



## Dorothy Jo Kenimer

October 4, 1940 - October 23, 2022

Dorothy Jo Kenimer, age 82 of Pisgah, passed away peacefully at her residence while surrounded by family on Sunday, October 23, 2022.

Born Dorothy Jo Oaks on October 4, 1940, to the late Dovard and Maxine “Mackie” Oaks, Jo was a native of Guntersville, Alabama. A winner of the Miss Guntersville Lake pageant, Jo was a 1959 graduate of Marshall County High School and attended Jacksonville State University. While there she met Sam Kenimer, they married in January 1961, moved to Pisgah, Alabama, and were blessed with four children over the coming years.

She operated a Kindergarten program in her home for several years while also serving as a coach’s wife, and later a principal’s wife, during Sam’s career at Pisgah High School. Jo became a pillar in the community as she and Sam impacted countless lives of children, students, and players during Sam’s twenty-eight-year tenure. An active member of Pisgah Baptist Church, she was a mainstay in the nursery and in Vacation Bible School for decades. Known for her timeless style, green thumb, and legendary sweet potato biscuits, her home always had an open door and was filled with laughter. As her family grew, she became known as “Ma” to her eleven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren (with three more on the way). The legacy of her love, sacrifice, and warmth will be remembered and dearly missed by family and friends.

Jo is survived by her husband of 62 years, Sam Kenimer; her siblings Nancy Ann Winford (Brett) and Ed Oaks (Sharon); children Terry Kenimer (Debbie),

Ron Kenimer, Jeff Kenimer (Amanda), and Joanna Millican (Jonathan); grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews from multiple generations.

The memorial service will be held on Saturday, October 29th, 2022, at 11 am at Pisgah Baptist Church in Pisgah, Alabama with Brother Alan Crawford officiating. Burial will follow in Pisgah Cemetery. The family will receive friends at Pisgah Baptist Church Friday from 5-7 pm, and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

Flowers, or a gift to the Alzheimer's Association ([www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org)), are welcomed by the family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **28**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Pisgah Baptist Church  
2261 Co Rd 58  
P O Box 10  
Pisgah, AL 35765

## Visitation

OCT **29**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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## Service

OCT **29**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Dorothy Jo Kenimer*

May 01, 2023 at 02:09 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of the passing of this beautiful lady. My condolences to her wonderful family and prayers for you all.*  
*Adna Roden*

**Adna Roden** - October 28, 2022 at 09:55 PM



“ *I was saddened to hear of the passing of Jo. Since I have been away from the school system for years, I had lost contact with she and Sam. Jo was a beautiful individual (inside and out), and I know her beautiful smile and community help will certainly be missed by the Pisgah Community. My sincere sympathy is extended to Sam, her children, other family members and all those who she was in frequent contact with.*  
*~~Brenda Brown ~~ Section ~~*



**Brenda Briwn** - October 28, 2022 at 03:13 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dorothy Jo Kenimer.*



October 26, 2022 at 03:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dorothy Jo Kenimer.*



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October 26, 2022 at 02:21 PM



“ *Prayers for the Kenimer Family!*



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**Billy W. Pilgrim** - October 26, 2022 at 12:15 PM



“ *She was always a caring person. I remember once for some reason I can't remember I could not take Tina to the Dr and Jo took her. She always showed a helping hand. So sorry we can not come to show our love to this family but health problems keeps us away. God Bless all her family*

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**Carolyn Shelton** - October 25, 2022 at 09:28 PM



“ *Mrs Jo had a contagious laugh and love for her friends. She always had a smile and a story to share with me. She loved her family and her community.*  
*Patty Hicks Tumlin*

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**Patty Tumlin** - October 25, 2022 at 04:50 PM