



## Joe Carnes Guinn

July 28, 1932 - August 29, 2020

Joe Carnes Guinn, age 88, passed away peacefully in her home on Saturday, August 29, 2020. She was born on July 28, 1932, in Enid, Oklahoma, to John-Varro and Elma (Bartel) Carnes.

Joe was passionate about Education, graduating from both High School and College a year early and earning her M.A. in English. She ran a reading center in Philadelphia, taught students in public schools in South Arkansas, Farmington, and Fayetteville, and also taught correspondence courses at the University of Arkansas. After retiring she continued to teach living history at Headquarters House through the Washington County Historical Society.

She was an ardent traveler visiting all 50 United States as soon as she could get to them. Upon retirement, she became a world traveler, visiting all 7 continents learning about cultures, local histories, and nature all over the world.

Her children often joked that she was a pioneer-wanna-be as she hunted, baked from scratch, made her own soap, grew her own garden, canned and preserved the vegetables, rode horses, raised poultry, and eschewed anything technologic.

She is survived by her two children, Steve Guinn and wife Anne of Fayetteville, and Deborah Guinn of Kingsland, Texas, and 3 grandchildren: Grant Guinn, Cherie Guinn, and Joelouis Guinn.

Due to Covid, no memorial service is scheduled at this time, but donations in her memory would be appreciated to either St. Joseph's Indian School (<https://www.stjo.org/>) or The Humane Society of the Ozarks (<https://hsozarks.org/>).

# Comments

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“ Mrs. Quinn was my English teacher At Farmington High School - a truly fantastic teacher!  
She demanded lots from us - 20 spelling words weekly complete with use of each word in a sentence, and Webster's Dictionary definition. And, grammar galore including sentence diagrams, prefixes and suffixes. And, American literature, English literature, and poetry.  
We were so blessed to study from someone who cared deeply that we learn the basics.

I was not her best student, but what she taught me enabled me to become a scientific proof reader and writer for the Federal Food and Drug Administration's, Center for Veterinary Medicine in Rockville, Maryland, where I worked for 37 years. I reviewed the work of >150 veterinarians and scientists whose job was to evaluate the safety and effectiveness of new animal drugs. We published approvals in the FEDERAL REGISTER and displayed labeling and freedom of information summaries of each drug approval. I was listed as the "contact person" on dozens of drug approvals --thanks to Joe.

Because Joe challenged me and my classmates, we became successful. I could not have done my job at FDA but for Joe's training, especially in spelling and grammar. I am eternally grateful for Joe's superb teaching skills. We were able to visit at Savoy Community building a couple of years ago when our Class of 1963 held a reunion. I will always cherish our student/teacher relationship. Joe was a truly great teacher!

I was so blessed to study under Joe! I will miss her, but never forget her!

Blessings to all her family and friends.

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**lonnie luther** - September 07 at 10:49 PM



“ Thank-you, Lonnie. It is a blessing to know my mother touched so many lives!

**Deborah Guinn** - September 08 at 03:38 PM



“ Steve and Debora:

We were sad to hear of your mother's passing. We are thankful for her life and enjoyed knowing her. She was certainly an accomplish person and a tireless

educator.

Grace and Buddy Babcock

**Grace and Buddy Babcock** - September 07 at 08:25 PM



“ Thank-you. I know that she enjoyed knowing y'all as well.

**Deborah Guinn** - September 08 at 03:40 PM

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“ I worked with Joe at The University of Arkansas within the Independent Study (correspondence) department for many years. She was a gifted individual. I loved her humor and will certainly miss her.

**Pamelia (Waterson) Walker** - September 06 at 05:23 PM



“ Thank-you, Pamela. She certainly had her own brand of humor and it will be missed!

**Deborah Guinn** - September 08 at 03:41 PM

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“ I met the most elegant and beautiful lady, Joe, at a clinic where I worked many years ago. We loved each other dearly and she would hug and kiss me on the cheek every visit. I always looked forward to seeing her. I have a great picture of her in a blue page boy wig! She was always so positive even when her cancer returned. Sending prayers to your family from Doris. 🤔🤔

**Doris Warford** - September 06 at 01:58 PM



“ Thank-you, Doris. She loved those colorful wigs!

**Deborah Guinn** - September 08 at 03:42 PM

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“ Joe was a sweet dear friend and a wonderful cohort back in the many days of teaching at Ramay. Our conversations were engaging to say the least. She had a huge heart for kids and their ability to comprehend what they read. I carry an enormous amount of gratitude to have known this great lady. God's comfort and peace on her family!

**Lewis Clark** - September 06 at 12:42 PM

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“ Thank-you, Lewis... it's been ages since I've seen you and I hope you're doing well. I know she certainly thought the world of you.

**Deborah Guinn** - September 08 at 03:43 PM