



## Ms. Mary "Joyce" Allen

December 26, 1957 - November 26, 2020

Ms. Mary Joyce Allen, 62, of Peoria, IL transitioned to her heavenly home on Thursday, November 26, 2020 at her home.

Mary, affectionately known as "Joyce" was born on December 26, 1957 in Peoria, IL to proud parents, Elmer Cordell and Mary Elizabeth (Ellis) Johnson, Sr. She accepted Christ at an early age. She began her Christian journey at Bethel United Methodist Church where she sang in the choir and was a youth usher. Joyce attended Peoria Central High. She married Marvin R. Allen, Sr., in August of 1974, together they raised two children, Marvin, Jr., and Crystal. Joyce had a strong work ethic. She was employed by Simons Mortuary for many years in the 80's and 90's. She also worked as a customer service representative with Kroger and in their floral department. Joyce loved reading and studying the bible. Joyce was a talented graphic artist. She was an amazing interior decorator, florist, landscape artist and chef. She loved all genres of music and was a great singer. Joyce absolutely loved spending time with her family.

Joyce leaves to cherish her most precious memories her loving and devoted children, Marvin R. Allen, Jr., of Morton, IL and Crystal (Frank) Roddy, Sr., of Peoria, IL; a step-daughter, Shannon Allen of Peoria, IL; one sister, Yvonne Amanda Langford of Peoria, IL; six adorable grandchildren, Nia, Kia, Cole, Devin, Tiara and Issac; five greatgrandchildren and 2 on the way; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Elmer C. "Punchie" Johnson, Jr., Gary Johnson

and Larry Johnson; and one sister, Cheryl Johnson.

A private funeral service will be held at 12 noon, Friday, December 4, 2020 at Simons Mortuary with a visitation at 11 am. Rev. Dr. Pat Pollard, Pastor of New Bethel M.B. Church, will bring words of comfort to the family. Joyce will be laid to rest at Historic Springdale Cemetery.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [simonsmortuary.com](http://simonsmortuary.com).

The funeral service will be live streamed on Simons Mortuary's Website or Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Simons-Mortuary-232095303487150> promptly AT THE TIME OF THE SERVICE. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, social distancing and attendance limits will be observed. In accordance with the Illinois Department of Public Health, Funerals are limited to 10 family members of the decedents, not including the staff. To be consistent with recommendations from the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA), funeral home directors have been instructed and should follow CDC guidelines on gatherings, including those directly related to funerals, visitations, or graveside services. Funerals are limited to no more than 10 of the decedent's immediate family members. \*In an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, we ask that everyone in attendance: wear a face mask and refrain from hugging, kissing and shaking hands (as hard as it is to see someone you care about and not touch them). \*It is our responsibility as a Funeral Directors, to do everything we can to advise families in order to honor our beloved Families and to keep everyone as safe as possible. The chapel can socially distance and seat no more than 10 or less people. All others will be able to flow through prior to beginning of the service. Thanks in advance for your cooperation!

# Cemetery Details

## Historic Springdale Cemetery

3014 N. Prospect Road  
Peoria, IL 61603

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 4. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Simons Mortuary Chapel  
912 W. John H. Gwynn, Jr. Ave.  
Peoria, IL 61605  
(309) 674-2638  
info@simonsmortuary.com  
<https://simonsmortuary.com>

## Celebration of Life

DEC 4. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Simons Mortuary Chapel  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Mary "Joyce" Allen*



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**Simons Mortuary** - January 12, 2021 at 02:02 PM



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**Simons Mortuary** - December 03, 2020 at 05:38 PM

BA

*My condolences you will be missed Joyce. Very beautiful young lady.*

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**Brenda Albert** - December 04, 2020 at 12:01 AM

JL

*Praying for you during this time of grief.*

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**Johnnie Locker** - December 04, 2020 at 09:48 AM



*Just found out about her passing today 12/08/2020.  
I knew her from Capital Place, grade school years (Lincoln School).  
She was a few years older, so recall little about her (I knew her sister  
Yvonne more or less), I may have walked by her many times not  
knowing who I was seeing). Regardless, from what I recall, way back  
then she was a beautiful and loving person.  
Idk why but I think recall that picture.  
I think this world is one person short of good people like her.  
Rest in Peace My Friend!  
Thomas White Jr.*

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**Twhite Whitet** - December 09, 2020 at 01:12 AM



“ *Ms. Mary "Joyce" Allen*

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January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Ms. Mary "Joyce" Allen*

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January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Burial at Springdale Cemetery*



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**Simons Mortuary** - January 12, 2021 at 02:02 PM

SW

“ Sonya K Wilson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mary "Joyce" Allen



sonya k wilson - December 06, 2020 at 12:44 AM

JB

“ I was so saddened to hear of Joyce's passing. She and I started out at Bethel Methodist Church as little girls, our mothers were friends. We reconnected in our adult life at Krogers as co-workers and we reminiced over our lives together over our lunches. Our friendship never faded. God gives us many flowers in our lifetime. We just don't realize how much they truly mean to us until one day you look up and that flower has been plucked away 4ever. RIH My 4ever Friend. GBNF Love U 💔 & Family My Thoughts And Prayers Are With You All. 🙏🙏🙏💕💕💕



Joanie Brown - December 04, 2020 at 09:37 PM

JB

“ Sending my condolences to my family. We will miss Joyce very much. I love y'all. Your cousin Judy Brodie.

JUDITH BRODIE - December 04, 2020 at 02:49 PM

BB

“ I don't have the words love y'all Beatrice (Bea) call anytime

Beatrice Brodie - December 04, 2020 at 01:39 PM

TD

“ *My condolences to the family. I will miss you dearly Cousin Joyce.*

Tina Davis - December 04, 2020 at 12:48 PM

YL

“ *Yvette Lamon-Ferguson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mary "Joyce" Allen*



Yvette Lamon-Ferguson - December 04, 2020 at 09:03 AM

YL

“ *My heart goes out to the family. Joyce was like another big sister, cousin and protector. I am proud to have known her for she always made sure we were doing what was right. Y'vonne in sorry to hear this and it hurts my heart. I will always remember the talents she has and the talks given. The pain will go away in time. Keep your faith in God he will guide you and the family. My deepest condolences*

Yvette Lamon-Ferguson - December 04, 2020 at 09:00 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Praying for the families.*



Evelyn Tate-Clayton - December 03, 2020 at 08:34 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Mary "Joyce" Allen.*



December 03, 2020 at 11:11 AM



“ *RIP JOY!. I AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS CABBAGES, I WILL MISS HER AS MUCH AS YOU & YOUR FAMILY.*

**BOBBY** - December 03, 2020 at 09:29 AM



“ *Joyce was a good friend to my brother Artie Allen then she became a friend of mine she was a good person and she will be missed rest in peace*



**Lisa Allen Jones** - December 03, 2020 at 02:00 AM



“ *Praying for the family.  
From Linda Jackson- Butler, grade school and high school friend.*

**Linda J Butler** - December 03, 2020 at 12:30 AM

TD

“ Tina Davis lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mary "Joyce" Allen



Tina Davis - December 03, 2020 at 12:04 AM

CR

“ Momma this was the HARDEST thing in life to have to do, you showed me more LOVE THEN I EVER KNEW! I didn't understand how hard you were on me until I had to stand strong for you RIGHT NOW! I love you then now and forever ❤️❤️❤️❤️🥺

Crystal Roddy - December 02, 2020 at 07:13 PM

JO

“ Jeanette Jackson Owens lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mary "Joyce" Allen



Jeanette Jackson Owens - December 02, 2020 at 05:29 PM