



Joyce Marshall Sheppard

February 17, 1952 - March 21, 2011

Joyce M. Sheppard, daughter of the late Dorothy and James Brown Sr., was born on February 17, 1952 in Baltimore, Maryland. Joyce accepted Christ in her life and was baptized at New Shiloh Baptist Church in Baltimore, Maryland. On Monday, March 21, 2011, God called his child home to rest.

Joyce was educated in the Baltimore City Public School System. She was a devoted worker. Joyce was a manager at The Butter Cup Bakery for several years before being employed by Johns Hopkins Hospital. Joyce diligently worked at Johns Hopkins Hospital until her illness.

Affectionately known as “Baby doll and Aunnie” Joyce had an amazing Zest for life and family. Joyce and Les enjoyed life together to the fullest. Joyce loved traveling to South Carolina to spend quality time with her daughter, Juanita and family making memories that will last a lfe time. Joyce also looked forward to spending memorable hours with her son, George. Their weekly ritual was going to the movies and going out to eat afterwards every Tuesday. Joyce enjoyed baking cup cakes ad spending countless hours with her grandchildren and nieces playing board games. Joyce was truly loved and will be sorely missed.

Joyce leaves to cherish her memory, the love of her life, Leslie James; a legacy of two children; Juanita Smith and George Sheppard; One son-in-law

Gregory Smith Sr. ; seven grandchildren, Gregory Jr., Jonathan, Lachae, Brittney, Jasmine, Sade, and Kayla; four sister, Jackie, Gwen, Glenda, and Scharel; two brothers, James Jr. (Peanut) and Terry; two brothers-in-law Bobby and Atif; a host of uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousin, and friends.

Cemetery Details

King Memorial Park Cemetery - Grand Heritage Chapel & Mausoleum

8710 Dogwood Rd.
Baltimore, MD 21244
(410) 944-8300
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<https://www.KingMemorialPark.com>

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAR 27. 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - East Baltimore
1101 East North Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21202
(410) 727-3300
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Wake

MAR 28. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Joyce Marshall Sheppard*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Ms. Joyce you did a great job with your daughter Juanita, She is such a wonderful person. Loving, understanding and funny. I know you heard the person your children grow up to be is a reflection of their parent. I'm just saying.*



Edith Davis - June 10, 2016 at 09:49 AM

SS

“ Hey grandma i don't know why question marks came up instead of my emojis for you. But you've been on my mind a lot lately & I miss you so so much !! I wish you could still be here with us in flesh we all are missing a piece of our hearts that you took with you! I wish you could hold my daughter & give her kisses , tell her how much you love her, A'Laiyah would love you just as much as I do! Aniyah is so big now. La'Chae is doing a wonderful job I wish you could spend time with your great grandkids! Greggy pooh is so smart & intelligent! It's a crazy crazy world we live in grandma! I wish you could've met Emmanuel man you'd be so proud of us! I tell him about you all the time! Aunt Nita has shown more and more of you in herself that everytime we leave each other I cry because seeing her is just like seeing you!!! All of your kids , grandkids & great grandkids are doing good but would be 1000000 times better if you were here! I love you Grandma I love you sooo so much I miss you more then you'll ever know! Watch over us & continue to guide us & love & protect us! I love you so much!! Forever & A day ! We'll mourn you until we join you !

Love Always & forever Sade' <3

Sade Sheppard - December 27, 2015 at 10:21 PM

SS

“ I love you grandma I wish you were still here we miss you dearly
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sade sheppard - July 26, 2014 at 03:21 PM

JA

“ *Still missing you!*”



Jazz - May 14, 2013 at 12:47 AM

JS

“ *i love and miss you!*”



Jazz Smith - December 04, 2011 at 01:19 PM



“Joyce, I am missing you more and more everyday. Eventhough I know you are in a better place with GOD, and people who love you like Aunt BabySis, Peanut, and Aunt Dorothy. I wish you where still here with us. I'm overwhelmed with sadeness. The world dosen't seem the same. The sun doesn't seem to rise. The rainbow has lost it's shine. The clouds are always gloomy. There are no night or day. I'm have people all around but feel so alone. I see their lips moving but hear nothing. I can't handle talikng on the phone it is to painful because I just want to talk with you. I feel so lost without you. You where my compass. You gave me unconditional love. You taugh me how to be a good wife, mother , daughter and friend. You taugh me how to love myself. To forgive myself and others. You pushed me up hills, carried me over valleys, and encouraged me to be the best I could be. You were there when I met my mother, when I fell in love you were there, we I got married you were there, when I had children you were there. I feel like Humpty- Dumpty I have fallen off a wall. I have been broken. My heart is shattered into a million pieces and the main piece to put me back together is missing, YOU. No one can ever take your place. I LOVE YOU and will never forget.

