

JOE ANN JOHNSTON BEARD, 65, of Traskwood, AR died Sunday, Dec. 7, 2003.

She was born April 6, 1938, in Dardanelle, AR to Joe Hardy and Edna Leatha Johnston.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sons, Bob Beard and Noel Beard; her sister, Carolyn Edwards; and a great grandchild, Gregory Lee Beard.

Survivors include her husband of 46 years, Noel "Sonny" Beard, Sr.; their children Davey Beard, Buddy Beard, Scotty Beard, Karen Duesterhoft, Kathy Beard, Wayman Beard, Jayson Beard, Chantae Whitley; and Ricki Gail Beard; her brothers and sisters, Louis Johnston, Donna Grissom, Flora Zini, Patrecia Butts, Tommy Johnston, and Irma Lequieuand; and 21 grandchildren who will be honorary pallbearers.

A memorial service is scheduled for 11 a.m. Wednesday at Glen Rose Baptist Church in Glen Rose. Arrangements are under the direction of Roller-Ballard Funeral Home.

Memorials be made in her name to Saline Memorial Hospice.

*Family comments: She went to the Lord after a brave fight against cancer. She is loved and will be missed.*

*We have asked that any memorials be made to honor the hospice workers for their loving attention and care during her illness, to them we give thanks.*