



Joyce Ward

August 2, 1942 - April 23, 2013

Services for Joyce Ward, 70, of Flint, will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2013 at 1:00 PM at Crossroads Community Church with Rev. Jerry Payne officiating.

Burial will follow at Rose Lawn Cemetery under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mrs. Ward passed away April 23, 2013 at her residence in Flint. She was born August 2, 1942 in Clarksville to Oval Blaine and Mable Ruth Stanley Dale.

Joyce was a member of Crossroads Community Church and a long time Sunday school teacher and a devout follower of Christ. She was a licensed hairdresser since 1962 and owner of Southpark Hair Salon.

Joyce was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Steve Dale. She is survived by her loving family including her husband of 52 years, Gerald "Red" Ward of Flint; children, Donna Lynn Walker and husband Larry Wayne of Tyler, Dee Anna Smith and husband Stefan of Big Sandy and Patricia Leigh Ward of Tyler; grandchildren, Kandace Walker, Meaghan Gamboa, Hannah Avila, Nathan Smith and Noah Smith; and great-grandchildren, Isaiah Cruz, Eric Cruz, Rosalie Zavaleta, Brenda Gamboa and Alec Gamboa.

Pallbearers will be Stefan Smith, Larry Walker, Anthony Avila, Octavio Gamboa, Miseal Zavaleta and Ryan Baxter.

Honorary pallbearers will be all the men of Crossroads Community Church.

Visitation is scheduled from 6:00 – 8:00 PM on Friday, April 26, 2013 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler.

If desired, memorials may be made to Crossroads Community Church
“Missions Fund”, 13730 Hwy 155 South, Tyler, 75703.

Cemetery Details

Rose Lawn Cemetery

2003 Blue Mountain Blvd.
Tyler, TX 75703

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **26**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

APR **27** (CT)

Crossroads Community Church
13730 Hwy 155 South
Tyler, TX 75703

Tribute Wall

LP

“ I will always remember Joyce's kind spirit and beautiful smile. Rest in peace, sweet lady.

Linda Myers, former patron - May 06, 2013 at 04:36 PM

JM

“ Mama Joyce was truly "larger than life" & I am forever grateful for the wonderful role model of a Godly woman she was to me in my teenage years. She always had that wonderful smile, infectious laugh and great big hug ready and waiting. She truly loved the Lord and shared that love with all those around. I know she is rejoicing with her Jesus now. I pray the peace that passes all understanding will be with the family in this difficult time. God Bless you all....Janah Myers Messina

Janah Messina - April 27, 2013 at 10:51 AM

BM

“ It was such a blessing being able to count Joyce as a friend. Every remembrance of her reminds us of her big heart, joy and laughter! She loved her Lord and exemplified Christ's love to all. Take comfort in the fact that not only is she with the Lord, she will be credited with showing others the way. Our prayers are with you all, Charles and Belinda Morris

belinda morris - April 26, 2013 at 07:26 PM

JG

“ *What a precious lady. A joy to be around and a beautiful child of God. I'm so glad I had the privilege to know her even if it was for a short period of time. I will always remember her kindness and love of all. Our family is praying for her family to feel the peace of God and know she is with our Lord. God Bless all of you. Patsy and Jerry Godfrey*

Jerry and Patsy Godfrey - April 26, 2013 at 05:32 PM

AZ

“ *Knowing Joyce is such a blessing. I will always treasure her friendship. What an example of a Christian and a lady! Please know I am praying for you all and I'll look forward to singing with her on Heaven's Avenue.*

Alice Roach Zillmer - April 26, 2013 at 01:49 PM

RJ

“ *Joyce was so aptly named, because she was a terrific communicator of "JOY"---everyone who was blessed to know her knew the strength of her joy in Christ as her Savior. We had lots of adventures with Joyce over the years---serving with her in VBS, Acteens, and a wonderful beach trip. We now re"joyce" that she is with her Lord, where there is no suffering, only JOY! Our prayers are with you all, Donna, Dee, Trish, and Red. Charlie and Rachel Jones*

Rachel Jones - April 25, 2013 at 08:15 PM

JM

“Dee, Donna, Trish and Red,
Ms. Joyce always had a smile and a hug for all those who knew her
and even for those who didn't. She was a magnificent follower of
Christ and loved to share His word. It was an honor to know her.

You will think of her often. You will speak her name, have memories
and a picture in a frame. Her memories will always be a keepsake
which you will always have. God has her in His arms and you will
always have her in your heart.

I pray for comfort for the family. God bless.

Jackie McBride

Jackie McBride - April 25, 2013 at 06:40 PM

MC

“Ms. Joyce was a one if a kind gift to those that knew her. She loved
Jesus and anyone that encountered her knew it! She impacted
many of us as young girls growing up at Pleasant Hill. She was a
servant, a true reflection of Christ's love. I know she will be missed
by many, we were blessed to know her. I know she is with the
Father, arms lifted high praising Him in that Heavenly choir!!!

May He comfort her family with the Peace that passes all
understanding, and may her legacy live out in her children and
grandchildren... Melissa Morris Carlson

Melissa Carlson - April 25, 2013 at 08:17 AM

LK

“Joyce was one of the kindest, gentlest people I have known. This
gracious lady displayed a sweet spirit and had time for a word and a
smile for all those around her. Those who worked with her will miss
her greatly. And her family has suffered a great loss. May God
comfort your hearts. Linda Kennington

Linda Kennington - April 24, 2013 at 10:20 PM

SD

“ There will never be another person like Ms. Joyce! I was lucky enough to have her as a friend, christian mentor, and guide as we served together at Pleasant Hill. She taught me not only with her words but in her daily walk. She was a true example of Christ's love. I am so blessed to have known her and to call her my friend.

Family, I will be praying for you as you walk this road God has laid out for you. As you rejoice in her home going, and say good bye for now to your Mom, wife, grandmother, and child of God.

Sandra Dickerson

Sandra Dickerson - April 24, 2013 at 01:21 PM