



Joyce Barton Davis

September 12, 1947 - October 20, 2001

The Reverend Joyce A. Barton Davis was born on September 12, 1947, in Baltimore, Maryland to Henry R. and Mary J. Thomas. On Saturday, October 20, 2001, our Savior called her home for eternal rest, after battling a lengthy illness. In her formative years, Joyce received her early Christian education at St. Matthews United Methodist Church in Turner Station, Maryland. Although her Christian journey as an adult led her to other houses of worship, she never forgot her roots. Joyce often visited and contributed her time, resources and talent to St. Matthews. Joyce's love for the members was evident in her calls of concern, cards and other acts of kindness. Joyce was the eldest of five siblings and relished her role as "Big Sister". She served as their protector, confidante, negotiator and role model. After her parents passed, she assumed the role of matriarch with much authority. Joyce was educated in the Baltimore County Public School System. It was then, that Joyce expressed a zeal for learning and obtained the basics for continued academic excellence. Joyce achieved and Associate of Art Degree from the Community College of Baltimore, a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Baltimore, and a Juris Doctor from the School of Law at the University of Maryland. After receiving her law degree, Joyce was admitted as an Attorney and Counselor to the bars in Pennsylvania, Maryland, and the District of Columbia. In 1993, Joyce was admitted and qualified as and Attorney and Counselor of the Supreme Court of the United States. After working with youngsters, battered women, personal injury cases and family domestic Cases, Joyce was led to

the ministry. In 1996, Joyce heeded god's call and entered the Howard University School of Divinity. In 1998, she received her Masters of Divinity Degree. Shortly thereafter, Rev, Davis became the minister of four churches in the Hereford Charge; namely. Gough, Pine Grove, St. Luke, and Union United Methodist Churches. In July 2000, she was appointed pastor to Melville Chapel United Methodist Church in Elkridge, Maryland. Rev. Davis often remarked of how truly blessed she was to pastor the loving and welcoming members of Melville Chapel. One of the most joyous events of Joyce's life was the birth of her beloved son, Brett T. Barton on July 29, 1971. He preceded her in death on July 12, 2001, but gifted her with three beautiful granddaughters whom she cherished. In August 1986, Joyce married James (Jim) Davis and they had many happy years together. Joyce and Jim enjoyed traveling and cruising to exotic places. Jim was very loving and supportive of Joyce throughout their fifteen years of marriage. Shortly after her high school graduation, Joyce began working for the Social Security Administration as a clerk. Throughout her thirty-four year career, she held a number of managerial positions, most recently as an Appeals Officer of the Appeals Council. Because of Joyce's fastidious work ethic, she received numerous citations, letters of commendation and awards. Recognizing her spirituality, friends, co-workers, and associates sought her advice on personal, as well as work-related matters. Regardless of the situation, Joyce was always willing to help. Waiting at the pearly gates with God for Joyce is her parents, Henry and Mary Thomas and her son, Brett. She leaves to cherish fond memories: her husband, James Davis; her granddaughters, India, Breshe, and Jabrea; three sisters, Beverly Gaither, Linda Thomas, and Harriet (Cookie) Johnson; one brother, Henry (Boysie) Thomas; treasured aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of other relatives, friends and members of Melville Chapel United Methodist Church.

Tribute Wall



“ *Joyce Barton Davis*

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“ *Close to 19 years that I lost my beloved sister Joyce. Every not and then I reflect on her life and the many contributions to the world. I miss you Joyce but I know you are with God Almighty.*

Harriet R Johnson - August 23, 2020 at 05:35 PM



“ *My Heartfelt sympathy is extended to the Davis Family. Joyce was a true inspiration during my mom's illness, who passed this August. I will keep your family in my prayers.##imported-begin##Marcella Price##imported-end##*

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“ *It was such a blessing to know Joyce for the too brief time we spent in seminary. I look forward to rejoicing with you in heaven one day.##imported-begin##Carolyn S. Byars##imported-end##*

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“ *What a blessing it was to know Joyce at HUSD. May the peace of God be with you.##imported-begin##Gwendolyn Brooks##imported-end##*

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“ I love you forever "Grand".##imported-begin##India Hayes-Barton##imported-end##

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“ Joyce will be missed so much by everyone, but especially by me. She made it so easy to love her, and India and I will love her forever.##imported-begin##Keha Hayes-Mason##imported-end##

