



## JoAnn Beasley Bernhardt

January 28, 1936 - May 26, 2026

JoAnn Beasley Bernhardt, 90, of Salisbury, passed away peacefully in her sleep May 24, 2026 at Sherrills Ford Hospice House. She had been in declining health for the past year.

Born January 28, 1936 in Salisbury, she was the daughter of the late Robert Clarence Beasley and Edna Earle Johnson Beasley. She was a graduate of Boyden High School and (Greensboro) Women's College. After college she worked for Norman's Custom Drapery. She later worked as secretary/treasurer for the First United Church of Christ.

She was a woman of strong faith being raised at First Baptist Church and was an active member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church after her marriage.

She enjoyed reading, especially English mysteries and current events, and her bridge club. She was also a proud and fierce defender of all animals, which she passed on to her children.

She was very active in her children's school activities, sporting events and scouting activities. She taught her children to show respect for themselves and everyone they encountered, known and unknown, regardless of status or station in life. EVERYONE. No exceptions. She also encouraged them to have their own opinions; common or contrary. Just be able to explain and defend it.

She loved connecting with people and laughing - especially at herself.

Like many southern women of her generation, she could talk to ANYONE for ten minutes about something. One of her family's favorite stories is about the several times a seeming stranger called the house phone by mistake. And she would end up in a ten-minute conversation, helping the other person figure out the correct phone number and who they knew in common. By the time they hung up, there were no strangers.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, Henry Crenshaw Bernhardt and a brother, Robert Earle Beasley.

Left to cherish her memory are her sons, Linn Bernhardt of Salisbury, John Bernhardt (TJ) of Fort Lauderdale, FL, Matt Bernhardt (Terri) of Beech Mountain; and daughter, Laura Bernhardt Smith of Salisbury; grandchildren, Austin Smith (Lindsay) of Manhattan, NY and Davis Locklear-Smith (Amelia) of Saranac Lake, NY.

The family would like to thank Carolina Caring Hospice Services and the home healthcare team, led by Dane Ramsey and Mary Mason, for their loving care of our mother.

The funeral service will be conducted at 1 p.m. Friday, June 5, 2026 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Burial will follow at Chestnut Hill Cemetery. A brief visitation will be held in the Parish Hall at noon, prior to the service. Memorials may be made to Meals on Wheels of Rowan, 720 Grove St, Salisbury, NC 28144 or <http://mowrowan.org>.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Bernhardt family. Online condolences may be made at [www.summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com)



# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 5. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Luke's Episcopal Church  
131 West Council Street  
Salisbury, NC 28144

## Funeral Service

JUN 5. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Luke's Episcopal Church  
131 West Council Street  
Salisbury, NC 28144

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of JoAnn Beasley Bernhardt.*



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June 05 at 07:56 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of JoAnn Beasley Bernhardt.

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June 05 at 07:56 AM



“ *Brian & Caroline purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of JoAnn Beasley Bernhardt.*



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**Brian & Caroline** - June 04 at 08:02 PM



“ *With all our love, Greg and Cesar purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of JoAnn Beasley Bernhardt.*



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**With all our love, Greg and Cesar** - June 03 at 04:44 PM

WC

“ With all our love, Greg and Cesar planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of JoAnn Beasley Bernhardt.

With all our love, Greg and Cesar - June 03 at 04:44 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of JoAnn Beasley Bernhardt.



June 02 at 08:56 AM



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BG

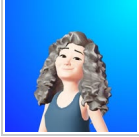
“ Brenda G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of JoAnn Beasley Bernhardt.

Brenda G. - May 29 at 07:30 AM

WL

“ I have so many fond memories of Joanne she sure could make you laugh I will miss her but she will forever live in my heart

Wanda LoBianco - May 28 at 10:19 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. Mrs Joanna was a wonderful and caring lady. It was great to is to care for her as one of the care teams (Living Life In Home Care). She brought joy to each of us. She will be truly missed but never forgotten. Prayers for each of the family members.



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**Lina Huff** - May 28 at 07:30 PM

DP

“ Linn, on behalf of your SHS classmates please accept our sincere condolences. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

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**Diane Coates Peoples** - May 28 at 08:24 AM

EJ

“ A very beautiful, caring lady who will be missed by many people.

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**EDITH JULIAN** - May 28 at 06:33 AM

BM

“ Blake and Jamie Martin purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of JoAnn Beasley Bernhardt.



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**Blake and Jamie Martin** - May 27 at 10:42 AM

MF

“ *Monarch Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of JoAnn Beasley Bernhardt.*



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**Monarch Family** - May 27 at 10:38 AM

KA

“ *Kevin, Cindy, Zach & Aaron purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of JoAnn Beasley Bernhardt.*



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**Kevin, Cindy, Zach & Aaron** - May 26 at 03:42 PM