



Joyce Ann Cox

October 8, 1940 - September 17, 2017

JOYCE ANN COX, nee Parker, seventy-six, daughter of Earl and Elois Brooks, passed away on September 17, 2017. Born on October 8, 1940, she was the oldest of four siblings. At an early age, she demonstrated a penchant for the arts, taking piano and dancing lessons. As a teenager, she worked at the Highs Ice Cream Stores managed by her mother. She attended Baltimore City Public Schools, and upon graduation from Douglass High School, earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education from The University of Maryland College Park.

With degree in hand, she taught in various Baltimore City Public Schools, teaching grades three through six. In the late 1960's, because "that's where the jobs were," Joyce moved to Los Angeles, California, and continued her career as a teacher in the Los Angeles Unified School District. Again she taught at all levels of elementary school until she became an advisor for research and analysis for voluntary integration programs. Joyce would conclude her career as an educator as Title 1 co-ordinator for Hillcrest Elementary School, then assistant principal and finally principal of the school. Among her many accolades, in 1997, Joyce was inducted into the National Association of University Women Hall of Fame.

In 1970, Joyce wed Sylvester B. Cox, Sr., an architect from Baltimore, and they remained together until his departure from this earth in June 1996. Joyce was an avid traveller. Domestically, she travelled throughout the West Coast and Southwestern United States, to places such as the Grand Canyon, Las Vegas, San Francisco and the Northern California wine country among others. Internationally, there were bullfights in Mexico, and excursions throughout Europe and Asia to places such as Italy, Germany, Spain, the United Arab Emirates, Oman and Cambodia.

Joyce's subdued and demure personality belied her inner courage and strength. She loved to read, enjoyed line dancing and jazz. She was a book club member. As a member of Delta Sigma Theta, Incorporated, she was president of the Pasadena Alumnae Chapter from 1995 – 1996, and 1998 -2000. In 2003, she was chairperson of their cotillion, and remained active with the Pasadena Chapter. Her Pasadena sorors believe her input was critical to the success of the chapter, as she was described as a thoughtful, effective and highly respected member. Upon Joyce's return to Baltimore in 2014, she continued her sisterhood with the Baltimore Alumnae Chapter, working with Women to Eat.

With all of this activity, as important, if not most important, was her Christian faith. In Pasadena, she was an active member of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church where she was described as gracious, very refined and a leader in the congregation. And again, upon her return to Baltimore, she immediately became a member of the Episcopal Church of St. Mary the Virgin. She was a member of the Daughters of the King and president of the Episcopal Women of the Church. And her love of music was shown as she was a member of the church choir and a supporter of the Baltimore Regional Community Male Chorus, Inc.

Throughout her life, Joyce represented grace and honesty. Not having an ill spoken word about anyone, she was what the old schoolers called, “a Lady. ”

Having spent forty-five years of her life in California, Joyce returned here exhibiting all that she had become, a loving, devoted woman of grace and style. She continually “gave back” to the community.

Joyce is survived by: her stepson, the Honorable Sylvester B. Cox, Jr., his wife, Judy; step granddaughters, Lindsey and Erin; cousins, Denise Harvey Barksdale, Janet Thompson Smith (Hugh), William Thompson, Jr., Marvin “Doc” Cheatham; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Arbutus Memorial Park Cemetery

1101 Sulphur Spring Road
Baltimore, MD 21227

Previous Events

viewing

SEP 22. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
(410) 542-2400
info@marchfh.com

Family Hour

SEP 22. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Wake

SEP **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

The Church of St. Mary the Virgin
3121 Walbrook Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21216

Service

SEP **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Joyce Ann Cox*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *As the rector of the Episcopal Church of St. Mary the Virgin, it was my pleasure to have had the chance to serve this wonderful woman. She was a gentle giant and her quiet ways would always win others over. I speak on behalf of our parish and say from my heart that she will be truly missed. I know that as we celebrate her life all of us will take a piece of her spirit with us and always keep her alive in our hearts. May God bless the family and we are grateful to have had her pass our way in her wonderful life, it was a blessing for us all.*

Rev. Charles Mercer

Charles Mercer - September 22, 2017 at 01:39 PM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

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