



Joyce Faye Shoemaker

January 1, 1941 - May 9, 2025

Joyce Faye Shoemaker (Gardendale, AL) passed away peacefully on May 9, 2025 surrounded by her loving family at the age of 84. She was known for her strong willed personality, her loving and generous heart, and her ability to bring laughter to any room.

Joyce was born January 1, 1941 to her parents Robert (Bob) Jones and Estelle Jones in Brookside, AL.

She is survived by her precious and loving daughters Deborah Shoemaker and Reba Main (John); Grandchildren, Aaron Nichols, Ryan Main (Christa), Anna Beach (Logan), and her cherished great-grandchildren, Kohen, Wyatt, Saige, and Kinslee.

Joyce was preceded in death by her parents, Robert (Bob) Jones and Estelle Jones.

A proud graduate of Minor High School Joyce dedicated more than 19 years to the Birmingham Housing Authority, working in security. She also drove a

school bus for many years and served in undercover security. She enjoyed playing softball growing up and then continued on her love for the game while coaching. She loved fishing and camping on Logan Martin Lake and has always loved her dogs more than anyone else. She also loved traveling to the mountains or doing anything outdoors. Anyone who knows her knows she loved Blue Bell ice cream. Some fond memories from the grandchildren are many camping and lake trips, burping parties, 25 cent cokes from the vending machines at Foodland, and summers spent at her house.

A celebration of Joyce's life will be held on Tuesday, May 13, at Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home at 2:00 P.M. Visitation for family will begin at 12:00 P.M. followed by friends from 1:00 to 2:00 P.M. Burial will follow at Bivens Chapel Cemetery.

Joyce's love, strength, and laughter live on in the hearts of all who knew her.

Cemetery Details

Bivens Chapel Cemetery

3581 Cherry Avenue
Birmingham, AL 35214

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 13. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home
2214 Decatur Highway
Gardendale, AL 35071
(205) 631-8810
gardendalefuneralhome2@gmail.com

Celebration of Life Service

MAY 13. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

LM

“ Upon hearing of Joyce's passing, I was deeply saddened and heartbroken. She was a wonderful friend and neighbor, and I will always treasure the memories we shared and the thoughtful Christmas gifts she gave me. I miss her dearly and will always remember her fondly. My thoughts and prayers are with Reba, Debbie, and their family. Love you Mrs. Joyce ❤️

Lorraine Mondello - May 25, 2025 at 02:55 PM

JA

“ im so sorry to here about your mom i worked with your mom at the birmingham housing authority in security she was a great friend to me will be praying for the family

jamesboyd - May 13, 2025 at 05:33 PM

 Marion Hatcher

“ Im so sorry to hear this , ive been her friend for 60 years , GOD BLESS HER

Marion Hatcher - May 13, 2025 at 10:00 AM

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I meant 42 yrs ,not 60 that we have been friends

Marion Hatcher - May 13, 2025 at 04:17 PM

LN

I never mets Joyce in person but we became friends on Facebook and I just loved her ..I am so sorry to hear she has died..She gained her wings..her heart was ready but mmonr was not. I will miss you always

Lynda Neely - September 27, 2025 at 08:25 AM

LB

“ Lynn Busby lit a candle in memory of Joyce Faye Shoemaker



lynn busby - May 12, 2025 at 09:58 PM

LB

I'm going to miss Joyce so much I'm so upset I'll miss her bad

lynn busby - May 12, 2025 at 10:01 PM

LC

“ We are so sorry to hear of Joyce's passing. We once lived close to Joyce at Peachtree and also had a camper at Logon Martin. We enjoyed talking to her and Debra and seeing the dogs. Sending prayers to the family especially Debra.



Dennis and Lynn Chapman

Lynn Chapman - May 12, 2025 at 09:10 PM

MN

“ I am broken hearted to hear of Miss Joyce's passing. She was a force to be reckoned with! LOL! I met her when I worked in the office at Peachtree Crossings and I quickly grew to love her. She could make me laugh so easily. She was a wonderful, intelligent, kind woman and I feel so fortunate to have known her. After I moved from Peachtree, we kept in touch through Facebook and it was always a treat to hear from her. Bless you Miss Joyce. Rest peacefully. You earned it and deserve it. You will be missed by so many.

Melinda Kay Norris` - May 12, 2025 at 08:46 PM



“ 96 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home - May 12, 2025 at 12:14 PM

ET

“ *Erin Tatum purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of Joyce Faye Shoemaker.*



Erin Tatum - May 12, 2025 at 11:24 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joyce Faye Shoemaker.*



May 12, 2025 at 10:18 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Joyce Faye Shoemaker.* ”



May 11, 2025 at 07:18 PM