



Joyce P. Pappas

August 11, 2020

Joyce P. Pappas, age 91, of Knoxville, TN passed away on Tuesday, August 11, 2020. Joyce was of the Baptist Faith. She loved writing letters to her friends and family, and always remembered their birthdays. She loved all animals and loved collecting lighthouses. She was preceded in death by her, husband Joe Pappas; parents, Ben and Cleo Peters; siblings, Ben H. Peters, Tincy Ford, Glenna Shattuck, and Toni Schmitt. She is survived by her son Jody Pappas (Pam), grandson Ethan Pappas and several nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews. Family and friends will gather at 10:45 pm Friday, August 14, 2020 at Woodlawn Cemetery for an 11:00 am graveside service with Rev. Dr. Alan Smith officiating. Online condolences may be extended at www.rosemortuary.com

Events

AUG **Graveside Service** 11:00AM
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Woodlawn Cemetery

4500 Woodlawn Pike, Knoxville, TN, US

Comments



“ I always enjoyed her letters and the way she always knew how to state the right things at the right time. I will cherish Joyce forever. I have had her on my mind for months but I didn't realize she had passed. She had so much compassion. I just found out today, I feel like a piece of me is gone. Will see you soon, love you Joyce.

Renee - February 11 at 10:44 PM



“ Pam's work family at SMG purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Joyce P. Pappas.



Pam's work family at SMG - August 13, 2020 at 07:21 PM



“ Our deepest condolences to the family, Remembered her humor and kindness. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.

Joann Beardsley and family

Donald H Beardsley - August 13, 2020 at 06:13 PM



“ Emily, Craig, Alexander and Cynthia Schmitt Lavin purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Joyce P. Pappas.



Emily, Craig, Alexander and Cynthia Schmitt Lavin - August 13, 2020 at 11:54 AM



“ Great Aunt Joyce had a spirit and knowledge of family dates and events like none other. I live in South Florida with my husband and kids, but enjoyed writing letters throughout my life with Aunt Joyce. I believe she was my very first pen pal when I was just in elementary school She was a great pen pal and always had something interesting to say. My grandmother (Toni) was her sister. I will always remember the stories...Aunt Joyce made hot tamales for breakfast for my Dad (Jeff)! We honor the passing of the last of the Stair-Peters siblings. They were a great clan!

Emily Schmitt Lavin - August 13, 2020 at 10:58 AM



“ For some of us being “ordinary” or just like everyone else is a horrible fate. In this regard Joyce had nothing to worry about, for she was a true individual. She always told you exactly what she thought and didn't try to deceive or sugarcoat with fake social niceties. She wasn't worried about trying to fit in with the “cool kids” she WAS the coolest kid! She had fancy clothes, fancy cigarette cases, fancy fountain pens, etc. She always made an effort to look her best. She didn't do this to fit in so much as she did it just for herself. She had her own standards to uphold. She cared about people and communicated with them with cards and letters. She remembered their birthdays and was generous with what she had. She appreciated people but at the same time could be one with herself. Once she went to see a movie alone because she just wanted to see the picture. While her formal education was limited I considered her more sophisticated and knowledgeable in terms of literature, language, and history than most of the “educated” people one like me has in abundance. I was proud of her and will miss her.

James Gomez - August 13, 2020 at 10:35 AM



“ I live in Northern Virginia but every time I came through Knoxville, I'd try to get together with Aunt Joyce. We'd head up to Denny's for the buffet and talk and talk and laugh and laugh. She had a fantastic memory and a fine way of telling a story that was so interesting and captivating and often funny. Sometimes we wrote letters and talked on the phone too, but she saved the best stories for our times at Denny's. My grandmother was Aunt Joyce's sister, Tincy. I knew Aunt Toni too, and they were all very special to me. I'm going to miss them all so very much.

Stacy Brasfield - August 12, 2020 at 08:38 PM