



Joyce Ann Pearson Blackwell

February 17, 1946 - August 18, 2022

Legacy of Love

Joyce Ann Pearson Blackwell was born in Knoxville, Tennessee on February 17, 1946, to Thomas R. Sr., and Flora Pearson. She grew up as a military dependent and attended elementary through 9th grade in various countries worldwide including the United States, France, and Germany. She attended Austin High School in Knoxville and graduated from Knoxville College with a Bachelor of Science in Education. She pledged Alpha Kappa Alpha, Gamma ETA Chapter while in attendance.

Her professional career began almost immediately after graduation at Norwood Elementary in Knoxville, TN continued at Lancaster Middle School in Lancaster, MA, East End Middle and Chimborazo Elementary in Richmond, VA, and A.G. Wright Middle in Stafford, VA. Joyce spoke of her desire to teach at a young age. Inspired by her parents and influenced by her sixth-grade teacher, she determined to be the most beneficial input of time and knowledge to students. She took advantage of every opportunity afforded to teach children. From playing school with her brothers and sister at a young age, teaching Sunday School in junior high, volunteering in summer camps at the YWCA, and various after-school activities, she found teaching to be very rewarding. She felt her greatest contributions were to the hundreds of students who came under her supervision. During her tenure, she received numerous awards and recognitions, notably, Charter Member Delta Kappa

Gamma Society International, R.E.B. Award for Teaching Excellence Greater Richmond Community Foundation, Who's Who Registry of Rising Young Americans, Who's Who Among America's Teachers, Teacher of the Year at Chimborazo Elementary, and Teacher of the Year at A.G. Wright Middle. She lived her words, "understand the individual needs of the students, encourage their talents, and foster self-esteem." The fruit of these words are revealed through several students who continued to correspond with her after 40 years of teaching.

She loved the Lord and put her spiritual gifts to work by serving as a Sunday School teacher, choir member, and youth activities coordinator. She was a skilled musician and played the piano, violin, and guitar. She enjoyed bowling, snow skiing, hang gliding, and literally any kind of crafts. Joyce was well known as a world traveler. She visited every continent except for Antarctica and Australia. Her adventurous spirit and humor was welcomed by all who met her, especially during her most recent trip to Dubai, UAE where she teased her camel tour guide by stating, "Yea! I'm gonna make this camel buck."

Even before the time of her passing on August 18, 2022, she was still engaged with the education of children through mentorship, tutoring, and community involvement.

Adored by her family, students, and friends, she will be greatly missed. She is survived by: siblings, Thomas R. Pearson Jr., and Joe F. Pearson; and a host of other uncles, aunts, cousins, nieces, nephews, friends, students, and co-workers.

Cemetery Details

Washington Memorial Park

6217 Memorial Dr.
Sandston, VA 23150

Previous Events

AKA Ivy Beyond the Wall Ceremony

OCT 7. 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Ave.
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Celebration of Life

OCT 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of South Richmond
1501 Decatur St.
Richmond, VA 23224

Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

March Funeral Homes - October 07, 2022 at 08:13 AM



“ *March Funeral Homes created a To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Joyce Ann Pearson Blackwell, Please Click the Link below. in memory of Joyce Ann Pearson Blackwell*



March Funeral Homes - September 28, 2022 at 04:35 PM



“ *Joyce Ann Pearson Blackwell*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Karen Crawford lit a candle in memory of Joyce Ann Pearson Blackwell*



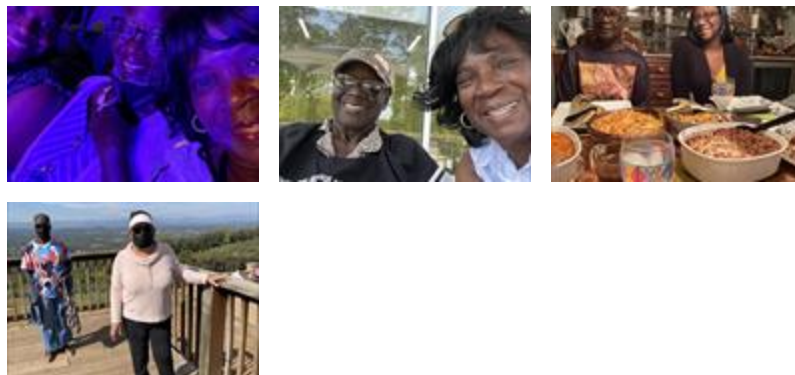
Karen Crawford - September 28, 2022 at 09:27 AM

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“ My condolences to Joyce’s family, near and far. Joyce loved life and embraced it with abandon. She loved her niece, Janice, her two adoring brothers and was “Granny Joyce” to her two grandchildren. She loved all of her school friends, garden buddies and her neighborhood friends. She was loved by all and will be missed by many.

Love you forever, my friend; until we meet again.

Marlene



Marlene Scott - September 07, 2022 at 07:14 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.

March Funeral Homes - August 29, 2022 at 03:21 PM