



Joyce Carter

October 21, 1943 - September 9, 2017

Joyce Marie (Austin Lofland) Carter, who was affectionately called “Joycie” was born in Federalsburg, Maryland, on Thursday, October 21, 1943 to the late John T. and Hattie B. Austin. Joyce completed her life’s journey at her home on Saturday, September 9, 2017.

Joyce grew up in the city of Federalsburg. She graduated Lockerman High School, Denton, Maryland. Later in life, Joyce obtained her associate's degree from the Christian Life School of Theology and Seminary.

In her younger years, Joyce was a member of Zion Methodist Church in Federalsburg. Joyce dedicated her life to Christ while attending Christ Church of Universal Love, Hurlock, Maryland, where her sister, Dorothy Jean Jones, was pastor. Joyce was a dedicated member of Christ Church of Universal Love and was ordained missionary where she taught Sunday School and directed The Children's Choir to harmonize and rejoice in praising the Lord.

In the 80’s, Joyce joined Calvary Baptist Church, Dover, Delaware, under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Richard M. Avant. She faithfully served as a Sunday School and Bible Study teacher as well as on the hospitality and floral committee.

Joyce worked for Kraft Foods Dover, Delaware, for 28 years as a Quality Analyst. After retiring from Kraft, she worked for Bennie Smith Funeral Home for over ten years as an assistant to the bereaved.

Joyce was a confident, sweet and kind woman that loved to serve and help others. She truly loved the Lord and would speak of His goodness wherever she went. There wasn't a place that Joyce didn't go where she didn't know somebody or somebody didn't know her. Joyce loved and adored her family and would organize the family gathering as often as she could each "Fifth Sunday". To know her was a true blessing. She enjoyed running and walking in her later years.

In addition to her parents, Joyce Marie Carter is preceded in death by her son, James A. Lofland, Jr.; three sisters, Ruthie Austin, Dorothy Jones, and Mary Pullen; six brothers, Nelson and Johnny K. Alston, Andrew, George, David and Joseph Austin. Joyce leaves to cherish, one daughter, Kimberly DeShields (Timothy) of Townsend, DE; a brother, James H. Austin (Brenda) of Lanham, MD; sisters-in-law, Alice, Bernice, Edwina, Rev. Janice and Jean Austin; grandsons, Jatwan Black (Danielle) of Harrisburg, PA, Jerenzo Redmond of Washington, D.C., Dorian DeShields of Newark, DE, Jadon and Zion DeShields of Townsend, DE; an adoptive daughter, CaShana Howell-Simmons (Brandon) of Dover, DE; and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

Lovingly Submitted,
The Family

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Tribute Wall

MH

“ My husband and I were so sorry to hear of the sudden passing of Joyce. Joyce always had such a love for life. She was a sweet yet vibrant woman of faith, love and compassion and she will surely be missed. Our prayers and love are with her daughter and family.

Love,
Bobby and Marsha Horton

Marsha Horton - September 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ I would like to offer my condolences for your loss. I hope you will find comfort in knowing that Jehovah, the God of all comfort, will soon eliminate all grief and provide permanent consolation when “all those in the memorial tombs will hear [Christ’s] voice and come out”! (John 5:28, 29) God promises that “he will do away with death forever, and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces.” (Isa. 25:8) Then, instead of having to “weep with those who weep,” all earth’s inhabitants will “rejoice with those who rejoice.”—Rom. 12:15.

M Jones - September 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *It is with great sorrow we learned of Joyce's passing. We met Joyce at the Dover AFB Gym where early in the morning, for years, she always had such a positive attitude, urging you on, giving confidence, always an inspiration to achieve a better healthy life, and laughing!*

We saw many facets of Joyce, being it championing you at the gym, or attending the services at Bernie Smith where her belief in her Lord Jesus Christ able her to ease the sorrow of others.

We have a time to be born and a time to pass. It's in this time of passing that your grief is just all the love you still have for your dear one. May your pain ease with time. However, Joyce still lives in our hearts and she walks with our Lord from this day one. God be with you.

Steve and Dolores

Steve and Dolores Mynatt - September 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ *My deepest condolences for the loss of your dear loved one. While nothing will completely take away your grief by meditating on Gods promises found in the Bible you can find real hope and the strength to keep going. My family and I have found the scripture at Isaiah 25:8 to be especially comforting. Here it promises that God "will swallow up death forever and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces."*

H. Fields - September 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ I would like to offer my personal condolences to your family. I hope that you will be able find strength in Gods promise at Revelation 21:4 that soon: he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away. You are in my thoughts and prayers and once more I am deeply sorry for your familys loss.

JoyceA - September 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM