



Joyce Castleberry Whaley

August 16, 1934 - March 6, 2020

Joyce Whaley, born Myra Joyce Castleberry in Rome Ga. passed from this life at the age of 85 on March 6, 2020. She lived a large part of her life in the North Georgia area. Joyce was of the Baptist faith and attended Girls High School in Rome Ga. She obtained her Cosmetology license as well as Medical Transcription and Medical Office Management certifications through the years. Joyce retired at the age of 78 from Hutcheson Medical Center after 20 years as a Medical Transcriptionist.

Joyce was preceded in death by her husband of 42 years Cecil Murrell Whaley and her beloved parents Claude and Maxie Siniard Castleberry as well as her grandparents John and Zuella Shaw Siniard and Edwin and Floy Richie Castleberry. She also mourned the loss of her only sibling brother W.L. "Dub" Castleberry as well as her nephew Keith Castleberry.

Joyce leaves behind a family who loved her very much and will miss her immensely. Survivors include her three children, Steve (Pam) Wehmeyer of CA, Terri (Lynn) Clark of Ringgold Ga and Tanja (Mark) Parton of Collegedale TN. Three grandchildren, Dr. Steve (Kate) Wehmeyer, Ginger (Josh) Harrell and Wendy Wehmeyer DVM. Three great grandchildren, Clayton, Brock and Zack Harrell. Nieces Sheila and Dena and sister-in-law Lynda Castleberry and extended family. Also, members of the Whaley family Steve, Jerry, Annette, and Katherine.

After marrying her first husband, Raymond Wehmeyer, Joyce lived in many locations due to his U.S. Navy career and college. They lived in Key West and

Jacksonville FL, Brooklyn NY and Chicago, finally returning to the South and settling in Ft Oglethorpe Ga. During these years, Joyce worked at the Corbett Clinic and New York Presbyterian Hospital while raising two children. After returning to the South, Joyce was employed with Ballard Puckett Caine and Cleveland Internal Medicine as well as Dr Bernard Tepper and Memorial Hospital. Joyce also worked with Joe Heflin Photography as a saleswoman, travelling to different locations around the Southeast.

Joyce married her second husband, Cecil Whaley, in 1975. He was an avid pilot and in the early years they took many road trips going to air shows and flying around in his small airplane as well as trips to San Francisco and New Orleans. They particularly enjoyed going to Panama City Beach, eating seafood, watching movies and walking on the beach. In 1985 they moved for several years to the Washington DC area where Cecil had a construction contract and Joyce worked at both DDI Transcription and Springwood Psychiatric Hospital.

Our mother was one of a kind. She was so very beautiful her entire life and extremely intelligent, resourceful and independent. She had an infectious laugh and a feistiness to match. She was a wonderful cook, loved flowers and gardening, a seamstress, a do-it-all woman. Her favorite activity until she lost most of her eyesight was driving -- especially her 1975 Lincoln. She loved seeing just how fast that car would go and if it had a mechanical issue, she would just turn up the radio. Our Mother so loved a good joke and teasing with people. She loved Jimmy Kimmel and Fritos and Milky Ways. She loved Mayfield cottage cheese and peaches and Arby's roast beef. Mom was also fascinated by other cultures and religions and was accepting of all people. She took belly dancing classes and worked out at the old Roman Health Spa in Ft Oglethorpe. Mom would also cook and make deliveries of food to her grown kids then go to work herself. We all called our Mother for advice even in her later years and she always said, "it's going to be fine" and it always was. We are heartbroken as a family, but we know she is in Heaven and not hurting. We also have our wonderful memories of someone who loved us and

cared for us.