Janet Williams - June 27, 2011 at 10:17 AM



“ I can not express how I'm feeling right now. I've been waiting for this day for so long and it finally happened. My mother came to visit me in my dreams. She held her arms out for me to hug her, and i did. I was crying and i kept saying how i love and miss her so much. It felt so real, to the point where I didnt want to let her go. But then she started to fade away with a smile on her face. I woke up crying because i felt so blessed, and happy, for the first time since shes been gone. Those were not tears of sadness, but tears of joy. So I thank you mother, because now I will no longer feel depressed and I will try hard not to cry everyday. I'll be waiting for your next visit.
Love always, your daughter



Juanita Smith - June 19, 2011 at 09:43 PM



“ *For all those times you stood by me
For all the truth that you made me see
For all the joy you brought to my life
For all the wrong that you made right
For every dream you made come true
For all the love I found in you
I'll be forever thankful You're the one who held me up
Never let me fall
You're the one who saw me through through it all*



*You were my strength when I was weak
You were my voice when I couldn't speak
You were my eyes when I couldn't see
You saw the best there was in me
Lifted me up when I couldn't reach
You gave me faith 'coz you believed
I'm everything I am
Because you loved me*

*You gave me wings and made me fly
You touched my hand I could touch the sky
I lost my faith, you gave it back to me
You said no star was out of reach
You stood by me and I stood tall
I had your love I had it all
I'm grateful for each day you gave me
Maybe I don't know that much
But I know this much is true
I was blessed because I was loved by you*

**I LOVE YOU MOTHER
THANK YOU**

Juanita Smith - May 26, 2011 at 08:04 PM

GB

My sister how I wish you were still here. You would be enjoying the presence of matt matt. I know once we found out that matt matt was coming that someone was leaving and I knew it was you. Yes my world broke but I know that Daddy, Mommy, Aunt Dorothy, Aunt Babysis were waiting for you and you wete looking for them. Once they received you a peace of comfort came over me and I know I had to let you go. Every day is see you within me and I know you are always with me.....I miss you but I know you may be gone from my life but you live forever in my heart💖💖💖💖💖

Glenda Brown - June 19, 2015 at 01:26 PM



“ *I always told my mother how much I loved her , needed her , and always thanked her. So I have no regrets. I was blessed to be able to hold her hand , kiss her , lay in bed w/ her, give her shower/sponge baths... & take care of her up until her last breath. On that day, the day that God called my mother home, I held my mothers hand, kissed her lips, and said "mother we love you its ok you can let go now".. and she did. Although I was relieved from the pain of seeing her suffer, I'm struggling w/ the pain of reality . The reality of knowing that my mother is no longer here...physically. At first it had taken me some time b4 I actually cried. I kept telling myself that I have to b strong , strong 4 my brother , niece's , my children, and husband...that's what mother would want (sometimes he would say to me "I need for u to take care of your brother. Always keep the family together") I was afraid to cry... afraid of disappointing my mother. Mother I know u can see & hear us. I made u a promise, and I'm going to do everything in my power to keep it. I'll hold the family down, until we meet again :)*



Juanita Smith - May 25, 2011 at 09:41 PM



“ I SENSE YOUR PRESENCE
THE SUN IS SHINING SO BRIGHTLY
I HEAR YOUR VOICE
IT SOUNDS LIKE ANGELS SINGING
I SEE YOUR SMILING FACE
IT GLOWS LIKE A RAINBOW
WE TALK, WE LAUGH,
WE WATCH MOVIES
AND PLAY YOUR FAVORITE GAMES
WE REMINISCENCE ABOUT THE PAST
AND PLAN FOR THE FUTURE
EVERYTHING IS PERFECT
I DON'T WANT THIS DAY TO END
THEN CLOUDS COMES
FOLLOWED BY A STORM
THE RAINBOW IS MISSING
MY HEART BEGANS TO RACE
MY HANDS SHAKE
MY EYES FILL WITH TEARS
YOU SAY YOU HAVE TO GO
BUT THINK OF YOU AN YOU'LL
BE THERE, SO I CARRY YOUR
HEART IN MY HEART
EVERYWHERE I GO
I LOVE YOU AND MISS YOU
I HEAR YOU

