



Joyce Whitworth

December 18, 1931 - April 7, 2024

Dorothy “Joyce” Whitworth, age 92, of Cedar Hill, Tennessee, passed away Sunday, April 7, 2024 at NHC Healthcare in Springfield surrounded by her family.

Funeral services will be conducted at Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Pleasant View at 11 am on Friday, April 12th with Bro. Randy Riggs and Bro. Eric Brown officiating. Burial will follow at Heads Church cemetery with Jeremy Whitworth, Brandon Whitworth, Carl Anderson, Kurt Heber, Kevin White, and James Thomas Walker serving as pallbearers.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Thursday, April 11th, from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm and again on Friday from 10 am until the hour of service at 11:00 am.

Mrs. Whitworth was born on December 18, 1931 to the late John Thomas White, Sr. and Minnie Head White. She was a homemaker for the first 15 years of her marriage and after her husband became disabled, she worked at Bolen Leather in Springfield and as a cafeteria worker at Springfield Middle School until her retirement in her mid-70s. She adored her sons and they all would admit to being mama’s boys. Her greatest joy in life were her grandchildren. She was a woman of many talents. She loved to sew, garden, quilt and feed people. You never left her house hungry after a visit.

She was the oldest member of Heads Free Will Baptist Church where she had attended for 70+ years. She taught the junior Sunday School class for many years and was very involved in other ministries including women's auxiliary and Vacation Bible School.

Many friends and church members were the grateful recipients of her famous vegetable soup, cornbread and pecan pie when they were sick, recovering from surgery or welcoming a new baby into their homes. She loved serving others.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, Cecil Whitworth; son, Jerry Whitworth; granddaughter, Allison Whitworth; brothers, Robert White and J.T. White; and sisters, Frances Fort, Eula Mae (Pete) Head, and Neva Ellis.

Survivors include her sons, Larry Whitworth, Bart (Sandy) Whitworth, and Kim (Lori) Whitworth; daughter-in-law Debbie (Johnny) Hunter; brother, Donnie (Dianne) White; sister, Ann Broerman; grandchildren, Jeremy (Jara) Whitworth, Brandon (Candace) Whitworth, Brandi (Troy) Smith, Jake (Rebecca) Brooks, Carl (Makayla) Anderson, Alicia (Josh) Holt, Taylor (BJ) Tomblin, Jessica (Matt) Price, and Emily (Dustin) Allen; 22 great-grandchildren (and one on the way); one great-great grandchild; many loving nieces and nephews; and special friends, Nina Summers and Pauline Hyde.

A special thanks to the wonderful nurses, CNA's and cafeteria staff who so lovingly cared for her during the last two years. It was beautiful to see how many lives she touched during her stay there. Many of them adopted her as their own grandmother.

If so desired, memorial contributions may be made in her memory to the youth

ministries department at Heads Free Will Baptist Church, 2792 Heads Church Road, Cedar Hill, TN 37032.

AUSTIN & BELL FUNERAL HOME in Pleasant View is in charge of these arrangements. 6316 Highway 41A, Pleasant View, Tennessee 37146 (615) 746-4433 www.austinandbell.com

Cemetery Details

Heads Cemetery

3128 Heads Church Rd
Cedar Hill, TN

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 11. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Austin & Bell Funeral Home, Pleasant View
6316 Hwy 41A
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Visitation

APR 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

APR 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BD

“ *What a sweet lady. I can remember her being at the middle school cafeteria working under Mrs Browning probably 30 years ago. She made the yeast rolls and cinnamon rolls. The cinnamon rolls were such a treat and only teachers got them so I only knew how good they were because some friend’s mothers got them. I see she enjoyed many more years and changed little over so many years! May God bless her children, especially Larry, who carries the title of my favorite vice principal (yes even after the soap in my mouth and other much deserved discipline dispensed to me by Mr. Whitworth.)*

Ben Dean - April 17, 2024 at 08:11 PM

HL

“ *HBR Lumber, LLC lit a candle in memory of Joyce Whitworth*



HBR Lumber, LLC - April 12, 2024 at 04:32 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Joyce Whitworth.*



April 10, 2024 at 01:18 PM

TS

“ Tim & Sharon planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce Whitworth.

Tim & Sharon - April 10, 2024 at 01:18 PM

KW

“ Mama and her younger sister Ann.



Kim Whitworth - April 09, 2024 at 07:40 AM

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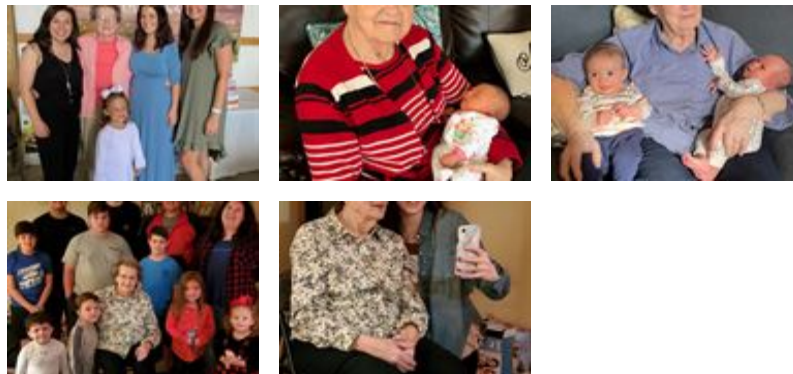
“ Randy Davis and Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Joyce Whitworth.



Randy Davis and Family - April 09, 2024 at 03:37 AM



“ 194 files added to the album LifeTributes



Austin & Bell Funeral Home - April 08, 2024 at 07:30 PM

CF

“ Claudia & Peter Fontaine planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce Whitworth.

Claudia & Peter Fontaine - April 08, 2024 at 05:47 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Joyce Whitworth.



April 08, 2024 at 05:47 PM

LA

“ *Love: Carl, Makayla and Delilah Anderson* purchased the *Lavender Reflections Spray* for the family of Joyce Whitworth.



Love: Carl, Makayla and Delilah Anderson - April 08, 2024 at 04:51 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Joyce Whitworth.



April 08, 2024 at 01:38 PM

KF

“ *Kristi Eller & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce Whitworth.*

Kristi Eller & Family - April 08, 2024 at 01:38 PM

BC

“ *Bettye Kimbrough. Michael, Chris purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Joyce Whitworth.*



Bettye Kimbrough. Michael, Chris - April 07, 2024 at 06:20 PM