



Joyce Zelena Austin

December 4, 2023

Joyce Zelena Austin, nee Jones, 93 was born May 13, 1930 in Rogersville, Tennessee. Joyce went to be with the Lord on December 4th 2023. She was living in Sun City, Arizona when she passed. Joyce is preceded in death by her parents, Jim and Janie Jones of Rogersville, Tennessee.

Joyce was blessed with a large family and preceded in death by her three sisters; Bernice Weems, Genova Jones, and Peggy Parvin; three brothers, Millage Jones, Carthel Jones and Norris Jones, and a granddaughter, Shannon Rush. She is survived by three daughters, Zelena King (Shelbyville, KY), Sandra McCaslin, (husband Barry McCaslin) (Florence, SC) and Deborah Myers (Sun City, AZ; three grandsons, Steven Angel, Jay Rush, and Jonathan Hayes; three granddaughters, Scottee Angel, Brittany Johnson and Taylor Souder and many nieces and nephews, including a special niece Sheri Hodge (Sacramento, CA) and a special granddaughter Scottee Angel (Los Angeles, CA), fourteen great-grandchildren and many, many special friends.

Joyce loved playing board games, doing puzzles and her favorite thing to do was bake pies. She was loved very much and will be missed! Graveside services will be in the Spring of 2024, the exact date will be announced later. In lieu of flowers, please donate to an animal rescue/ shelter in your hometown.

Tribute Wall

DM

“ Mom it's been four months since you went to be with the Lord. Tomorrow we are heading to Tennessee to take you home to be with the rest of your family. Thank you for allowing me to take care of you the last five years of your life. I miss you and love you so very much ☐

Deborah Myers - April 22, 2024 at 11:18 PM

ML

“ My Dad, Carthel Jones, is Joyce's brother. I began fun phone conversations with Joyce when Dad moved in with me. I enjoyed talking to my Aunt Joyce about anything and everything!

Mary Lou - December 14, 2023 at 03:59 PM

JK

“ I only knew Joyce a short time, but she had a significant impact on my thinking about life and Jesus. She mentioned things she prayed for that broadened my idea of praying in all circumstances. I loved talking to her. We were both from the south and had a lot in common. I felt she was a good friend from our first conversation on. I know she is greeting loved ones in heaven and not hurting anymore. I'll be glad to see her again!

Jan Kelleran - December 13, 2023 at 12:24 AM

LA

“ Mrs. Joyce was such a sweet lady! We will miss her checking on us and our family ❤️

Laurie - December 12, 2023 at 10:11 PM

AA

“ Your Mother lived quite a long and fruitful life. I remember her home in Pungo, She was so gracious and kind to me there. My condolences to your families, and may God continue to bless her beautiful family.

Annette Austin - December 12, 2023 at 09:45 PM

KY

“ Joyce was one of the best neighbors and friends I've ever had. She was always kind, caring & giving to me. She shared her food with me & loved spending time together. I will always think fondly of her.

Kyra - December 12, 2023 at 09:39 PM

DW

“ Joyce was a very dear friend to me, she was also a sister and mother all in one. I will truly miss our conversations on phone almost daily. I really feel lost without her here. She was really a beautiful woman that I'll always cherish knowing her & friendship we had 🙏❤️💔

Dorothy Watkins - December 12, 2023 at 03:13 PM

BM

“ Aunt Joyce I will always remember your love and kindness to me as I was growing up.

Barbara A Malbon - December 12, 2023 at 12:44 PM

SM

“ My mom – what can I say? There have been ups and downs. She taught me to love, care and treat others with kindness. She was very kind and loving. I appreciate her for being my mom. She made me the person I am today. I will miss her phone calls and conversations. I love you mom.

Sandy McCaslin - December 12, 2023 at 11:00 AM

ZK

“ Our love for one another will endure. I learned a lifetime of lessons from my wonderful little mother. I miss her but know she hears me and watches over her family.

Zelena King - December 11, 2023 at 08:19 PM

AB

“ Thank you for entrusting Simply Cremation to handle the final arrangements for Joyce. My thoughts remain with Deborah and the rest of her family and friends during this difficult time.

Ashley Bradford - December 11, 2023 at 06:47 PM