



## Mrs. Mary Joyce "Mae Joyce" (Faulkner) Anderson-Farris

March 20, 1948 - February 3, 2025

Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Mrs. Mary Joyce "Mae Joyce" (Faulkner) Anderson- Farris

With hearts full of love and gratitude, we celebrate the beautiful and rich life of Mary Joyce "Mae Joyce" (Faulkner) Anderson- Farris, 76, of Peoria. In the early afternoon of Monday, February 3, 2025, at 12:54 p.m., Mary Joyce peacefully closed her eyes on Earth, surrounded by her family at OSF St. Francis Hospital, and opened them in Heaven.

Affectionately known as "Mae Joyce", she was the last living matriarch of her family—a pillar of strength, wisdom, and boundless love. Born in Scotts, Mississippi, she was one of twelve children blessed to Sam and Cenilious (Petty) Faulkner. Mae Joyce was a woman of deep faith and unwavering dedication. She accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at a young age and carried her faith throughout her life. As a Charter Member of New Cornerstone Baptist Church, she served faithfully as an usher, always greeting others with warmth and a smile.

Mae Joyce had an incredible work ethic, she retired in 2006 after many dedicated years as a bus driver for Peoria District 150 and had previously worked at the Workforce Development office.

Beyond her work and faith, Mae Joyce lived a life full of joy and simple

pleasures. She was an avid reader, a devoted fan of soap operas and game shows, and above all, a storyteller whose laughter and wisdom filled every room she entered. She had a way of making everyone feel at home, and her contagious smile could brighten even the darkest days.

More than anything, Mae Joyce cherished her family. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, deeply loved and respected in her community. She leaves behind a legacy of love and kindness that will live on through the lives she touched. She is survived by her loving husband of 39 years, Michael J. Farris of Peoria, IL; her three devoted daughters, Kecia (Reverend Demetrius) Randle, Trinkia Anderson, and Jalisa Anderson, all of Peoria; her beloved brother, Wardell "Ward" (Willielean) Faulkner of Pinehurst, NC; her cherished grandchildren: Karah, Jeremy (Ashley), Jasmine, Tiona, Teriana, Kyle, Xyhia, and Jahkhail; twelve great-grandchildren; her godson, Tyne Bryson; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, and dear friends. She is now joyfully reunited in Heaven with her parents, six sisters: Hattie B. Mason, Ida Mae Bryant, Willie Sam Williams, Corine "Nell" McClain, Augusta "Snook" Faulkner, and Curtistine Young; and four brothers: E.B. Faulkner, Douglas Falkner, Grover Faulkner, and Roosevelt Faulkner all of whom welcomed her with open arms.

Mae Joyce's life was a testament to faith, love, and unwavering kindness. Her presence was a gift, her love was a blessing, and her spirit will continue to shine through all who knew and loved her. Though we mourn her passing, we take comfort in knowing she now rests in the arms of her Savior, watching over us all.

Well done, good and faithful servant. Rest in His eternal peace.

A Homegoing Celebration will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 15, 2025, at her home church, New Cornerstone Baptist Church, with a visitation beginning at 10:30 a.m. Rev. Dr. Mark A. McConnell, Pastor, will officiate. Mae

Joyce will be laid to rest at Swan Lake Memory Gardens.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Swan Lake Memory Gardens

4601 W War Memorial Dr.  
Peoria, IL 61615

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **15**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

New Cornerstone Baptist Church  
3609 West Harmon Highway  
Peoria, IL 61604

## Celebration of Life

FEB **15**. 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

New Cornerstone Baptist Church  
3609 West Harmon Highway  
Peoria, IL 61604

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Webcast in memory of Mrs. Mary Joyce "Mae Joyce" (Faulkner) Anderson-Farris*



**Simons Mortuary** - February 12, 2025 at 04:24 PM

TW

*Sister Mary made a change of residence !! ❤️*

**Theresa Walker** - February 15, 2025 at 01:42 PM

TW

*Preach Pastor !!!!*

**Theresa Walker** - February 15, 2025 at 01:48 PM

PD

*Rip 🙏 Angel 😇 🙏*

**Pamela Daye** - February 15, 2025 at 10:20 PM

PM

*Very Well Done!  
May God Keep, Guard and Reach You in the Days ahead.  
Grief is often Love for someone with no target to embrace.  
Love that seems painful because you Miss the Person so Intensely.  
Love for someone doesn't die instead it Grips and becomes a Hold on  
your Heart ❤️ ☐*

