



Joyce Forgey-Crane

May 6, 2014

Joyce Green Forgey Crane 84, died on May 6th 2014 at the home of her son in Fort Oglethorpe Georgia after a lengthy battle with cancer. Joyce was a native of Chattanooga/North Georgia where she lived for 50 years. She also lived in the Columbia Tennessee area for almost 30 years moving back to Rossville Georgia 5 year ago. From her birth to her death she nourished the people around her with love. She was the Matriarch of the family and the "glue" that held them all together. She was Mother, Father, Sister, Counselor and Confidant to her family.

Joyce grew up in the East Lake area of Chattanooga and attended Kirkman High School before marrying and starting a family. Upon the tragic death of her husband John Forgey she found herself with three kids all 7 years old and under with no skills nor resources. She still managed to provide for her family by working at Dupont while attending the Erlanger School of Nursing and upon graduating started her life long career as a nurse. She worked 15 year at Erlanger in the Emergency Department and another 8 years at Maury County Hospital in Columbia Tennessee. She took care of everyone despite working two jobs most of the time. She cared for her elderly parents and her sick family members. Hers was a life of service and she took very little time for herself. What she enjoyed most was spending time with family and cooking. She loved to play cards (Rook) and everyone wanted to be her partner because she was the best.

Joyce is survived by her husband of 40 years Ronnie Crane, her sons Gary Forgey (Carolyn) and Roger Forgey (Karen), Randy Williams (Laura), her brother Danny Green, her cousin and lifelong best friend Peggy Taleff, her grandchildren Rob Forgey (Lindsay), Lisa Forgey, Daniel Kelley (Kristy), Tyler Kelley, Dave Oaks (Jessica), Jeremy Forgey, Matt Forgey, Del Smith (Layna), Donnee Gurrola, 10 great grandchildren and 2 great, great grandchildren. She also leaves behind her beloved Shitzu Rascal.

Joyce was preceded in death by her parents Russell Green and Roxie (Ensley) Green, her first husband John Forgey, her daughter Brenda Forgey Smith Lawson, her brothers John, Jim, Robert, Terry, and Bill, and her sisters Shirley, June and Bobbie.

Services will be held at Wilson's Funeral Home (Wallis-Stewart Chapel) in Ringgold, Georgia. Visitation will be on Thursday May 8th from 4pm-8pm. Funeral Services will be held in the Wilson Funeral Home Chapel at 11am Friday May 9th with the reverend Jerry Hullender presiding.

Tribute Wall

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“Joyce you were my sister for 48 years and I will never stop missing you. You were a very special person who always let everyone know how much you loved them. You were the family caretaker, even when you were in pain yourself.

Roger, Gary, Danny and Ronnie - you know I love you all and am so sorry I can't be there for you. Call me if you want or need to talk to someone. I hope you know that you are my family and always will be.

Sherry Green - Gulf Breeze, FL - Sister in Law - May 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“Joyce I loved you so much, you will always live on in my heart and the memories of your kindness and strength you showed me and everyone who was lucky enough to have known you. You touched everyone's life in a most loving way. I will always miss you and remember you, until we meet again may God hold you in his hands.
Love Gerry

Gerry Strong - Chesterfield , MI - Sister In Law - May 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Roger,

I am so sorry to hear about your mother's passing.

I remember what a special relationship you had with your mother. Now, as a mother of (2) grown sons I know first hand just how very special that mother/son bond is. It was always so apparent how much she loved you and your family. What a wonderful role model she must have been!

Remembering you and your family in thought and prayer,

Carole (Elsea) Croshaw

Carole Elsea Croshaw - Salisbury, NC - Friend - May 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *Joyce was a second mother to me and all of Roger's friends. A remarkable woman that helped raise me. I will miss you sweet Joyce.*

Carll Cole - Chattanooga, TN - family friend - May 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ *So very sorry for your loss. All of you are in my thoughts & prayers.*

Debra Guffey Diffenderfer - St. Marys, GA - May 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ My deepest condolences to Roger and the family.
Joyce helped me through some interesting times and taught me a lot about people and how to help others.
What a wonderful, giving, beautiful woman.
As a result of my knowing Joyce, my life has been fuller.
Mike Raulston

Mike Raulston - Chattanooga, TN - friend - May 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ I haven't seen Joyce since we were teenagers but I feel like it was just yesterday. Joyce was a woman after my own heart. She was full of laughter and fun and she didn't mince words. She worked hard and lived life to the fullest measure. She adored you Roger, and it was obvious. Losing our mothers is so difficult and there are no words that will make the pain lessen - just lots of time. It's been 6 years since I lost mom and there are still times that it still hurts but I can also laugh now at the things she said - the things we laughed at together. Cling to those memories Roger - they will be like diamonds - and she wouldn't want it any other way. My heart breaks for you dear friend and the loss that you are experiencing.

Terry Thompson - Chattanooga, TN - Friend - May 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ love and miss you

deborah h. holcombe - chickamauga, GA - May 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM