



Joyce Raye Symes

October 14, 1943 - January 24, 2021

Joyce Raye Singleton Symes of Tyler, Texas entered this life on October 14, 1943 and peacefully departed this life for her heavenly home on January 24, 2021. Joyce was born in Beaumont, Texas to her loving parents, Raymond B. “Buck” and Alice Blanche Singleton, who predeceased her.

Mrs. Symes is survived by her loving husband of 55 years, Rodney Oliver Symes, Jr.; their daughter, Susan Bohot and her husband, Roger, of Tyler; and their son, Rodney Symes III and his wife Crystal, of Lancaster, Texas. She is also survived by a sister, her only sibling, Margaret Lee Singleton Nissen and husband, Dale of Pearland, Texas.

Surviving Joyce are her nine beloved grandchildren, Aaron, Abigail, and Audrey Elizabeth, whose parents are Susan and Roger Bohot; and Nathan, Audrey Anne (husband Eric Martin), Andrew, Mary Alice, Noah, and Samuel, whose parents are Rodney III and Crystal Symes.

Services will be held at Stewart Family Funeral Home, on Saturday, January 30, 2021 at 2:00 p. m., Pastor Joe Canal officiating under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Memorial donations may be sent to Tyler Christian Fellowship, 3421 Old Jacksonville Rd., Tyler, TX 75701.

Flowers may be sent to Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Rd., Tyler, TX 75703.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 30. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Service

JAN 30. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Interment

JAN 30 (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Joyce Raye Symes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - January 30, 2021 at 02:33 PM

LC

Praying for strength and peace for you and your family Rodney!

LaTanya Cooper - January 30, 2021 at 03:19 PM

JP

Comfort, peace and love to you and your family Rodney! May God keep all of you today and in the days to come. You are beautifully celebrating her life!

Jaimie Patterson - January 30, 2021 at 03:23 PM

CM

By sharing with us, your most precious memories of your Mother today, we have been privileged to understand your family's longstanding model of walking in love. What an incredible legacy!

*With our love,
The McCarthy Family*

Clyde and Susan McCarthy - January 30, 2021 at 04:00 PM

RB

What a beautiful legacy of Love. Rodney, we continue to pray for your family's peace, strength and courage today and everyday forward.

Michael and Rosa Brown

Rosa Brown - January 30, 2021 at 04:34 PM



“ *Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joyce Raye Symes*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - January 26, 2021 at 06:14 PM

SF

What a beautiful tribute to a woman of grace and beauty herself!

SUSAN FORSGARD - January 28, 2021 at 12:13 AM

WW

to my favorite cousin orville wyatt

william o wyatt - January 28, 2021 at 03:24 PM

JP

Love comfort and prayers to you and your family Rodney. May God keep you and strengthen you through His perfect peace. May all that you've poured out in love towards others in their time of need be flooded back to you and yours in the form of hope and encouragement on this day and the days to come. Sincerely with love, Jaimie & Jo Patterson

Jaimie Patterson - January 30, 2021 at 01:53 PM

LC

Black hair and creamy white skin and soft happy voice. Never will I meet an equal. Beautiful tribute.

linda cheatum - January 30, 2021 at 02:46 PM

SC

“ So sorry to read this. I came across it while looking for John and Anita’s phone number. So sorry Susan and Rodney. I wish I had known!

I know you must miss her so much! I lost my mom in 2017, but I really lost her sooner than that to Alzheimer’s. I hope all of the Symes family are doing well.

*Sincerely,
Sharla Costelow*

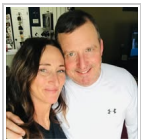
Sharla Costelow - November 02, 2023 at 09:13 PM

TG

“ Troy & Beth Green placed flowers in memory of Joyce on her parents grave site at Kings Cemetery in Hartburg, TX.

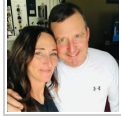


Troy & Beth Green - February 02, 2021 at 05:55 AM



“ My Aunt Joyce was so very instrumental in my formative years in teaching me the Bible and about Jesus’ love for me. I have very vivid memories of her leading Children’s Church at Faith Temple along with my mother. And she was not done being a big factor In my life as she played match-maker between my wife, Melissa, and me! Her sweet, sweet demeanor and servant’s heart speak to who she was - what a testimony. A life beautifully lived for Jesus! I will see you again one day Aunt Joyce.

Melissa Symes - January 30, 2021 at 02:17 PM



This is from Anthony Symes

Melissa Symes - January 30, 2021 at 02:18 PM

LC

“ *she and I enjoyed riding around Denton Texas in my Aunts powder blue thunderbird.*

When being whistled at on the campus of TWU, she would tell them she was deaf.

I loved her as one of my best friends in college.

Linda

linda cheatum - January 30, 2021 at 01:59 PM

“ The following is a poem that my brother Rodney, her husband, wrote to Joyce for her birthday in 2016:

To Joyce

I searched here and I searched over there

Seems to me that I searched everywhere

Could it be that I would never find the beautiful, sweet girl I had in mind

Then one long ago day right out of the blue

My search was ended for I had found you.

Almost one year later as we stood side-by-side

We heard the words, “You may now kiss your bride“

Then a trip of 10 days which ended too soon

Because, you say it was our honeymoon Texas to Florida up to Illinois, the end of the road

My ‘62 Chevy Impala finally reached our abode.

Praying, trusting, seeking God as our teacher

We loved each other and began living our future

Two children came, first a girl, then a boy

They were truly God’s blessing we did enjoy

We were happy as could be, raising our family

Keeping Christ at its center did bring quality

Sorrow, sadness and tears we sometimes knew

Life’s challenges and trials God’s Son saw us through

To buy things we wanted, not always the money

To buy things we needed, sufficiently plenty

Our love for each other grows ever deeper still

These fifty plus years are most assuredly God’s will

Our son and daughter are both married up fine

Our wonderful grandchildren now number nine

So, we began as two, and now number fifteen

When we are gathered together it’s just so keen

Our remaining years may be only but a few

Yet my heart is still merry all because I found you.

*HAPPY BIRTHDAY SWEETHEART,
I love you,
Rodney
October 14, 2016*

John Symes - January 30, 2021 at 11:51 AM

CL

“ *Charles and Anne Lavine purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joyce Raye Symes.*



Charles and Anne Lavine - January 30, 2021 at 10:59 AM

CK

“ *I met Joyce through her sister Margaret, and because they were friends with my late husband, M.A. Krantz. When I met her, I felt like I had always known her. She was a loving, gracious LADY! When M.A.'s wife Ann was in the hospital in Tyler, having double knee replacement, Joyce insisted he stay with them so he didn't have to drive back and forth to Winnsboro. She was hospitable! She was a woman of God! A Proverbs 31 woman! She loved and cared for her family! Even though our paths did not cross many times, I had a great love and respect for her. Prayers for her sweet family! I know she will be missed, but we all know WHERE she is, and WHO she is with! I'm glad I got to meet Joyce Singleton Symes!!!*

Cindy Krantz - January 30, 2021 at 10:44 AM

CH

“Joyce has been a very special part of my life for 55 years since she has been my sister-in-law. This has brought us together for many occasions. I had never met her until she came to my house in Orlando, Florida on their honeymoon. Of course, it was such an exciting occasion, and I was so pleased and blessed to realize my baby brother had been blessed with such a wonderful bride. In 2019 I was visiting my brothers in Tyler and was in an accident, and Joyce took a major responsibility in my care and recovery. Her kindness, love, and thoughtfulness was beyond words. That tells the kind of person she was in all the years that I have known her. During my recovery from that accident she purchased a notepad titled “Love One Another” and recorded in it a detailed schedule of all doctors and nurses visits with a record of friends and family who visited and the notes of their well wishes. She always thought of everything. In hearing the wonderful memories by others about Joyce I am reminded of first Peter chapter two of Jesus leaving us an example, so that we might follow in his steps. Her life is an example of following in his steps.

Clara Jayne Symes Howell - January 29, 2021 at 10:25 PM



“Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joyce Raye Symes.



January 28, 2021 at 03:06 PM

BB

“ I was college roommates with Joyce and Rodney's daughter, Susan. Joyce was always so hospitable and nurturing. She loved her family dearly and would be there for them at a moment's notice. She never came to visit without bringing little gifts, seasonal decorations, or delicious food--a college student's dream!

Beth Beard - January 28, 2021 at 10:22 AM

JS

“ Joyce was a wonderful woman. She was always giving, and very hospitable. I was in the Symes home many times. She loved my family and I coming over to visit with all of their family during Christmas. She was an amazing servant to others. Joyce was also an amazing example of what it was like to be a godly wife and a mother to her children. She lived out the example of a godly woman everyday. I will miss Joyce so much. I will miss seeing her smiling and welcoming face. I know that her reward in Heaven is great. She is now worshipping at her Saviors feet.

Jennifer Stephenson

Jennifer Stephenson - January 27, 2021 at 11:26 PM

DW

“ Joyce "Sissy" was one of my closest friends in high school. We sat together on the bus and at times in the cafeteria. After graduation we followed our separate careers. We also were close to the Singleton family. Though separated by miles and mission we treasure each memory. *Dub Williams*

Deloris WILLIAMS - January 27, 2021 at 08:53 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Joyce Raye Symes.*



January 27, 2021 at 04:32 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joyce Raye Symes.*



January 27, 2021 at 03:07 PM



“ *Such a loving and sweet soul. Several years ago when my mother was going through knee surgery and my daughter and I were staying with my dad who has Alzheimer's Joyce and Rodney were a blessing to my family bringing food and prayers. It gives me peace and comfort to know that this sweet sister is in the loving arms of our Lord and Savior and what a reunion we will have one day.*

Monique Dorsey - January 27, 2021 at 12:46 PM



“ *Melissa Peterson lit a candle in memory of Joyce Raye Symes*



Melissa Peterson - January 27, 2021 at 11:06 AM

RD

“Joyce was a shining light of kindness in my life and many others as well. In 2002, God put her literally right in my path, in the Brookshires parking lot on Rice Rd, My parents were on their way to Tyler to a senior living facility, and I was so stressed out, trying to unpack their household goods, and worried about how to provide supper for them when they arrived. When Joyce asked how I was, I blurted out the above. She came over to the facility a short time later and spent 1-2 hours, helping me unpack and organize the kitchen. Then she left, and I kept working. Just before my parents walked in the door, Joyce returned with a large basket of different kinds of food, freshly prepared, with bright matching napkins, utensils, and a disposable tablecloth. Until I see Joyce again someday, I will never forget her calm and caring spirit, and her help that day.

At Tyler Christian Fellowship, the elders and their wives took turns standing near the front of the church, to pray with members who had prayer needs, during the Lord's Supper. Several times, Rodney and Joyce prayed with and for me during difficult times, and I felt so blessed and peaceful, as the Holy Spirit ministered through them. I will always love Joyce and will strive to let the Spirit use me to bless others as she did.

Robyn Dadig

Robyn Dadig - January 27, 2021 at 09:10 AM



“Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Joyce Raye Symes.



January 26, 2021 at 07:58 PM



“ 130 files added to the album LifeTributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - January 26, 2021 at 06:10 PM



This is so beautiful: Although I was never around this times, being her work partner for about 8 years before she finally retired, I feel like I was there. She will be terribly missed.

Jerry Mercado - January 29, 2021 at 01:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joyce Raye Symes.*



January 26, 2021 at 03:38 PM