**Paris McConnell** - February 16, 2025 at 12:54 PM

TW

Amen !! ❤️

Theresa Walker - February 18, 2025 at 03:58 PM

MC



Melissa Childs - March 01, 2025 at 02:56 PM



“ Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Mary Joyce "Mae Joyce" (Faulkner) Anderson-Farris



Simons Mortuary - February 12, 2025 at 04:04 PM

PM

My condolences too my Family 🕊️

Pamela Moton - February 13, 2025 at 10:38 AM

CK

Such beautiful memories you truly will be miss may gone but never forgotten 🥺❤️

Cheryl kenon - February 13, 2025 at 03:30 PM

LA

Rest Easy May "Mary Joyce" I loved you from the first time I met you my beautiful Sister in Law. We were sisters. Love Linda Armstrong

Linda Armstrong - February 13, 2025 at 04:12 PM



Family ❤️  
🙏 RIP

Linda Adepitan - February 13, 2025 at 05:50 PM



*Ms Mary was a shining star in this world! She made every day at work enjoyable and fun! She will be missed. Deepest condolences!*

Nichelle Hall-Ritterhoff - February 14, 2025 at 07:52 AM



*Kecia - Mike and I are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. May the good memories help you through each day! Love you all ~ The Ratcliff's*

Dena Ratcliff - February 14, 2025 at 10:18 AM



Love Love Family 🙏🙏🙏🌹🌹🌹

Jesse Byrd Jr. - February 15, 2025 at 11:23 AM



*It has taken me this long to write something my sister from another mother. May has always been like a sister to our family. My sister Nicky, Sue, May and the crew been from over 6 decades. And been knowing her over 5.5 decades my mother mother loved her so May and we did too. Whatever my family had May and special family gone to be right there if they couldn't not to many thing they missed. Lord, when my sister called me and told me that May have passed away May heart was so broken not wanting to believe what I had just heard so then I knew I needed to call my sister Nicky bcuz it was very hard for her to lose another best friend. May, I know you are now in your Heavenly hm with no more sickness or pain. I know ur spirit will always be with us. But u will still be missed so very much. But see when we know you are with the Lord. We can be sad bcuz we going to miss you, but we can rejoice but u are in the arms of Jesus. May, "Gone But You Will Never But Forgotten." Love You Always And Forever."*

Cheryl Beard-Anders - February 15, 2025 at 11:38 AM

SR

“ *Shari R Rutherford lit a candle in memory of Mary Joyce "Mae Joyce" Anderson-Farris*



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**Shari R Rutherford** - March 20, 2025 at 04:41 PM

KT

“ *Karla J Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mary Joyce "Mae Joyce" Anderson-Farris*



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**Karla J Taylor** - March 13, 2025 at 10:05 PM

CM

“ *Christy M. purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mrs. Mary Joyce "Mae Joyce" (Faulkner) Anderson-Farris.*



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**Christy M.** - February 14, 2025 at 04:57 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Joyce "Mae Joyce" (Faulkner) Anderson-Farris.*



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February 14, 2025 at 01:29 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Mary Joyce "Mae Joyce" (Faulkner) Anderson-Farris.

February 14, 2025 at 01:29 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Joyce "Mae Joyce" (Faulkner) Anderson-Farris.

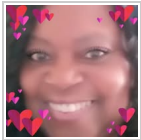


February 14, 2025 at 10:04 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Mary Joyce "Mae Joyce" (Faulkner) Anderson-Farris.

February 14, 2025 at 10:04 AM



“ Darlene Horton lit a candle in memory of Mary Joyce "Mae Joyce" Anderson-Farris



**Darlene Horton** - February 14, 2025 at 01:18 AM

DF

“ *My Dear Beloved Aunt Mae,  
Your Resting Now in Heaven and In Peace, in  
the Arms of JESUS CHRIST. We Loved You  
with Our Whole Hearts You Will Truly Be  
Missed. Thank You for All the Memories and  
for Loving Me. And Letting Me Grow Up in the Same House Sharing  
a Room with You and Aunt Curtis, You was Five Years Older But  
Still MY AUNT MAE. 🥹*  
*GONE BUT TRULY NOT FORGOTTEN!*  
*Love Always Your Nephew,*  
*Darrie & Constance Faulkner*