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“ Sorry about your lost. Joyce was a beautiful and fun loving person. Just remember she was only on loan to us for a little while. Take great comfort now in knowing that she is truly in a better place smiling down on all of us. May God bless you and and Heaven smile upon you. Respectfully yours, Alfreda and family.##imported-begin##Alfreda M. Brooks##imported-end##

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“ I was blessed to have served with Rev. Barton-Davis on the United Methodist Lawyer's Guild. I rejoice because I know she is resting in the arms of Jesus.##imported-begin##Cheryl Y. Haskins, Esq.##imported-end##

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“ Take comfort in knowing that she is with her Heavenly Father.##imported-begin##Sandra Holmes##imported-end##

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“ Joyce will be truly missed but not forgotten. My condolences to the family...
Tracye Barringtine

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“ I'll see you Joyce, at the Perfect time.
Carolyn Smith Martin

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“ God keep you and yours because he has certainly kept Joyce.
Cheryl Rhodes

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“ God is life, God is love. He will always be there for you. Love
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“ Heart felt sympathy's
Phil Gray

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“ I was so sorry to hear about your loss. You and your family have my sympathy. May God bless you in your time of bereavement. With Love!
Hazel Thomas

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“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your loved ones. May the Spirit of God place his veil of comfort around you.##imported-begin##Marilyn Spence##imported-end##*

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“ *Just to tell you that God loves you, especially at this time of your life.##imported-begin##Peter Abiamiri##imported-end##*

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“ *I worked with Joyce and worked out with her at the same healthclub. She was always such a joy to be around and always had a kind word. She always, always said hello and had a smile on her face. I'll miss Joyce, but I know she is now with her heavenly father. What a wonderful place to be.##imported-begin##Denae Chandler##imported-end##*

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“ As a former co- worker at SSA who worked side by side with Joyce, for about 10 years, I really got to know her. She always went after what she put her mind to and she did it in excellence. Joyce was a sweet, kind, and generous person who could speak her mind and also would let you know gently if you came up short or did something she didn't especially like. I remember when she first started law school, passed the bar and become a lawyer, got married to Jim, and then heeded God's calling and became a pastor. Just want Jim and the family to know that Joyce was truly a blessing to everyone she came in touch with. In my prayers this morning, that old gospel, "Amazing Grace" came into my spirit, and I immediately thought of Joyce. She was truly an "Amazing Grace." Although Joyce will be sorely missed by her family and her friends here on earth, she is now home with the Lord, sitting at his feet, and rest assured she is at peace. My sincere heartfelt prayers and condolences go out to the entire family of Joyce Barton- Davis. May God comfort you and be with you in your time of sorrow and bless you abundantly. Just continue to praise GOD because he is worthy to be praised!!###imported-begin##Bill Rogers###imported-end##

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“ I grew up in Turners Station and my parents still live there. I am also an SSA employee. I will always remember Joyce as a very kind, intelligent and sweet person. My prayers go out to her family.###imported-begin##Randi Hancock Bailey###imported-end##

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“ Although we feel sad now, in time we'll all be together with Jesus in Eternity. My deepest sympathy to the Family.###imported-begin##Alicia Bynum###imported-end##

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“ I was saddened to hear of Joyce's passing. With this, I send my condolences to her family and friends. In my experience, it was always a pleasure to work with Joyce and to be in her presence. Sincerely, Adrienne Carroll##imported-begin##Adrienne Carroll##imported-end##

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“ My prayers are with the family. Branch 14 (OHA) and I will miss her smiling face.##imported-begin##Cynthia V. Jefferson##imported-end##

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“ To the Family of Joyce in the life of the spirit there is no ending that is not a beginning. Caring thoughts are with you.##imported-begin##Brenda Holmes##imported-end##

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“ Thank you to everyone who expressed kind words and action during the time of the famiy's breavement. My sister Joyce was a sheer joy and delight in the family who relished her role of "big sister". Joyce helped us (brother & sisters as a start!) out of many jams and was an excellent role model. Now that she is deceased, one of our duties is to make sure that her legacy lives on and assure that it is passed on to her grandchildren. Thanks again and God bless you all!##imported-begin##Harriet (Cookie) Johnson##imported-end##

