soul!!! Cathy McCabe

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Cathy McCabe - July 01, 2024 at 04:31 PM

BW

“ We are so sorry to hear about Joe. We were good friends with Joe and his first wife, Paula, during our Jaycees years. He was always a good friend. Our prayers are with you during this sad time.

*Bob and Norma Whaley*

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**Bob & Norma Whaley** - June 30, 2024 at 07:24 PM

JC

“ Sending love and prayers



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**Jimmy Dale Cisson** - June 29, 2024 at 10:45 AM

GB

“ Janice and family, we are so sorry to hear of Joe's passing. We will be unable to attend the memorial but know you are in our thoughts and prayers.

*Ralph and Gail Boney*

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**Gail Boney** - June 29, 2024 at 12:42 AM