



Mrs. Joyce Ann Govan

December 31, 1948 - August 24, 2021

Mrs. Joyce Govan, the daughter of the late Johnnie B. & Lottie B. Brooks Anderson, was born December 31, 1948 in Jackson, TN. She departed this earthly life on Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at the age of 72.

She graduated from East High School and Jackson State Community College. In her adult life she worked and retired from Allied Signal and the United States Postal Service. She accepted life at an early age and became a faithful member of East Jackson Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her husband Robert Govan, her sister, Yvonne "Bonnie" Sims and her brothers Donald Ray & Timothy Anderson.

She leaves to cherish her memories her daughter, Latonia Michele (Jason) Antwine of Pasadena, MD, TN; her sister, Annette Anderson, Jackson, TN; three brothers, Jonathan W. (Deborah) Anderson of Jackson, TN; Johnny B. Anderson, Jr & Ronald Anderson both of Elgin, IL; two grandsons; Miles Antwine of Jackson, TN and Cameron Antwine of Pasadena, MD; eight nieces, Barbara (Charles) Woods of Nashville, TN, Jacquelyn (Percy) Jones of Bartlett, TN, Tanya Person & Vanessa Robertson of Jackson, TN; Nikisha (Christopher) Johnson of Algonquin, IL; Natasha Anderson & Tameka Anderson of Elgin, IL, Diane Nelson of Phoenix, AZ, and Gwen (Moses) Ochieng of Wiley, TX; eight nephews, Rocky Miller & Cedric Anderson of Jackson, TN, Jeffery (Felicia) Anderson of Memphis, TN, Terry & Jerry Anderson of Savannah, GA, Ryan Hoyle of Ft. Worth, TX; Brandon Hoyle of San Antonio, TX, and Michael Anderson of Smyrna, TN; and a host of great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins and friends.

Cemetery Details

Parkway Memorial Gardens

2839 Paul Coffman Drive
Jackson, TN 38301

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **30**. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Stephenson-Shaw Funeral Home, Inc.
807 N. Hays Avenue
Jackson, TN 38301
(731) 427-7411
info@stephenson-shaw.com
<https://www.stephenson-shaw.com>

Service

AUG **31**. 1:00 PM (CT)

East Jackson Church of Christ
1461 East Chester Street
Jackson, TN 38301

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Joyce Ann Govan*

January 28, 2023 at 12:37 PM

AY

“ *My condolences to the family of Mrs. Govan. I met her years ago through her husband who was one of my high school classmates. She was always so friendly and outgoing.*

Agnes H. Yarborough

Agnes H. Yarborough - August 31, 2021 at 02:39 PM

AY

“ *Agnes H. Yarborough lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joyce Ann Govan*



Agnes H. Yarborough - August 31, 2021 at 02:35 PM

KF

“ *Kelly Mills & Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Joyce Ann Govan.*



Kelly Mills & Family - August 31, 2021 at 01:59 AM

SR

“ *I have only had the privilege of working with Joyce at the Red Cross for almost two years, and I am very sad that I won't get to work with her and know her even more. She was always kind and sweet and dedicated to our organization and mission. I enjoyed working with her. I look forward to seeing her in our 'forever home'.*

Sherry Ricketts

Sherry Ricketts - August 30, 2021 at 05:27 PM

BR

“ *Brandy Rhodes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joyce Ann Govan*



Brandy Rhodes - August 30, 2021 at 03:39 PM

SG

“ *Shirley Grimes-Carter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joyce Ann Govan*



Shirley Grimes-Carter - August 30, 2021 at 01:37 PM

MC

“ *Mid-West Chapter, American Red Cross purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Joyce Ann Govan.*



Mid-West Chapter, American Red Cross - August 30, 2021 at 10:27 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Joyce Ann Govan.*



August 30, 2021 at 09:56 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Joyce Ann Govan.*



August 30, 2021 at 09:33 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Joyce Ann Govan.*



August 28, 2021 at 06:46 PM

HA

“ *Praying for the family. Joyce was my supervisor at Allied Signal. She had a beautiful spirit. R.I.H*

Hazel - August 28, 2021 at 05:30 PM

AC

“ *I met Joyce Govan through her late husband Robert and sister-in-law Ann Govan. Joyce was a warm kind hearted person. I enjoyed the time we shared together. She will be trheld missed. My sincere condolences goes out to the family*



Alton Campbell - August 28, 2021 at 03:36 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mrs. Joyce Ann Govan.*



August 28, 2021 at 03:00 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Joyce Ann Govan.*



August 28, 2021 at 08:52 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Joyce Ann Govan.*



August 28, 2021 at 05:59 AM

MG

“ *Mike G. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Joyce Ann Govan.*



Mike G. - August 27, 2021 at 02:39 PM

SD

“ *Val and I had the great pleasure of working with Joyce as Red Cross members, She and I was work partners in casework, Disaster Assessment. We were always there for each other especially past year as we worked on intake and followup cases virtually with each taken a week at time. We had each other to fall back on and support each other. We became family. Joyce was so many things in her life. She was always talking about her family and how much they meant to her. She supported me so many times when I felt like I could not do follow up casework and showed me yes I could. We are so sorry for loss of such a sweet loving caring lady. She leaves a big hole in so many peoples lives.*



Sarah Deutsch - August 26, 2021 at 09:56 PM

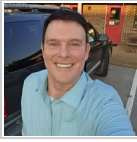
CE

“ *Joyce was a beautiful person. Mrs. Lottie, Joyce's mother, would tell my mother about how Joyce spoiled her when she would go visit Joyce in Memphis. May your beautiful soul rest in peace.*

Carolyn J. Barksdale Ewing



Carolyn Ewing - August 26, 2021 at 05:25 PM



“ This (below) is the tribute to Joyce that I shared in the United Way report I was in the midst of preparing when I received the news of her death. As so many have already said, my life is better for having known her.