Janet Williams - May 25, 2011 at 04:23 PM



“ *MISSING A PIECE OF MY HEART*



*MY HEART ACHES FOR YOU
IN LIFE I LOVED YOU SO MUCH MOTHER
AND IN DEATH I DO THE SAME,
IT BROKE MY HEART TO LOSE YOU
BUT YOU DID NOT GO ALONE,
PART OF ME WENT WITH YOU WHEN
GOD CALLED YOU HOME,
OUR FAMILY CHAIN IS BROKEN
AND NOTHING SEEMS THE SAME,
BUT SOMEDAY GOD WILL CALL US HOME
AND THE CHAIN WILL LINK AGAIN!*

*I MISS YOU SO MUCH MOTHER WORDS CANT EXPLAIN
THE PAIN , WE WILL BE TOGETHER AGAIN!*

*I LOVE YOU FOREVER AND ALWAYS
UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN,*

I LOVE YOU MOTHER

Juanita Smith - May 23, 2011 at 01:28 PM

GB

*My sweet loving sister there is not a day that goes by that i do not think of you i miss you so much but i know you are walking around heaven with all our loved ones. i felt your presence sunday at the family gathering it truly was a day of celebration for all of us. You may be gone from your earthly home but you walk proudly in your heavenly home. I love you my sister. GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN....
<3<3<3<3*

Glenda Darlene Brown - August 09, 2011 at 12:19 PM

SS

“ It seems like FOREVER since ive seen your face and seen you smile ! It killed me when god called you home. the only reason your gone is bc he said youve been suffering for way to long. i wish you were still here bc you were the only one that never judged me nomatter what ive done. you were the only one that would be on myside but now that your nolonger here i have to fight my battles on my own ive cried & cried & CRIED praying that god could bring you back for just ONE day so that i could say goodbye to you & show you all my love i had for you . i know i wasnt there for you how everybody wanted me to be but i knew that seeing you while you were sick would kill me inside . i wasnt use to seeing you the way i did i remember you being this STRONG & INDEPENDENT WOMEN Who Loved her kids & grandkids . that tried to do anything & everything for us. ill just be happy when we all meet up again !



I LOVE YOU & MISS YOU DEARLY GRANDMA !

Yourss Truley Sade' <3

Sade' Sheppard - May 22, 2011 at 07:02 PM



“ Janet Williams lit a candle in memory of Joyce Marshall Sheppard



Janet Williams - May 20, 2011 at 03:48 PM



“ One of my favorite memories is when Babydoll would get all the girls together and play dress up with them. She loved spending time with the children in family. I miss her more and more everyday. I will always Love her and carry her in my heart. She is more than my friend she is my family. She was our Angel on earth, our protector, our confidant, our guide, and now she is our Angel in Heaven, watching over us, praying for us, and cheering us on. Thank You GOD for allowing her to be in my life. I can hear GOD saying, " Well Done My Good and Faithful Servant." Because she gave unconditional Love to everyone GOD placed in her care: her children, grandchidren, family and friends.
LOVE FOREVER, Janet

Janet Williams - May 20, 2011 at 03:34 PM



“ LaChae Cherise sent a virtual gift in memory of Joyce Marshall Sheppard



LaChae Cherise - May 19, 2011 at 02:08 PM



“ Everyday I wake up & see your face but my heart angers because the face that I see is on an obituary. This shouldn't be. You have gone to soon. There's never a day when I don't think of you & cry for you. If a river of my tears could bring you back, you would have been here weeks ago. There's so many things I wish i would have said but time was not on our side. I pray that some how you can spiritually reach me & release me from this heartache. I love & miss you times infinity. Love, LaChae

LaChae Cherise - May 19, 2011 at 02:05 PM



“ *I'm still here mother , never will I let u go*



To Be With You Again

Is all Sheppard and I want

We think of you in silence

And always Speak your name

But all that's left to answer

Is your picture in a frame.

If we could have one lifetime wish

One dream that would come true

We would pray to God with all our hearts

For yesterday and you.

And Heartaches make a lane

We would walk our way to Heaven

To Be With You Again!

Mother, I love & miss u dearly

Juanita Smith - May 18, 2011 at 08:52 PM



I feel your pain and I'm praying that GOD comforts you, George, and the children. I wish there was something I could do to easy your pain.

Janet Williams - May 20, 2011 at 03:46 PM



“ *Today Mother, I'm going to start my own garden. something you always wanted me to do. (although i do not have a green thumb) Im going to dedicate it to you. its going to be called: Joycie's(what Sheppard used to call you, when he was being playful) garden*



Juanita Smith - May 13, 2011 at 05:10 PM



“ *I miss you when something really good happens, because you're the only one I want to share it with. I miss you when something is troubling me, because you're the only one who understands me so well. I miss you when I laugh and cry, because I know that you are the one that makes my laughter grow and my tears disappear. I miss you all the time, but I miss you the most when I lay awake at night and think about all the wonderful times that we spent with each other for those were some of the best and most memorable times of my life.*



Juanita Smith - May 10, 2011 at 04:50 PM



“ *My heart still aches in sadness,
My silent tears still flow,
For what it meant to lose you my Dear SWEET
Mother No one will ever know.*



*It broke my heart to lose you,
But you didn't go alone,
For part of me went with you,
The day God called you home.*

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
LOVE & MISS U.....JUANITA**

Juanita Smith - May 08, 2011 at 11:17 AM



“ Today was extremely hard for me. All day I had this feeling of wanting to pick up the phone and call my mother. My mother and I would talk on the phone at least 4 times a day, starting @ 7:30am. If she hasn't heard from me by 12noon that day she would call me and say "Daughter Dear YOU Forgot To Call your Mother This Morning"



The feeling of wanting to call my mother was so strong that as soon as I got off from work, I rushed to my car, pulled my cell phone out of my purse, and called my mother . Although I never pushed the call send button I pretended as though I did. I proceeded to talk to my mother as if she was on the other end of the phone listening.

Deep in my heart I do believe that my mother was there on the other end of the phone, listening to me telling her about my day, telling her about her granddaughter (Jazz) how excited she is about attending her senior prom this Saturday. Our conversation ended like it always did.....Me saying" I love u mother", and I could hear my mother saying "I love u too daughter".

*I cried the whole way home
Mother I love & miss u so much
Thank u for listening*

Juanita Smith - May 05, 2011 at 09:59 PM



“ *My Dear Mother, I wish that I could hear your voice..... I wish that I could touch you now..... I wish that I could talk to you..... be with you somehow.*



I'm trying to b strong, I'm fighting with all my might to keep my head above the water

You never know what you have until you lose it, and once you lose it, you can never get it back.

Juanita Smith - April 30, 2011 at 08:49 PM

LS

“ *I try not to come here to often, for it is just to painful. I try not to think of the day you left me here to face the world alone because it is just to painful. Time heals all wounds, so they say. Today is a bad day but tomorrow, i hope is better. 2 Weeks before you passed I remember you saying "Dont forget you have a grandmother". I could NEVER forget you! You have a piece of my heart that I cant get back until we meet again. You will forever live on thru me & i promise to make you proud. I LOVE YOU SO MUCH & I MISS YOU LIKE CRAZY. LOVE FOREVER, your granddaughter LaChae'*

LaChae Sheppard - April 29, 2011 at 02:28 PM



“ *I was blessed to have my beautiful mother for 42 years of my life. She was diagnosed with cancer, 2009. God called her home on March 21,2011. She was the kind of mother who lived for her children, ESPECIALLY her grandchildren. She will be loved and missed dearly by everyone who knew her.*



Juanita Smith - April 25, 2011 at 07:34 PM



“ *I awake each morning to start a new day
But the pain of loosing you never goes away.
I go about the things I have to do
And as the hours pass I think again of you.
I want to call you and just hear your voice
Then I remember that I have no choice
For you are not there and now my heart cries
Just to see you again to tell you goodbye
To say Mama I love you and I always will
And hope that much of you, in me you've instilled.
The day that you left I just didn't know
That you were going where I couldn't go.
And now all my memories of you are so dear
But gosh, how I miss you and wish you were here.
Who now can hear me when I need to cry?
It so hard to tell you "Mama goodbye."
Someday I know all will be well
And I'll see you again with stories to tell
Of how you were missed and how we have grown
And how good it is to finally be home.*



*Happy Easter, Mother
Love you always Juanita*

Juanita Smith - April 25, 2011 at 07:13 PM



“ *Fly away my beautiful mother, spread your
wings and fly, take the beauty of your soul and
share it with the sky, fly away my mother, for
God has set you free, I will try to wait here
patiently, until you come back for me.
-Love & missing you, your daughter Juanita*



Juanita Smith - April 22, 2011 at 06:13 PM

LS

“ Early this morning as i couldnt sleep, i was flipping thru the channels & Wendy Williams was on. My grandmother loved Wendy & watched it faithfully everyday. I cant stand Wendy Williams but i watched it in remembrance of my grandmother and I could hear my grandmother saying "How you doin girl!!!" I miss you so much grandma!