The family wishes to thank so many people... Sheila Hartley, Barbara Jones (her hair dresser and buddy for so many years), her sons-in-law Mark and Lynn, Dr Shome and Nurse Missy at Parkridge SICU, Hospice of Chattanooga, Nick Circolone DC, Shannon McCallie MD and Nurse Kelly, Dr Miklos in Atlanta Ga, Tania Aldana, City of Lafayette Police and Steve Wilson, Dale Wilson, MediThrift, Hutcheson friends Margot, Debbie and Charlotte. To all who helped our Mom and loved her over the years, Thank You.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Hospice of Chattanooga.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 PM Wednesday March 11, 2020 in the Lafayette Chapel of Wilson Funeral Home. Burial will be held in the Chattanooga National Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 and prior to the service on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Chattanooga National Cemetery

Holtzclaw Ave.
Chattanooga, TN

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **10.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wilson Funeral Homes - LaFayette Chapel
1779 North Main Street
P.O. Box 1592
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Funeral Service

MAR **11.** 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

PW

“ I love you mom Joyce. You’ve been my 2nd mom since I was 17, almost 5 decades. You took me under your wing and always protected me and sheltered me when no one else did. I will never forget your optimism and contagious smile and that one of a kind cackle I’ll miss greatly. I’ll miss your jokes and bringing everyone 10 blankets when it wasn’t even cold! Always thinking of others with your nurturing spirit. I was honored to be your daughter in law and will love and cherish you always. Rest peacefully now pain free.

Pam Wehmeyer - March 11, 2020 at 10:18 AM

SH

“ My grandparents gave Aunt Joyce the perfect name. A name with "joy" within. As we all gathered at my grandparents house for the holidays, Aunt Joyce's laughter filled the rooms . My grandparents and my father were so happy to see her! They were so proud of her many accomplishments, her beauty and intelligence, and her adorable children. I take comfort in the fact that they are again, together. The last time I spoke with Aunt Joyce, she said the greatest occurrence of her life was her children becoming such fine adults. "Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: Many women do Noble things, but you surpass them all."

Sheila Hartley - March 10, 2020 at 03:09 PM

TP

We love you Sheila thank you for this

Tanja Parton - March 11, 2020 at 05:39 AM

LM

“ I was lucky to know Joyce over the past 2 decades. She was highly intelligent, savvy, beautiful and very funny. But she was also tough as nails. “Though she be but little, she is fierce” was perfectly befitting of her.

She loved her family dearly and it showed; as the first time I met her, she was carrying a large pot of homemade soup and cornbread for Tanja, who was sick at the time. Her light lives on through her amazing children.

Take your rest, Joyce, until we are all together once again in God's Kingdom.

Lori Mabry - March 10, 2020 at 06:30 AM

TP

Love you Lori she thought the world of you!

Tanja Parton - May 04, 2020 at 10:31 AM

KM

“ We have suffered a great loss with Joyce's transfer to Heaven; but can you imagine the light, laughter and love she takes to so many of her loved ones already there and waiting for her?

Katherine Whaley Maser - March 09, 2020 at 08:25 PM

TP

Love you thank you! Tanja

Tanja Parton - March 09, 2020 at 08:38 PM

MK

“Joyce was like a second Mom to my twin and I as we were growing up. She was so loving, kind and extraordinarily gracious to everyone she met. What a beautiful person she was in all ways!! Melinda and I will always cherish our special memories of her and her daughter Tanja will forever be our childhood sister. Those bonds and special moments are gifts and Joyce was a blessing to us all! Prayers and love from us to all the family. May God guide each of you with the peace of his love.

Melissa Houston and Melinda Kehayes - March 08, 2020 at 05:36 PM

TP

Mom loved you both so much. Her set of twins!! And your Momma. They used to ride up Monteagle mtn together to get us sometimes from school. She always asked how everyone was doing and was so proud of you. I love you both !! Tanja

Tanja Parton - March 08, 2020 at 10:23 PM

MP

“Ms. Joyce will always be one of the most beautiful, gracious, and loving women I have been blessed to know. My most sincere sympathies to her family and friends. May God’s Grace bring them comfort during this time.



Michelle Portoukalian - March 08, 2020 at 04:06 PM

TP

Love.you she always thought you were so incredibly beautiful and sweet

Tanja Parton - March 08, 2020 at 10:24 PM

DW

Her beauty will make Heaven shine a little brighter.

Dotsy Woodall - March 09, 2020 at 04:13 AM



Thank you Dotsy !!!

Tanja Parton - March 09, 2020 at 07:52 AM