One of the points of emphasis that the American Red Cross incorporates into volunteer training is the mantra "let your compassion lead to action". One of the positions in our organization where that mantra is so pivotal to the success in the role is with our "client case workers". These individuals are the voice/ mouthpiece extension of our organization and the "first impression" that local impacted families have in regard to our services (financial, emotional, spiritual support, etc.). Joyce Govan came aboard as a volunteer with our local Red Cross chapter approximately 3 and a half years ago. We immediately realized what a gift and skill set she possessed for plugging into a "case worker" role with us. From the very first follow up phone calls that she conducted to families that had "lost everything" in a local house fire or flooding (or any other grave circumstances brought on by a local disaster), Joyce demonstrated her uncanny ability for nurturing and conveying authentic compassion in her discussions with them. She was also meticulous in her ability to walk the families through our system of financial assistance, and to help determine if there were any other services that we might be able to help provide for them in their recovery period (mental or spiritual counseling needs, prescription medication or eyewear replacement, additional home or transportation needs that we could make an official referral request on their behalf to our community partners, etc.). It got to the point that if a certain family that Joyce had already had contact with happened to be reassigned to another caseworker for a logistical reason, the family would voice their displeasure with Joyce being replaced or moved to another case worker because of how much they enjoyed their correspondence with her alone! "Let your compassion lead to action" was truly Joyce's mantra. Joyce tragically passed away during the last couple of weeks. Her death could not have been more sudden or unexpected by her family- or our Red Cross community. We are all still grieving and will for quite some time. I can't help but think that our future clients will have no idea what a blessing they missed out on being served by Joyce Govan as many of them will be experiencing the worst days of their lives due to the loss of their property and, sadly in some cases, the loss of the lives of members of their families. We all miss you Joyce- and this chapter and the American Red Cross will never be the same without you.

David Hicks- Executive Director
American Red Cross- Midwest TN. Chapter

David Hicks - August 26, 2021 at 02:51 PM

DB

“ Sincere condolences to family and friends. We have lost one of the most sincere caring and compassionate people I have known. Rest In Peace.

David Brumley - August 26, 2021 at 10:09 AM

RS

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. You were just telling me how you used one of the bath bombs I made and used it in your mom's jacuzzi! I never even knew that could be done! I pray God gives you the strength, peace & comfort needed to get through this difficult time. You are in my thoughts & prayers.

Robin Sabala - August 25, 2021 at 11:54 PM

DG

“ To my Sister-In-Arms, Latonia...
Warmest condolences on the loss of your mother. May peace and comfort continue to reign over you and your family. ~Dee Graham



Delphine Graham - August 25, 2021 at 10:17 PM

JM

“ So very sorry!! Heartfelt sympathy to all the family!! Praying for strength and courage during this difficult time! She was a very dear friend and will be sorely missed!!

Jimmie Martin - August 25, 2021 at 07:25 PM

MG

“ On behalf of Sean Govan, Lowanda Govan and Ann Govan, please accept our sincere condolences. Joyce was a wonderful sister in law and stepmom. I will miss our phone calls. She will always be in my thoughts and heart. I love you Joyce and so thankful I was able to talk with a couple of days before your passing

Mary Ann Govan - August 25, 2021 at 05:03 PM

MR

“Joyce's smile would light up a room! I worked with her with American Red Cross and she was ALWAYS warm, kind, fun to work with. Joyce was a tremendous asset to our Red Cross family. The tears shed among us have been great. We will never be able to fill the space she leaves. My deepest and most sincere condolences to the family she left behind. She loved her family fiercely. May you find comfort in warm memories and the knowledge she is surely in a wonderful place.

Marge Rafalowski - August 25, 2021 at 04:45 PM

PS

We are going to miss you Joyce at the Red Cross.

Pam Shumate - August 26, 2021 at 09:25 AM

LM

A true lady in every sense of the word with a soft voice, a heart of gold, and a caring giving soul. You were a great friend and Co-worker at the Red Cross. I as well as many others will miss you. You lit up my world with your warm smile and gentle mentoring. God bless and watch over your family while they adjust to your leaving us so quickly. And may you always Rest Peacefully my sweet friend.

Lenora McMeekin - August 26, 2021 at 06:23 PM

 Marion Rogers-McCurry

“Rest in Paradise Joyce💜 My Friend and Sister in Christ. May The Lord Bless and Comfort The Family!



Marion Rogers- McCurry - August 25, 2021 at 12:34 PM

HA

“ Sis,

Our hearts go out to you and all the family! Please let Joan and I know if anything is needed or if we can assist.

Howard Antwine - August 25, 2021 at 10:49 AM

TA

My Girl, your mother made Everyone feel like a friend. She never met a stranger. She was a Very Special Woman. And you are As Well. Please know that, We Are All Here For You. Love You Forever, Granny

Theresa Antwine - August 27, 2021 at 01:49 PM

MR

“ Quiet and full of amazing grace. So very sorry for your loss. Special condolences to the family. Monica Ray

Monica Ray - August 25, 2021 at 10:22 AM

SA

“ Sarita Allen lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joyce Ann Govan



sarita allen - August 25, 2021 at 07:03 AM

BB

“ My heart goes out to the family I work with her And I was surprised to see her in the obituary I was just lost for words so sorry so sorry Sending my condolences with a sad hearti 😞

Brenda Black - August 24, 2021 at 03:38 PM



She will be missed, but God is good. Just call and we will be there granny and paw paw.

Howard Antwine Sr. - August 27, 2021 at 01:22 PM