



Joyce Ann Edwards

May 22, 1934 - September 22, 2013

A lifetime of selfless devotion to caring for others came to a gentle end on the afternoon of September 22, 2013 as Joyce Edwards gently passed from her earthly life. Joyce Ann Hatfield was born May 22, 1934 and was one of six children born to the late Lawrence D. and Macel Ann Campbell Hatfield in Knoxville, Tennessee. Although of a distant relationship to the notorious Hatfields of the mountains, Joyce was quite the opposite of the stereotypical nature of her relatives. Joyce was born with a great servant spirit. During her 24 years working with Eye Consultants of Atlanta, she enjoyed meeting and talking to so many people. She was a quick study when it came to discerning the needs of their patients, and immediately set about the process to help them all. In addition, she bonded with the doctors and their families and became a part of their extended families. Nothing, though, took precedence over Joyce's dedication to her own family. She reveled in all the preparations for family meals and providing the perfect setting for her family's special occasions. In recent years she enjoyed being a "Nanny" to a special family pet, a Westie named Macey. Joyce was preceded in death by her siblings Jack, Bill and Jim Hatfield. She is survived by her daughter and son by marriage Valorie and Bob Stitt. A special occasion in her life was the thrill of seeing her only granddaughter Lindsey's marriage to Bryan Melton. Other survivors include her sisters Edna (and David) Strickland of Fayetteville, Linda Marquess of Orlando, FL and sister-in-law, Jan Hatfield of Acworth, GA. She cherished her loving nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements are by McKoon Funeral Home at 38 Jackson Street where the family will receive friends on Wednesday, September 25th beginning at 12:00 noon. The funeral service for Mrs. Edwards will follow in The McKoon Funeral Home Chapel at 2:00 PM with Dr. Jimmy D. Patterson officiating. Interment will be in Westminster Memorial Gardens in Peachtree City, GA. Flowers are appreciated or memorial contributions may be made in Mrs. Edwards' memory to The Benevolence Fund of First Baptist Church of Newnan, 15 West Washington Street Newnan, GA 30263. Online condolences may be expressed at www.mckoon.com. McKoon Funeral Home 770-253-4580.

Cemetery Details

Westminster Memorial Gardens

Highway 54
Peachtree City, GA 30269

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 25. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-4580
care@mckoon.com

Service

SEP 25. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LH

“ Please accept our deepest sympathies and condolences. I feel blessed to have known Joyce for much of my life, and I'm so grateful to have visited her a few times at the nursing home. What a beautiful funeral service yesterday! I was deeply moved when hearing her own words read aloud from the cheese cloth expressing her love for Valerie who she always referred to as the love of her life. But Joyce was also a second mom for our family during her years of service at Eye Consultants. My father still describes her as the 'perfect representative' for all the patients, staff, doctors and their extended families. What an awesome testimony she was to everyone who knew her!

Lawson Hagler - September 26, 2013 at 09:45 AM

TL

“ Dear Valorie, so sorry for your loss she was one amazing person everyone at Lakemont loved her thoughts and prayers sent to you and your family.

Tami Lucia - September 25, 2013 at 02:55 PM

CV

“ Dear Valorie, Bob, Lindsay and family, I am so sorry to hear about the loss that you all are going through with the passing of Aunt Joyce. She was a one in a million lady and when you met her once, she stayed in your heart forever. I feel blessed to have known her and to have spent time with her. She loved you all dearly and although I know you all will miss her terribly, she will be with you in your hearts. She was a very kind, loving person and the world has truly lost an angel. May you find peace in this difficult time. Lean on each other and the warmth of your memories together. We love you all and will keep you in our prayers.

Candie, Mike, Connor and Christian Velazquez - September 25, 2013 at 02:00 PM

BW

“ Val, Bob and Lindsey, We are so sorry to hear of you Mom's/Grandmother's passing. I know what great care all of you gave her, and the love you had for her. We too can relate to losing our mother. A Poem for you I hope will give comfort:"When I am gone, release me-let me go, I have so many things to see and do. You must not tie yourself to me with tears, Be happy that we had so many years. I gave you love, you can only guess, how much you gave me in happiness. I thank you for the love each have shown, but now it is time I travelled alone. So grieve awhile for me if grieve you must, then let your grief be comforted by trust. It is only for a while that we must part, so bless those memories within your heart. It will not be far away, for life goes on. So if you need me, call and I will come. Though you cannot see or touch me, I will be near. And if you listen with your heart, you will hear all of my love around you, soft and clear. Then when you must come this way alone, I will greet you with a smile and "Welcome Home". God Bless you in this time of sadness. Love to you, Beth and Jimmy

Beth and Jimmy Walker - September 25, 2013 at 10:20 AM

LB

“ Dear Bob & Valerie, I did not know that your mother had passed away until I read the notice in the paper this morning. I am so sorry and you know that I know how you feel. Let the good memories overshadow the sad ones. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Linda Barron - September 25, 2013 at 09:28 AM

MY

“ Valorie and Bob our prayers to you and your Family. Ms. Edwards was a joy and a sweetheart to visit and talk to. We will miss her. May God's peace and comfort be with you.

Mike & Bev Yeager - September 24, 2013 at 09:58 PM

GP

“ Valorie & Bob, So sorry to hear the loss of Mrs. Edwards, she was a real sweetheart, always enjoyed chatting with her. Thinking of you all.

Gaylene Yeager Pronevitch - September 24, 2013 at 09:08 PM

BH

“ Vallarie, you & all your family are in our thoughts & prayers. Aunt Joyce was a very special lady. She has always held a part of my heart. I will always treasure my time with her. Our love to all...Billy & Debbie Hatfield

Billy & Debbie Hatfield - September 24, 2013 at 08:48 PM

CD

“ Valorie & family. Your Mother was a real southern lady. When you came into her home, you were treated like family. She knew how to make everyone smile and laugh. She was a real treasure and I will miss her so much. If everyone in the world could have a mother, sister, aunt, friend like Aunt Joyce was, what a much better world this would have been. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. Much love to you all. Carl & Debbie Hatfield Dail

Carl & Debbie Dail - September 24, 2013 at 07:33 PM

DO

“ Please know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers. If there is anything you need, I am a phone call away. Debbie

Debie Olmstead - September 24, 2013 at 06:49 PM

SM

“ Joyce was a special lady and an integral part of Eye Consultants of Atlanta. We all are saddened at her passing and know that her devotion to our patients was unmatched. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this sad time.

Starla Fitch, M.D. - September 24, 2013 at 06:27 PM

SR

“ To the Edwards family. so sorry for your loss. "John 5: 28,29 " will give you much comfort at this time.

Sandra Rhodes - September 24, 2013 at 05:53 PM

CS

“ I am very sorry for the loss of a wonderful and dear sweet lady. I didn't know her very well but the times I met her she was very caring and giving. God bless the family. Cheryl H. Sanchez

Cheryl Hatfield Sanchez - September 24, 2013 at 03:22 PM

NK

“ Mrs Valarie I am so sorry for your loss, I no too well the sadness that you feel and my heart is breaking!! I wish that there was something I could say to help you get thru this terrible time in your life, but just no that I am praying that God will give you the strength that you need to get thru these next few weeks. I no that you have a loving family that will help you thru this. My prayers are with you. Love Nina

Nina Kilatrick - September 24, 2013 at 02:03 PM