



Ruth Joyce

August 22, 1941 - June 2, 2023

Margaret Ruth Joyce, 81, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri died Friday, June 2, 2023 at Southeast Hospital.

She was born August 22, 1941 in St. Mary, MO to Ed Zelbert and Lena Mabel Worley.

She and Bill Joyce were married at Trinity Baptist Church, St. Mary, MO, in 1985. Ruth was a member of Southside Baptist Church.

Ruth always looked at the good side of people. There was no one kinder, sweeter, smiling all the time. She was always optimistic and absolutely loved her family and grandchildren dearly. She always told others, "bless your heart."

Survivors include three daughters, Kathy (Leslie) Moll of St. Mary, MO, Charlotte McClard of Cape Girardeau, MO; Linda (Tim) Lott of Marshfield, MO, four step-sons, Larry (Jessica) Joyce of Marshfield, MO, Michael (Teresa) Joyce of Strafford, MO, Thomas (Cristy) Joyce, Phillip Joyce; daughter-in-law, Jackie Pender; four grandchildren, Jeremiah Moll, Rheanna Moll, Carrie (Andrew) McClard Palmer, Cody McClard; two brothers, Bob (Gerry) Worley, Tom (Danielle) Worley; sister, Delores (Paul) Lohmann; eleven step-grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; 12 step-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters; two brothers husband, Bill Joyce; son, Jesse Pender.

Visitation will be 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral Service will be at 1:00 pm Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau with the Rev. Don Estes officiating.

Inurnment will take place at a later date at Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield, MO.

Memorial contributions may be given to American Cancer Society.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Ford & Sons Funeral Home - Mt. Auburn is in charge of arrangements.
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Cemetery Details

Bloomfield Cemetery

Bloomfield, MO 63825

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 7. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Funeral Service

JUN 7. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JM

“ This is one of a few sweet ladies I’ve ever had the pleasure to have in my life. I met her around 1970 at church. In 1981 she became my mother in law. In 1983 and 1986, she became grandmother to my children. Over the years she been as good to me as my own mother. She taught me to grow closer to the lord, as my Sunday School teacher. She always lead by example how to live a good Christian life. She would help anyone in need, and did so consistently her whole life. She has fought cancer for the last several years. She’s beat it three times already. Memorial Day she had emergency surgery to battle it once more. She went back in for another emergency surgery Wednesday afternoon. However God told her she had battled long enough, and called her home to be with our Savior, and her family. She took Jesus’s hand today at 3:20 PM. and stepped into all of Gods glory.

Ruth Joyce, I’m glad you are finally home, and suffering no more. You have left a great legacy in your children, and grandchildren, for us to admire in your absence. It hurts loosing you. You’ve left a void in our hearts that will never be filled. Look for us, because one day we will reunite. Rest in peace, sweet lady. I love you! 🇺🇸🙏❤️🌹



J.B. McClard - July 07, 2023 at 04:00 PM

SI

“ 11 files added to the album *Bill and Ruth*



Sue Ivie - June 08, 2023 at 03:42 PM

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“ 13 files added to the album *2013 through 2018*



Sue Ivie - June 08, 2023 at 03:30 PM

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“ 15 files added to the album 2007 through 2012



Sue Ivie - June 08, 2023 at 03:20 PM

ES

“ We will miss Ruth as our steadfast neighbor of 40 years. In the backyard we have two large oak trees, given to us by Ruth and Bill as small seedlings. They are looking over our neighborhood, growing tall and strong and serve as a reminder for many years to come! Our condolences to all in the family. Erika & John Scheibe



Erika Scheibe - June 06, 2023 at 08:52 PM

CM

Thank you. ❤️ Grandma loved having you all as neighbors. I felt more at ease knowing good people were just across the road.

Carrie McClard - June 07, 2023 at 10:45 AM

SE

A beautiful, sweet lady

Stacy Elliott - June 08, 2023 at 10:47 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Ruth Joyce.*



June 06, 2023 at 04:02 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Ruth Joyce.*



June 05, 2023 at 10:58 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ruth Joyce.*

June 05, 2023 at 08:20 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ruth Joyce.*



June 05, 2023 at 05:03 PM

RS

“ Rhonda Sanborn purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Ruth Joyce.



Rhonda Sanborn - June 05, 2023 at 04:13 PM