



Ronetta "Joyce" Phillips

September 26, 1947 - January 30, 2021

To know Ronetta "Joyce" Phillips was to know love, joy and optimism. She exuded these qualities that naturally flowed to everyone around. Her first priority was her Savior, Jesus Christ and she loved her family dearly. Until her husband, Jim's passing in 2018, they were virtually inseparable.

Joyce was born in Briartown, OK on September 26, 1947 to W.T. and Cleta Mae (Bender) Dearman. She was the oldest of seven, having four sisters and two brothers: Billie Sue Steele, W. Tom Dearman, M. Tim Dearman, Gayle Ann Dearman, Gina L. Eslick and Karen K. Scanlan. She attended Briartown and Porum schools. Graduating from Porum High School in 1965, she played basketball on the varsity team all four years. Her love of basketball and competitive spirit never ceased and was abundantly evident while watching her grandkids play sports. She attended Connors Junior College for one year before marrying her high school and life-long sweetheart, Jimmy Dale Phillips on July 29, 1966. They were married 51 years when Jim passed in 2018. It could be argued that even Jim's passing did not separate them. Regardless, Joyce pursued LIFE and refused to allow fear or sorrow to hold her back from her true nature; and if the pursuit of life caused her passing, it would unite her with Jesus and her dear husband all the sooner. This world was not her home.

While her girls were young she was blessed to stay home with them but later

worked outside the home for Schmoldt Engineering, Stumpff Funeral Home, Forest Creek Condominiums, and Green Country Village. She got her real estate license in 1986 and worked under George Johnson Realty until she got her Broker's license in 1989. Joyce then started her own company, The Property Exchange, where she worked until her death. With her professional life and church interactions, she touched many lives. While her church life, family life and professional life were seamless, her attitude was consistent regardless of the circumstances. Her ethics and faith transcended all aspects of her life. This example will be remembered and dearly missed by the many who knew and loved her.

If it is true that our selfless and generous actions on earth create treasures in heaven, Joyce has an absolute treasure hoard and we rejoice with her!

Joyce is survived by her two daughters, Janet (Brett) Bilyeu of Tulsa and Cheryl (Kenny) Green of Bartlesville. Her four grandchildren: Bryne, Kayla, and Macey Bilyeu of Tulsa and Rylan Green of Bartlesville. Three siblings: Billie Sue (Cliff) Steele of Checotah, Tim (Janis) Dearman of Briartown and Gina (Mark) Eslick of Bristow. Her Mother-in-Law Louise Phillips of Bartlesville and Sister-in-Law Debbie Dearman of Broken Arrow. Other survivors include many nieces, nephews and her late husband's sister, Karen Sue (Jim) Coleman of North Richland Hills, TX. Joyce was preceded in death by her husband, Jimmy Dale Phillips, her parents, W.T. and Cleta Mae Dearman along with siblings Gayle Ann Dearman, W. Tom Dearman and Karen K. Scanlan.

The Phillips family will receive guests at the Stumpff Funeral Home from 6 PM until 8 PM on Thursday, February 4, 2021.

A memorial service will be held at 2 P.M. on Friday, February 5, 2021 at the Adams Blvd Church of Christ with Mr. David Hammonds officiating and

directed by the Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to The Journey Home, 900 N.E. Washington Blvd., Bartlesville, Oklahoma, 74006

Previous Events

Family To Receive Friends

FEB 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory
1600 SE Washington Blvd.
Bartlesville, OK 74006
(918) 333-4300
info@stumpff.org
<https://www.stumpff.org>

Memorial Service

FEB 5. 2:00 PM (CT)

Adams Boulevard Church of Christ
3700 SE Adams
Bartlesville, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Ronetta "Joyce" Phillips*



May 09, 2022 at 09:28 PM



“ *Ronetta "Joyce" Phillips*

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *Ronetta "Joyce" Phillips*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Flowers*



Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory - March 02, 2021 at 08:33 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ronetta "Joyce" Phillips.*



February 05, 2021 at 05:41 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ronetta "Joyce" Phillips.*



February 05, 2021 at 02:04 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ronetta "Joyce" Phillips.*



February 04, 2021 at 02:42 PM



“ *Linda Banks lit a candle in memory of Ronetta "Joyce" Phillips*



Linda Banks - February 04, 2021 at 11:55 AM

LB

Her light lives on in the love and laughter she shared.

