



## Joyce Kelley Farrar

January 7, 1933 - January 17, 2026

How do I tell the story of my mother's life? Beginning by saying I love her with all of my heart, albeit with my now broken heart. On January 7, 1933, Joyce Marie Kelley was born in North Zulch, Texas, to Edward and Euna Kelley. She was the first of four children. She is survived by her brother, Dr. James Edward Kelley, Jr., and her sister, Ethel Mize. Mom has two children: Trinka and Randy. She has three grandsons: Chris Sandahl, Justin Sandahl, and Shawn Sandahl. Finally, she has two great-grandchildren: Emily and Noah.

Joyce graduated valedictorian from Normangee High School in 1951. She was so thankful to have the opportunity to go to college. She graduated with highest honors from Sam Houston State University with a degree in Library Science. She went on to earn a Master's Degree in Library Science. She worked as a librarian for 33 years before retiring in 1995. She then moved to Tyler to live with her son, Randy. They lived happily together with their dogs until her death on January 17, 2026.

Joyce was raised in the Church of Christ. She has happily been a member of the West Erwin congregation since 2003. Finally, after battling with dementia, she is now in a much better place with our Lord.

Graveside services for Joyce will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 22, 2026, in Rose Lawn Cemetery in Tyler with Don Crawford officiating under

the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JAN **22**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Rose Lawn Cemetery  
2003 Blue Mountain Blvd.  
Tyler, TX 75703