



Joyce Ann Scott Beamer

March 28, 1940 - May 6, 2019

On May 6, 2019, Joyce Ann Scott Beamer went home to be with the Lord. She was a devoted mother, grandmother, sister, niece, cousin, and friend.

Joyce was born in Franklin, Virginia, on March 28, 1940 to the late Clinton and Bernice Scott. She was the oldest of eleven children. She married Rev. Ben A. Beamer, Sr. in 1962. To this union came four children: Ben, Monica, Bryan, and Sherri.

From the time she was a child, Joyce proved to be an intelligent, fearless, and resilient individual. She learned that she had sickle cell anemia when she was 18 years old. Repeatedly, she was told that she had an early expiration date and would not live to be thirty, forty, fifty, through childbirth (you name it), etc., Joyce never let the doctor's prognoses stand in the way of her living life to the fullest and being a productive individual. She never complained about her health issues and was determined to do everything to the best of her ability.

Joyce valued education and she was a lifelong learner. After graduating third in her class from Hayden High School in 1957, she attended Hampton University and majored in chemistry. She completed coursework and received her bachelor of science degree from Norfolk State University. After taking a break from her studies to raise her children, she went back to school and earned her Master's Degree in guidance counseling from George Washington

University and began coursework in pursuit of a Ph.D. Although she did not complete the dissertation for that degree, she continued her education by taking college classes with her sister with whom she competed for the highest grade.

True to her love of education, Joyce chose to be a career educator. She taught chemistry and other sciences in the Norfolk public school system for over 20 years before relocating to Miami, Florida in 1993. When she arrived in sunny Miami, she was given a junior high school class that had already run three other teachers away. That was not to be for her. She exercised her “Joyce Beamer magic” and earned her students’ love and respect. She made her students excited to learn science. She retired from Dade County Public Schools, but continued to find ways to serve her community through involvement in her church, mentoring young adults, and performing community service.

In addition to her gifted teaching ability, she blazed a trail as a bondswoman in Portsmouth. Her clients loved and respected her so much, that they would voluntarily go back to jail when she came calling after they missed a court date.... Indeed, she ministered in everything she did.

Throughout her life, Joyce was a selfless giver and a faithful servant who dearly loved her friends and extended family members and always made herself available no matter what the need. She would travel to see them and spend countless hours on the phone offering words of encouragement or advice, providing welfare updates on various individuals, sharing her wealth of knowledge, or simply laughing. She had a great sense of humor. She truly embodied the fruits of the spirit- love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance.

Joyce was the matriarch of both the Scott and the Beamer families. Surviving

to share and cherish her memories are her children: Ben, Monica, Bryan (Julie), and Sherri; Her grandchildren: Erik, Joshua, Bryanna, Sean, Victoria, and Ben, III; Her siblings: Mazina, C.B. (Linda), Tim (Stella), Randolph, Herbert (Tine), Evelyn (Ernest), Ginger, Jerry (Schuyler), Terry (Terry); Her special brother Herman; Her aunts: Ann and Annie; Her uncles: Percell and Alvester; Thirty-nine nieces and nephews; Sixty-six great nieces and nephews; Six great-great nieces. She also leaves more than twenty nieces and nephews-in-law, thirty-four great nieces and nephews-in-law, and a host of cousins and dear friends.

We miss her but we are grateful to God for the time he gave us with her. We celebrate her life on earth and her journey in heaven.

Cemetery Details

Meadowbrook Memorial Gardens

4569 Shoulders Hill Road
Suffolk, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 10. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services
1248 N. George Washington Hwy
Chesapeake, VA

Service

MAY 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

Ebenezer Baptist Church
728 Effingham Street
Portsmouth, VA

Tribute Wall

EH

“ To the family: I only have great memories of Mrs. Beamer. She loved science and all children. She had been heavily on my mind, so sorry we missed phone calls. I have so many memories when Rev Beamer was pastor at Mt Pleasant., I was their baby sitter. We became family!! Ben, Monica, Bryan & Sherri you must trust God now, he will see you through. She has her wings now! Carry on in peace. Your “
“Sis Ellen”

Ellen Harris - May 12, 2019 at 10:02 PM

RS

“ To the Scott and Beamer families, I extend my heartfelt sympathy as a result of the passing of Joyce. As she served as First Lady at Ebenezer Baptist Church, her smile and heart warming personality attracted everyone she came in contact with.
She is now at rest in the arms of Jesus. Rev. Dr. Ben Beamer, her beloved husband, has welcomed her with open arms.
I know her good friend, my cousin, Velma Crocker Dickens, is rejoicing as well. They are celebrating their friendship once again too in heaven. I know they are having a good time.
Rest In Peace until we meet again.
Sincerely,
Your Ebenezer Baptist Church Friend,
Regina Long Southall
Chesapeake, Virginia

Regina Long Southall - May 10, 2019 at 08:02 PM

BR

“ Bre sent a virtual gift in memory of Joyce Ann Scott Beamer



Bre - May 10, 2019 at 03:40 PM

BR

“ My prayers of comfort & peace to all family.I know her as being kind sweet-hearted Mrs.Joyce.At church conventions,Mrs. Joyce would kindly tell us(youth)"you'd learn more inside than outside"That meant Bryan,Derek,Bobby,Dionne&Brenette go inside church! Love yall,Bre Parker-Lee

Bre - May 10, 2019 at 03:29 PM

YD

“ Dear Beamer Family: You have been a beautiful example of loving, sweet and kind neighbors to our family for nearly 40 years! A bond like that is so rare. But Mrs. Beamer was a rare person. I have fond memories of the way she always smiled and welcomed me as a part of the extended family. We are praying that your beautiful memories sustain you and you are at peace knowing that your mother is with the master healer.

With love,

Yolanda Darville (Maya & Tari) and the Stewart family

Yolanda Darville - May 10, 2019 at 01:27 PM

TL

“ Tina Logan (Prayer line) purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Joyce Ann Scott Beamer.



Tina Logan (Prayer line) - May 10, 2019 at 08:24 AM

WA

“ To The Beamer Family Extended: Our hearts and prayers go out to each of you upon the passing of Mrs. Beamer. To our dearest friends Monica, and Sherri know that we are only a phone call away. Your mother truly fought a good fight finished the course, and kept the " FAITH". For we do know that to be absent in the body, is to be present with the Lord. May the GOD of Peace hold each of you in his arms in the days, weeks, and months to come. Lovingly WAR and Family

WAR - May 09, 2019 at 04:10 PM

LB

“ Just sending all my love and prayers to the family and to the memory of a remarkable, loving, one-of-a-kind lady, Mrs. Beamer! Love to her legacies--her children and grandchildren and nieces and nephew and family as a whole. God Bless You all.
Love, Always,
Lanee Washington Blaise

Lanee Blaise - May 09, 2019 at 03:05 PM

KC

“ *Kimberly C. purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Joyce Ann Scott Beamer.*



Kimberly C. - May 09, 2019 at 11:51 AM