



Joyce Faye Eller

October 17, 1954 - March 30, 2024

The life and legacy of Joyce Eller did not end with her untimely death. She affected and inspired thousands of individuals along her life's circuitous journey and her legacy of love and care will be honored and celebrated by family and friends for many years to come.

Joyce left this earthly life on March 30th at the age of 69 after years of battling the devastating effects of liver and kidney disease. She is survived by her husband David. They were partners in life for 44 years. She is also survived by her sister Claudia Sullenger and her half-sister Connie Williams. And then there is the loving legion of nephews and nieces, great nephews and great nieces, great-great nephews and great-great nieces and friends from across the country and around the world.

Joyce was a 1972 graduate of Lewis County High School and a 1974 graduate of Columbia State Community College. Thereafter, she began her ministry of comfort, caring, and healing, working tirelessly as a nurse for 50 years to bring peace to the bodies of the aged and ailing.

She accepted Christ at an early age, and she sat on the front row of the Antioch Church of Christ at 5:30 AM service, faithfully until her sickness succeeded in keeping her from doing so. She was God's ambassador and her mission and her very real calling was spreading unconditional love.

Having a lust for life and dreams of adventure, exploration, and meaningful connections, she was a great example of one who chose to live life to the fullest, finding a life partner who also had dreams of world exploration and glorious adventure. They were an inseparable pair and a match truly made in heaven. In good times and bad, thick and thin, hell and high water they devotedly walked each mile of their winding journey together and with great love and admiration for each other. In the final years of her life, she joined her husband as his partner and colleague as he continued his lifelong field studies and investigations into paranormal mysteries. She is now exploring the greatest of all paranormal mysteries.

Her passion was travel and her appetite for this was never satiated, always longing to see more and more of God's glorious creation, every journey inspiring other journeys.

Another of her great joys was to spend time with her large family and her many friends. In her world, there were never too many loved ones in a room and there were never enough babies to love, kiss, and hold.

Joyce, you are at home. Your journey is complete. And your faith, so viciously tried by Satan, remained steadfast and unwavering. "Well done, my good and faithful servant." Bask in the serenity of eternal painless life with Christ.

You fought with a warrior's passion the battles of life and sickness. Now your battles are over. Now you can rest comfortably in paradise. You deserve to rest your troubled body. You are in a better place surrounded by constant, ceaseless love and although we rejoice at your peace, we ache...selfishly... for more time with you. Modern instrumentation is sorely inadequate to record the dimensions, the height, the breadth, and the weight of the sorrow created by your leaving. Life haunted children we stand on the rugged shore and

weep, aimless and impotent in our attempts at direction, for you were the compass always pointing the way.

Those of us who are left behind, wretched and crying while helplessly trapped in our earthly shells are, ultimately, poorer because of your absence. And this absence leaves us with an immense hole in our collective heart in the shape and form of you... Our precious and glorious Joyce.

We miss the brilliance of your azure eyes. We miss the readiness of your sparkling smile. We miss everything about who you were, are, and will always be.

And it will always remain thus until that grand day when we hug you closely, see your smile, and hear your crystal laughter once again...forever.

Floral tributes are welcome. In lieu of flowers, we ask mourners and those who loved Joyce to consider a donation to "Alive Hospice", In Memory of Joyce. This can be done via the following link: <https://www.alivehospice.org/get-involved/give/> or by mailing a check, marked "In Memory of Joyce Eller" to: Alive Hospice, 1718 Patterson St., Nashville, TN 37203

A visitation with family and friends will be held on Saturday, April 13 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at McDonald Funeral Home in Hohenwald, TN.

Funeral Services will immediately follow, beginning at 1:00 PM with burial to follow in the Whitehead Cemetery in Waynesboro, TN.

McDonald Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Eller family.

Cemetery Details

Whitehead Cemetery

Topsy Road
Hohenwald , TN

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 13. 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

McDonald Funeral Home, Inc. - Lewis County
20 West 2nd Avenue
Hohenwald, TN 38462
(931) 796-2207

Funeral Service

APR 13. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ McDonald Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Joyce Faye Eller



McDonald Funeral Home, Inc - August 02, 2024 at 11:22 AM

MR

“ Joyce always lit up a room with her beautiful smile and amazing laugh. Always caring for others. I have amazing memories of Joyce and each make me smile. Much love and hugs to David and her entire family. I am truly so sorry for your loss.



Melissa Graves Raymer - April 12, 2024 at 05:28 PM

SQ

“ Sherry Quillen sent a virtual gift in memory of Joyce Eller



Sherry Quillen - April 08, 2024 at 11:26 AM

GH

“ *Glenda Hunt lit a candle in memory of Joyce Eller*



Glenda Hunt - April 05, 2024 at 05:43 PM

MQ

“ *Martha Qualls sent a virtual gift in memory of Joyce Eller*



Martha Sue Qualls - April 05, 2024 at 12:15 PM

JG

“ *Joyce was a shining beacon of welcome ,no matter where she might be. She filled filled those around her with energy and well-being. Joyce will be forever missed . Memories of love will remain. She and David reflected the best of the other. Prayers for David and all who love them.*

JoAnn Greenwalt - April 05, 2024 at 08:51 AM

BG

“ I will never forget meeting Joyce in 1991. She was a sweet woman who loved others well. Joyce could captivate you with hours of conversation, and you would at the end only feel like you spent a couple of minutes with her. The time was never enough and you would leave feeling loved. David, you are like a brother to me and Joyce, like a sister. We are going to miss her so much, but I know one day we will see Joyce in heaven.

Love Brad and Lupita Goodin

Brad Goodin - April 04, 2024 at 04:37 PM

RG

“ Ronald Gammons lit a candle in memory of Joyce Eller



Ronald Gammons - April 04, 2024 at 02:49 PM

VB

“ Vicky Beagle lit a candle in memory of Joyce Eller



Vicky Beagle - April 04, 2024 at 11:43 AM



“ *Betty Love lit a candle in memory of Joyce Eller*



Betty Love - April 03, 2024 at 06:27 PM

VL

“ *Oh Joyce, I will miss your beautiful smile, entrancing eyes and awesome sense of humor! I loved every visit, text and email. Though I'll miss you, I know you are finally pain free and in peace. David, you are an amazing man - stay strong. Many prayers being sent your way! Victoria*

Victoria Lazarus - April 03, 2024 at 04:00 PM

MB

“ *MICHAEL BATES sent a virtual gift in memory of Joyce Eller*



MICHAEL BATES - April 03, 2024 at 01:32 PM

KH

“ *Joyce brought laughter and love into our family for over 44 years. We'll always remember her joyful laugh and the fun she brought to us. "Give all of our family members up there one of your hugs, Joyce! Enjoy your peace in Christ. We're awaiting the time of great reunion." Prayers, and love to David. Love, from Kelli, Justin, Trevor, Tylar, Ruxen and Rowen Hill*

Kelli Hill - April 03, 2024 at 12:50 PM