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“ A heartfelt thank you to friends who stuck by Joyce during the time of her illness. The family expresses their love to those who read a scripture to Joyce, send cards, placed phone calls, arranged a massage! and spent quality time with Joyce. When death seemed to be lingering in the last couple of days of Joyce's life, there were a few people stemming from all kinds of backgrounds who rallied around Joyce and the family. I will never forget you. Most importantly, God knows of the dedication you showed. Thank you so much.##imported-begin##Harriet (Cookie) Johnson##imported-end##

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“ I knew Joyce for a long time. We used to play softball together in the late 70's and early 80's. We stayed in touch. She was a great person. She will be greatly missed. All of her family have my deepest sympathy. God Bless you all.##imported-begin##Gloria Jiggetts##imported-end##

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“ To the Davis Family, I share in the mourning of the loss of your dear sister, wife, grandmother and friend. All of you are continually in my prayers for God's comfort and guidance.##imported-begin##Mark Smith (Chicago)##imported-end##

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“ Please accept our condolences in this time of great sorrow for you. The love you shared will help sustain you and bring you peace. Sincerely, The March Family and Staff###imported-begin##Victor C. March, Sr.###imported-end##

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“ It will be easy to remember Joyce's smile - it was always there, a long with a kind, gentle word. What impressed me most about Joyce (besides making that long commute) was that she took time to study Hebrew. Our sincere sympathy, Jim and Babette Lloyd###imported-begin##Jim Lloyd###imported-end##

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“ The last time I saw Joyce was about three months ago at JHU hospital. I was there for my first evaluation following my recently diagnosed cancer. I was scared, and she very lovingly approached me and let me know that it's ok to be scared. Her words were of great comfort to me. Unfortunately, we did not have a chance to meet again, I am truly sorry for Joyce's family's loss and I pray that the Lord will bring comfort to your heart the same way that Joyce's words brought great comfort to mine.###imported-begin##Juan A. Hernandez###imported-end##

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“ To the Family of Joyce Barton Davis: I knew Joyce over a 20 year period. It was a privilege to know her and to work with her...Keeping all of you in my prayers.###imported-begin##George Lowe###imported-end##

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“ Thank you for your hard work and dedication to WAAC. I will try to keep the struggle going. You will always be remembered; may you rest in peace. To the family: Look to the Lord for he is waiting to comfort you. May God Bless You.##imported-begin##LeGloria Lewis##imported-end##

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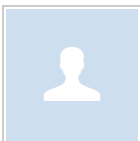
“ My condolences. Joyce was a nice person who was always upbeat.##imported-begin##Sandra L. Belin##imported-end##

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“ I was deeply saddened to learn of Joyce's passing. She was a colleague, but more importantly she was a friend. I remember her especially for her devotion and caring as she worked tirelessly to remove the barriers to the upward mobility of women employed by the federal government. You have my sincerest sympathy. May God continue to bless and keep you.##imported-begin##Paul Bennett##imported-end##

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“ Joyce will certainly be missed. She was a hard worker and always had a smile. We carpoled back in the mid-1990s, and I got to know and spend some time with her back then. My sincerest condolences to her family and friends. Andy##imported-begin##Andrew Wakshul##imported-end##

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“ joyce you are my birth twin 9/12/47 i will miss you##imported-begin##pamela e alexander##imported-end##

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“ Although I have not been in contact with Joyce, she has always been in my heart and on my mind. I pray that her family be strong in the Lord and they continue to seek His face for comfort and the solution to every problem. With love, Debbie Spencer##imported-begin##Debbie Spencer##imported-end##

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“ To the family: "Weeping may endureth for a night, but Joy", Joyce was such an inspiration to me and my family during the illness of my belated Mother, Patricia Moss. I will always remember and love her. She prayed and encouraged us, and all the while fighting the battle herself. She will be greatly missed. With Deep Sympathy, Cheryl Bailey and family.##imported-begin##Cheryl Bailey##imported-end##

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“ Rev. Davis's arrival to Melville Chapel was an answer to our prayers. Her presence will forever be missed. My deepest sympathies. Pam Flynn, Meville Chapel UMC##imported-begin##Pam Flynn##imported-end##

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“ Come Sweetest Death Come Blessed Rest And take my hand And gently lead me on##imported-begin##Donald L. Hickman##imported-end##

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“ May you find comfort in God and may he surround you with his love.. "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strenght;Isaiah 40:31"##imported-begin##Shawn&Kendra Gilchrist##imported-end##

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