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**Darrie&Constance Faulkner** - February 13, 2025 at 11:45 PM

MB

“ *Mildred Sanders Baldon sent a virtual gift in  
memory of Mary Joyce "Mae Joyce" Anderson-  
Farris*



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**Mildred Sanders Baldon** - February 13, 2025 at 03:54 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the  
family of Mrs. Mary Joyce "Mae Joyce" (Faulkner)  
Anderson-Farris.*



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February 12, 2025 at 07:01 PM

VI

“ *Vivian lit a candle in memory of Mary Joyce  
"Mae Joyce" Anderson-Farris*



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**Vivian** - February 10, 2025 at 01:10 AM

TJ

“ *Teania Johnson lit a candle in memory of  
Mary Joyce "Mae Joyce" Anderson-Farris*



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**Teania Johnson** - February 09, 2025 at 06:52 AM

CG

“ *Cyndi Gipson, Stone Mountain, GA lit a  
candle in memory of Mary Joyce "Mae Joyce"  
Anderson-Farris*



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**Cyndi Gipson, Stone Mountain, GA** - February 08, 2025 at 11:12 PM

MF

“ *You all are in my thoughts and prayers. Mae will truly be missed...  
We love you all!*

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**Mr/Mrs Corey (Aliesha) Hosea & Family** - February 08, 2025 at 10:23 PM

GB

“ My prayers are with you all Mae will truly be missed by many. We were silly teenagers she was like a big sister rest in peace



Gail Miller Bryson - February 08, 2025 at 01:57 PM

John H Lee

“ John H Lee lit a candle in memory of Mary "Mae Joyce" Anderson-Farris



John H Lee - February 07, 2025 at 03:47 PM

KA

“ Karen Ashby sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary "Mae Joyce" Anderson-Farris



Karen Ashby - February 06, 2025 at 05:29 PM

MR

“ Mattie Risby sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary "Mae Joyce" Anderson-Farris



Mattie Risby - February 06, 2025 at 02:43 PM

SW

“ *Sister Theresa Walker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary "Mae Joyce" Anderson-Farris*



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**Sister Theresa Walker** - February 06, 2025 at 01:17 PM

PM

“ *Ms Mae.  
We recall meeting over 28 years ago at church.  
I remember thinking she favors and sounds like Ms. Augusta. I was tickled when I learned you two were sisters! Your Love for FAMILY has been impeccable and I know you will be missed by so many! Your love and legacy will live on in your children, grandchildren, great grands, nieces, nephews, lifetime friends and church family! Rest On dear lady. We will see you later.  
May God comfort this family with his everlasting love and care!  
Pastor & Paris McConnell NCBC*

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**Paris McConnell** - February 05, 2025 at 08:35 PM

MM

*Thank you, yes so many precious memories of my LOVING Aunt Mae*  
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**Marie Ann McClain** - February 07, 2025 at 07:44 AM

WF

*My precious sister💕. Our memories will last with me until we meet again💕🙏*

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**Ward Faulkner** - February 07, 2025 at 06:58 PM

ZB

“ *Zerlyna Burse-Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mary "Mae Joyce" Anderson-Farris*



Zerlyna Burse-Taylor - February 05, 2025 at 05:41 PM

KC

“ *Kathy Collins lit a candle in memory of Mary "Mae Joyce" Anderson Farris*



Kathy Collins - February 05, 2025 at 04:05 PM

TB

“ *Toni Brown lit a candle in memory of Mary "Mae Joyce" Anderson Farris*



Toni Brown - February 05, 2025 at 09:49 AM

DB

“ *Dorothea Banks-Burse sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary "Mae Joyce" Anderson Farris*



Dorothea Banks-Burse - February 05, 2025 at 06:22 AM

PD

“ I been knowing you for so long you were like an Auntie to me you had a good heart inside and out love ❤️ you and going to miss you Rip Angel 😇

Pamela Daye - February 04, 2025 at 07:59 PM

LS

“Condolences” to Mae Joyce’s” family, I met Mae at summer camp woe so many years ago what a fun and funniest time spent in my childhood 🕊️🕊️🕊️🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏



Loretta A Simpson - February 04, 2025 at 07:26 PM