



Joyce Ellen Richardson

February 2, 1946 - January 16, 2020

Mrs. Joyce Ellen Richardson, of Hohenwald passed away on Thursday at Maury Regional Hospital at the age of 73. She was born in Bangor, ME to the late Major Albert Luis Hamel & Jacqueline Malita Kelly.

Her father served 35 years with the military, eventually retiring, her brother also served in the Army for 20+ years, receiving 2 purple hearts during his tour of Vietnam for taking a bullet while going into enemy lines to save men from a burning tank.

Following in the footsteps of her father and brother, Mrs. Joyce served a tour with the Air Force as a medic during the Vietnam War, she was responsible for returning deceased veterans back to the United States and to their respective family members. Often times she would have to return remains or body parts only identifiable by their tattoos. After leaving the Air Force, she worked for Saturn/GM working in the Shipping and Receiving Department, she would eventually retire from GM.

After retirement she loved going to beach and watching the dolphins. She thought dolphins were the greatest thing ever. She also enjoyed going to the casino. She would make monthly trips to Tunica, (mainly for the free room and buffet). But more than anything she loved her kids, grand kids and great grandchild.

Survivors include Son Bruce Blanchette & Ray (Dawn) Blanchette of Hohenwald, Daughter Vicki (Doug) Blanchette of Hohenwald, 3 Grandchildren Christopher, Brandon & Jacqueline Blanchette and 1 Great Grandchild William

Blanchette, Nephew Joseph Hamel of TX and Niece Alicia Hart of FL.

She is preceded in death by both parents, Brother Bruce Hamel and nephew David Hamel.

Her wishes were to be cremated with her cremains scattered at sea, and so the family will honor those wishes.

Tribute Wall

JB

“ *Janice Bell lit a candle in memory of Joyce Ellen Richardson*



janice bell - January 21, 2020 at 10:03 PM

JS

“ *Julia Scott lit a candle in memory of Joyce Ellen Richardson*



julia scott - January 18, 2020 at 04:20 PM

SL

“ *Shanda Lomax lit a candle in memory of Joyce Ellen Richardson*



Shanda Lomax - January 18, 2020 at 10:39 AM

WV

“ *Wanda Vineyard lit a candle in memory of Joyce Ellen Richardson*



Wanda Vineyard - January 18, 2020 at 10:35 AM

TH

“ Tammy Harrington lit a candle in memory of Joyce Ellen Richardson



Tammy Harrington - January 18, 2020 at 09:19 AM

LB

“ Lisa Barnes lit a candle in memory of Joyce Ellen Richardson



Lisa Barnes - January 18, 2020 at 08:57 AM

HO

“ Heather O'Brien lit a candle in memory of Joyce Ellen Richardson



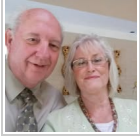
Heather O'Brien - January 18, 2020 at 07:45 AM

GS

“ Glenda Smotherman lit a candle in memory of Joyce Ellen Richardson



Glenda Smotherman - January 17, 2020 at 10:22 PM



“ Cynthia Kilpatrick lit a candle in memory of Joyce Ellen Richardson



Cynthia Kilpatrick - January 17, 2020 at 06:39 PM



“ Stan/Lori Smith lit a candle in memory of Joyce Ellen Richardson



Stan/Lori Smith - January 17, 2020 at 03:49 PM



“ Betty Love lit a candle in memory of Joyce Ellen Richardson



Betty Love - January 17, 2020 at 01:24 PM