LaChae Sheppard - April 19, 2011 at 02:26 PM

JS

awww lol! she would always do the voice so well!

Jasmine Smith - April 19, 2011 at 05:08 PM

LS

“ LaChae Sheppard lit a candle in memory of Joyce Marshall Sheppard



LaChae Sheppard - April 18, 2011 at 06:43 PM

JU

“ 25 files added to the tribute wall



Juanita - April 16, 2011 at 03:06 PM

JS

“ My brother (George) and i loved to play this game with my mother. if one of her grandchildren misbehaved we would do a 3way phone call, and she would have to guess which grandchild did it. the point is, she would always know which grandchild it was. my brother and i always got a kick out of that.
i love & miss you truly mother

-Juanita <3

Juanita Sheppard-Smith - April 16, 2011 at 12:53 PM

LS

very funny

LaChae Sheppard - April 18, 2011 at 06:41 PM



a little late but most the time it was mee !

Sade Sheppard - May 22, 2011 at 07:32 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Family Get-to-gether*s



Gregory Smith - April 03, 2011 at 11:14 AM



“ *Family get together s!!!!*

Gregory Smith - April 01, 2011 at 04:34 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Gregory Smith - April 01, 2011 at 04:33 PM



Grandma AKA Babydoll

Juanita Smith - April 17, 2011 at 11:29 AM



Aunt Babysis, Aunt Jackie, and Babydoll

Juanita Smith - April 17, 2011 at 11:31 AM



Babydoll with her sister Jackie

Juanita Smith - April 17, 2011 at 11:32 AM



Aunt Jackie, Babydoll, Sharron, and George

Juanita Smith - April 17, 2011 at 11:33 AM



Babydoll with her sisters, Jackie and Gwen

Juanita Smith - April 17, 2011 at 11:33 AM



Babydoll with her sister Jackie, brother Terry, Sister Gwen, and brother Peanut

Juanita Smith - April 17, 2011 at 11:35 AM



Babydoll having fun at the flea market in South Carolina

Juanita Smith - April 17, 2011 at 11:37 AM



Babydoll, Nita, and Greg at the South Carolina zoo

Juanita Smith - April 17, 2011 at 11:38 AM



Mother and daughter at the zoo

Juanita Smith - April 17, 2011 at 11:39 AM



Mother and daughter having dinner

Juanita Smith - April 17, 2011 at 11:40 AM



Gwen, Babydoll, and one of her best girlfriends Joan

Juanita Smith - April 17, 2011 at 11:41 AM



Terry, Nita, Dora, George, and Lori

Juanita Smith - April 17, 2011 at 11:42 AM



Jonathan and grandma, on her birthday in South Carolina

Juanita Smith - April 17, 2011 at 11:43 AM



Grandma ready to play sorry

Juanita Smith - April 17, 2011 at 11:43 AM



Lachae, Jasmine, Sade, and Kayla wearing christmas pajamas

Juanita Smith - April 17, 2011 at 11:44 AM



Lachae, Grandma, Gregory jr., Jasmine, Sade, and Kayla. Christmas at George's house

Juanita Smith - April 17, 2011 at 11:45 AM



two of a kind. mother and son.

Juanita Smith - April 17, 2011 at 11:46 AM



daughter, son, and mom

Juanita Smith - April 17, 2011 at 11:47 AM



me and mom

Juanita Smith - April 17, 2011 at 11:47 AM



Grandma and Greg jr.

Juanita Smith - April 17, 2011 at 11:48 AM



Grandma and Lachae

Juanita Smith - April 17, 2011 at 11:48 AM



Grandma and Jasmine

Juanita Smith - April 17, 2011 at 11:49 AM



Grandma and Sade

Juanita Smith - April 17, 2011 at 11:49 AM



Grandma and Kayla

Juanita Smith - April 17, 2011 at 11:50 AM



Grandma and son in law (Greg Sr)

Juanita Smith - April 17, 2011 at 11:50 AM

AR

“ *Please accept my sympathy for your loss. During this time, may family and friends be comforted by the wonderful promise at Revelation 21:4: "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes and death will be no more. Neither mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away."* ”

A Robinson - March 31, 2011 at 06:34 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 - March 22, 2011 at 03:43 PM