



## Joan Marie Zornik-Freund

May 15, 1938 - April 22, 2026

Joan Marie Zornik-Freund passed away on Tuesday, April 22, 2026 in Roswell, New Mexico. Joan was known as “Bess” to her family and friends. Please take a moment and share a kind thought or memory with Joan’s family at [www.andersonbethany.com](http://www.andersonbethany.com).

On May 15, 1938, Joan was born to Joseph and Anna Zornik in Inglewood, New Jersey. Joan attended Cliffside Park High School, where she graduated from and then attended Florida State University. Bess spent most of her career working for the Brevard County School Board as an Executive Assistant. Bess also worked for Starbucks and Publix. Bess had three children: two daughters, Jodi Freund and Debi Freund-Swain, and one son Joel Freund and his wife Melissa. Bess had two grandsons Nathaniel Swain and Jacob Freund, and two granddaughters, Anna Swain and Jocelyn Freund. Bess had two Great Granddaughters, Marlowe Gene Elizabeth Thomas and Elyse Fredrick Thomas. Bess will be missed by all of them.

Bess was an unselfish person who cared about others. She was a very giving and strong person. In the 1980’s and 1990’s, she was a progressive Mother who allowed her kids to grow independently but provided support where needed. All her kids are successful because of growing up in a household where you knew you were loved and were allowed to do what was necessary to become a strong individual. Bess enjoyed watching sports and watching her kids play sports. Her favorite teams were the Dallas Cowboys and Boston Celtics. Bess loved riding her bike and just being outside where she would

soak up the sun and meet people wherever she went. Bess loved Taco Bell, McDonald's, Dunkin Donuts, Starbucks, and any food that contained sugar. Bess had a great soul and was the best Mother, Grandmother, and Great Grandmother anyone could have. She will be missed by all that knew her and loved her. She is with God and will be an Angel for those still living. I miss you so much and it's only been a few days.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Tim Davis lit a candle in memory of Joan Zornik-Freund*



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**Tim Davis** - April 26 at 03:56 PM

JF

“ *Joel Freund sent a virtual gift in memory of Joan Zornik-Freund*



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**Joel Freund** - April 24 at 03:17 PM

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**Joel Freund** - April 24 at 03:17 PM

GA

*Donna and I send our condolences to Jo and Debi. Your mom is now resting in peace. Gil Alvarado*

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**Gilbert Alvarado** - May 02 at 07:42 PM

JF

“ Joel Freund lit a candle in memory of Joan Zornik-Freund



Joel Freund - April 24 at 03:16 PM

DC

“ my dearest Joan how Im going to miss seeing you visiting with you everyday, I met Joan 9 months ago and I would go everyday to visit my husband and we would always visit, there were days you would wait for me so I could go over the daily menu on days that she didnt like what was on menu I always knew to write down her favorites, tomato soup , crackers and cottage cheese. Joan loved her Cowboys and football season. Truly truly going to miss my friend. Rest in Peace Joan ❤️ you can sit in the sun for hours and enjoy the beauty of heaven.



Diane Chavez - April 24 at 10:23 AM

DB

I have known Joan for years thru little league and other sports. She was always such a giving person and helped everyone. I loved when she lived close and we talked and visited. RIP we will see you again.  
Darlene Bristol

Darlene Bristol - April 24 at 01:01 PM

JF

Thank you so much Diane. It was a pleasure meeting you yesterday. Thank you for those kind words about my Mother. She will be missed.

Joel Freund - April 24 at 03:15 PM