Linda Banks - February 04, 2021 at 11:56 AM

PK

“*Joyce was the kindest, sweetest person I think I've ever met. She always had a smile and such positive words to say, no matter what. She was always ready to share the love for her Lord and his words. In the short time we have lived next door to her, she became a good friend. I always looked forward to seeing her and getting to visit with her. I will miss her presence. My sympathy and love to her daughters and family. May you find comfort and blessings during this transition in life. Patti Kerr*

Patti Kerr - February 04, 2021 at 08:29 AM

DA

“*Prayers for peace for the entire family. Lightings candles signifies the light she brought to everyone's lives.* 🙏



Denae Avlos - February 03, 2021 at 10:23 PM



“*Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ronetta "Joyce" Phillips.*



February 03, 2021 at 04:26 PM

SJ

“ *Sandy James lit a candle in memory of Ronetta "Joyce" Phillips*



sandy James - February 03, 2021 at 12:36 PM

TJ

“ *Tim and Jan purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Ronetta "Joyce" Phillips.*



Tim and Jan - February 03, 2021 at 09:15 AM

CA

“ *What I will remember most about Ms. Joyce is her laughter, kindness and her always welcoming smile. She loved so well and I'm so blessed to have known her. Our love and prayers are with you all. Carrie and Legrand*

Carrie - February 03, 2021 at 12:35 AM

DS

“ *Janet & Cheryl, What a spectacular mother Joyce was. Joyful, bright, happy-go-lucky and a true friend to all she knew. I feel very blessed to have known her. I know you both will miss her dearly.*



David Stumpff | 918.645.2130 direct

David Stumpff - February 02, 2021 at 03:27 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ronetta "Joyce" Phillips.*



February 01, 2021 at 09:39 PM



“ *To Cheryl, Janet, and Family,*

So sorry to hear of Joyce's passing. She was a sweet, kind, and FUN to be around, Christian lady! I know she will be so very much missed by everyone, especially her close family. You have my sympathy and prayers.

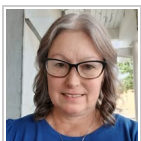
*Love,
Ginny*

Ginny Norwood - February 01, 2021 at 04:20 PM



“ *Joyce was the epitome of a joyful person. She and Jim were a big part of my life for many years and I have been blessed by knowing them both. I know she loved her family and her friends and her faith showed daily in everything she did.*

Mark Archambo - February 01, 2021 at 03:48 PM



“ *Joyce was such a kindhearted, sweet, thoughtful person. She will be greatly missed by so many.*

Sherry Hipp

Sherry Hipp - February 01, 2021 at 09:50 AM

LH

“Joyce was one of the sweetest and nicest friends from Porum High School. I was so happy that she and Jimmy found lifelong love. RIP my high school friend.
Lori Hamilton-Hobbs

Lori Hamilton-Hobbs - January 31, 2021 at 10:55 PM

KK

“I cannot think of a sweeter person than Joyce Phillips. I first met her and Jim when Bubba and I got married in 2009. They were on their way to Florida and come by to share our special day in Tennessee.

My late husband Bubba Kester talked so highly of both Jim and Joyce.

Ms Joyce was a very special lady and I found out throughout the years that she was a witness for the Lord everyday. She loved people and the Lord was her best friend.

When Bubba and I went to Oklahoma to see Jim when he was so sick she made sure I was welcome in her home. She told me often that Jim had waited on Bubba to get to Oklahoma and then he passed a short time later.

Thank you Ms Joyce for your love and guidance for Bubba throughout his life.

It was a honor to meet you and now you can rest in the arms of your Lord.

Tell Jim and Bubba hello

Kathy Kester Cookeville Tennessee

Kathy Kester - January 31, 2021 at 10:40 PM