



William Joyce

October 12, 1933 - January 5, 2021

Reverend William "Bill" Joyce, 87, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri was born to Coy Edward and Gertie Huel (Hendon) Joyce in Golden Pond, Kentucky on October 12, 1933. He died on January 5, 2020 at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and uncle, and a wonderful friend to many. Due to Covid 19, he died alone in his hospital room rather than surrounded by those who loved him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers, Russell H. Joyce, Wayne E. Joyce, Dalmos E. Joyce; two half-brothers, Ronnie Turner, David G. Turner, and son, Jessie A. Pender.

He is survived by his wife, (Margaret) Ruth Joyce of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, sons, Larry D. Joyce (Jessica), Thomas E. Joyce (Christy), and Phillip L. Joyce of Marshfield, Missouri and Michael R. Joyce (Teresa) of Strafford, Missouri, daughters, Linda D. Lott (Timothy) of Marshfield, Missouri, Kathy Moll (Leslie) of St. Mary, Missouri and Charlotte A. McClard of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, daughter in law, Jackie Fitch Pender, Altenburg, Missouri, sister, Gloria D. Walker (Bob) of Lexington Kentucky, and brothers Perry H. Joyce (Linda) of Taylorsville, Kentucky, Don L. Joyce (Rochelle), Paducah, Kentucky, and half-brother, Lon D. Turner of Indian Mound, Tennessee, former wife, Ruby A Joyce of Marshfield, Missouri. He is also

survived by grandchildren: Jeremy Joyce, Paul Joyce, Billy Joyce, Kelsey Lott, Jon Joyce, Misty Joyce, Heather Thomas, Whitney Joyce, Troy Joyce, Travis Joyce, Garrett Ross, Jeremiah Moll, Rheanna Wolk, Carrie McClard (Palmer), and Cody McClard, great-grandchildren: Keaton Joyce, Brilyn Joyce, Taylor Joyce, Myla Cruz, Hunter Thomas, Riley Clark , Luke Ross, Eli Ross, Ava Moll, Gavin Moll, Ezra Wolk, Elijah Wolk, Sage Wolk, Shaelyn Wolk, Sadie Wolk, Anna Wilke, Atticus Harper, and Cora McClard .

Reverend Joyce was a proud veteran who retired from the U.S. Army with 20 years of service including active combat in the Korean War. He served in the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Kentucky and was a Hawk Missile Specialist stationed at Ft. Bliss, Texas. He served several tours of duty overseas in France, Korea, and Germany.

He was ordained in the Hillcrest Baptist Church in El Paso, Texas by his father in the ministry, Brother Bob Stewart, and was a Baptist minister for over forty five years. He attended Baptist Bible College in Springfield, Missouri obtaining a theology degree. He was a pastor in numerous churches in Missouri and Illinois including, Pine Grove/White Oak Baptist Church in Marshfield, Missouri, Hillcrest Baptist Mission, Sikeston, Missouri, New Testament Baptist Church in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, Mill Creek Baptist Church in Mill Creek, Illinois, McClure Baptist Church in McClure, Illinois, Mission For Christ in Perryville, Missouri, and was the pastor of Southside Baptist Church in Cape Girardeau, Missouri at the time of his death. He was a servant of the Lord and through his ministry many people were saved and baptized giving God all the glory. He made numerous lifelong friends throughout his years in the ministry.

His death will leave a hole in the hearts of those who loved him that nothing or no one can ever fill.

Visitation will be 9:00 am to 11:00 am Friday, January 8, 2021 at Southside

Baptist Church in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral service will follow at 11:00 am Friday at the church with Revs. Phil Berry and Don Estes officiating. Full military honors will be at the church.

Burial will be held at a later date at Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield, Missouri.

Ford and Sons Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau is in charge of arrangements.

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

Cemetery Details

Missouri Veterans Cemetery

17357 Stars & Stripes Way
Bloomfield, MO 63825

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 8. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Southside Baptist Church
805 Hackberry St.
Cape Girardeau, MO

Funeral Service

JAN 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Cape Girardeau, MO

Tribute Wall

NI

“ Oh my, how you will be missed, Bill Joyce! You and Ruth are like family to us, in fact, Don asked your family to "adopt" him and Linda gave him a certificate of adoption into your family! So we do claim your family as ours! We love you and we love your dear Ruth and all your family. They're our family, too. You have been our closest friends since we moved to Missouri. You were there for us whenever we needed your help, advice, or just some of your time and your friendship has been such a blessing. You were such a wonderful Godly example for us all. I know you must be really busy in Heaven, praising our Saviour, and singing, shouting and looking up all your friends and family that have gone on before you! It won't be long until we will meet you up there! Until then, we will miss you.
Don and Sue Ivie

Norma S Ivie - January 23, 2021 at 10:17 PM

PD

“ Ruth,

We were sorry to hear about the passing of Bill. We appreciated your friendship when you all were with the McClure Baptist Church. We always thought highly of Bill. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during your time of loss.

Patsy Dillon and Family

Patsy Dillon - January 14, 2021 at 03:03 PM

VC

“ *Brother Bill was a very kind person with so much passion and knowledge to share with the world. I appreciate all the advice, guidance, and love that he has given me over the years. I know he is in heaven singing.*

I will miss him dearly and my condolence goes to his family and every person's heart he touched.

Vanna Clarke - January 10, 2021 at 09:41 PM

MD

“ *So sorry for your loss! It's really hard when you find out your family after they pass away! Will keep the family in my prayers!*

Melissa Joyce Dufay - January 08, 2021 at 10:17 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Joyce.*



January 08, 2021 at 10:26 AM

LT

“ *Lon D Turner purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William Joyce.*



Lon D Turner - January 06, 2021 at 01:43 PM

TH

“ So sorry for your loss, Sister Ruth and family. You will be in our prayers.

Ted and Lisa Hooker - January 06, 2021 at 11:59 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Joyce.



January 06, 2021 at 11:31 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Joyce.



January 06, 2021 at 11:00 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of William Joyce.



January 06, 2021 at 10:40 AM

JB

“ I remember at the reunion he played music. I am Rosa Turners daughter and she has been gone 2 years now and they are meeting in heaven now and more music.

Jeanetta Boggess - January 06, 2021 at 10:22 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William Joyce.



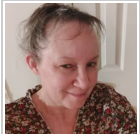
January 05, 2021 at 08:20 PM

LF

“ Larry & Teresa Lott & family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William Joyce.



Larry & Teresa Lott & family - January 05, 2021 at 07:42 PM



“ Truly love this man like my dad. Always helped me with advice and comforting words of encouragement. Always had a humble way of saying things and really took to heart everything that was said. A big heart of gold. Love you Bill.

Sylvia Greene - January 05, 2021 at 07:30 PM



Ruth My family feels so sorry for your loss, Bill was a good man we will miss him very much!!!

Red Mlg - January 07, 2021 at 08:21 PM



Miss him

Red Mlg - January 07, 2021 at 08:28 PM