



Joyce Hollingsworth

February 24, 1936 - February 8, 2021

Joyce Blankenship Hollingsworth, age 84, of Springfield, passed away Monday, February 8, 2021 at NorthCrest Medical Center. Funeral services will be held Friday, February 12, 2021 at 12pm in the chapel of the Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield with Brother David Evans and Martin Babb officiating. Burial will follow in the Elmwood Cemetery with Michael Hollingsworth, Justin Hollingsworth, Chris Hollingsworth, Blake Hollingsworth, Gavin Hollingsworth, Jack Hollingsworth, Jerry Dozier and Andy Mason serving as pallbearers.

Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Friday from 9am until the hour of service at 12 noon. The family respectfully asks that anyone attending the visitation or service please wear a face mask.

Joyce was born February 24, 1936 in Nashville to the late Frances W. and Mildred Bellamy Blankenship. She met Ralph, the love of her life, in high school following a school program. Ralph says he mustered enough courage to go up and speak to her and ask if he could call her. The rest is history as they say and she and Ralph spent almost 70 years together. She is known to all who loved her as "Grammy". Joyce and Ralph travelled all over the country square dancing with the Springfield Squares. She loved playing Bridge, any kind of card game, Dominos, and listening to the Bill Gaither Trio. Whether at their lake house or at home, she loved sitting in her swing and watching her

hummingbirds and flowers. Every morning began the same way ... with a Coca Cola and a straw. Joyce was the co-owner of Car and Home Supply, Co. and was a member of Springfield Baptist Church where she cared for the children in the nursery for over 40 years. Despite her illness the past few years, she NEVER complained no matter how she was feeling. Her first concern was always her family members and friends, not herself. According to her family, Joyce had an incredible memory. If she spent any time at all with you – she remembered your family and children's names, birth dates, anniversaries etc. Known for her potato salad and lemon ice box pies as well as many other dishes, Joyce said what she meant and meant what she said.

Joyce is survived by her husband of 66 years, Ralph Hollingsworth; sons and daughters-in-law, Michael Lee and Betsy Hollingsworth and Glenn Mark and Debbie Hollingsworth, all of Springfield; grandchildren and spouses, Michael and Michelle Hollingsworth, Chris and Jessica Hollingsworth, Victoria Hollingsworth, Justin and Laura Hollingsworth, Blake and Kimberly Hollingsworth and Laura Kay and Allan Crawford. Mrs. Hollingsworth is also survived by 13 great-grandchildren.

If so desired memorial contributions may be made to the Robertson County Animal Shelter. Any donations may be sent in c/o Austin & Bell.

Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield is in charge of these arrangements.

AUSTIN & BELL FUNERAL HOME-
509 WALNUT STREET, SPRINGFIELD, TN (615) 384-1000

Cemetery Details

Elmwood Cemetery

1029 Richard Street
Springfield, TN 37172

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 12. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Austin & Bell Funeral Home Springfield
509 Walnut St.
Springfield, TN 37172
(615) 384-1000
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Funeral Service

FEB 12. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joyce Hollingsworth.*



February 12, 2021 at 08:50 AM



“ *As a nurse many patients come into my life. Few, however, are as special as Mrs. Joyce. I loved that she looked you in the eyes and called you by name. I appreciated her candor. I loved her love for her sons, their wives, and her grandchildren. I so enjoyed hearing her speak so lovingly of her precious husband. I know I am better for the pleasure of crossing paths with this wonderful lady. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

carole Chandler - February 11, 2021 at 07:58 PM



Thank you so much.

Betsy Hollingsworth - February 14, 2021 at 07:32 PM



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Austin & Bell Funeral Home - February 11, 2021 at 06:23 PM

GW

Joyce was a beautiful lady. I worked at Party's Kitchen uptown, Ralph and several of the men in Springfield had their on table every morning there. Several of the wife's would come in and hug their husband's before they went to work. Joyce was one of the wife's always had a smile.

Gloria Whitaker - February 11, 2021 at 07:21 PM

BH

Thank you so much.

Betsy Hollingsworth - February 14, 2021 at 07:32 PM

RH

“ For several years I ran a small machine shop with the Hollingsworths. Every morning Joyce made coffee and I always had some. One morning as I came in, I got coffee, went to my shop, I noticed it was lighter than normal but drank it anyway. Soon after, I broke out in a cold sweat and had to run to the bathroom. As soon as I was done I had to run back and go again. Finally I made it back to my shop and collapsed at my desk just to compose myself. Joyce soon walked in and said "Robin, I just made coffee if you want some, I said, no mam, I done had two cups",. Joyce said "Oh Lord, pour that out, I ran dish soap and vinegar thru the coffee maker to clean it out ". I told her " well it cleaned me out pretty good too ! " We both laughed till we almost cried.
"Miss Joyce" was a true Southern Lady and made me part of her family which I loved as much as my own. There will never be any better people than Ralph and Joyce Hollingsworth. Im very thankful for the love and memories they gave me.

Robin Hudgens - February 11, 2021 at 10:49 AM

BH

Thank you so much she talked about you often and thought a lot of you.

Betsy Hollingsworth - February 14, 2021 at 07:33 PM



“ John Cohea sent a virtual gift in memory of Joyce Hollingsworth



John Cohea - February 10, 2021 at 10:20 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Joyce Hollingsworth.*



February 10, 2021 at 11:48 AM



“ *I truly loved Mrs. Joyce from her kind heart, her caring spirit, compassion for other, and love for her family and friends she would always tell me how amazing her husband, sons and there wives are! I will miss listening to her stories, her sharing her recipes with me but most of all I will miss hearing her say “do you have me today well good because you’re my favorite 😊!
MY CONDOLENCES GO OUT TO THE FAMILY DURING THIS TIME, I AM SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS and and my prayers go out to each and every one of you. Rest In Peace Mrs. Joyce*

Porsha Ellis - February 09, 2021 at 09:09 PM



Thank you so much!

Betsy Hollingsworth - February 10, 2021 at 09:26 AM