



Joyce Aliene White

May 16, 1949 - November 2, 2013

Joyce White Age 64 of Marshall, MO. Joyce Aliene Halsey was oldest girl born to Pleasant David and Alice Halsey (Yokely) on May 16, 1949 in Marshall, Missouri. She was the third of seven children, Wayne, Donald (wife Barbara Ackelberty), Helen, Judith (husband Martin Pasiner), Jeanette, and Linda Sue. The family faithfully attended First Baptist Church of Marshall, MO where Joyce was baptized, and she participated in Sunday school and Girl's in Action.

Joy, as she was called by her family, was a smart child and did well in school. She went on to attend the University of Central Missouri at Warrensburg and Missouri Valley College where she received her Bachelor's Degree in Education. This is also where she met and then married Festus Jonathan White. Joyce and Jon continued their adventure by moving to Rockhill, MO and expanding their family. Three children were born to their union, Sean Nicolas (wife Pamela Johnson), Chantay Nicole, and Shannon Moses (wife Tiffany Knox) before they divorced. Joyce later moved to 1216 Borden in Florissant, MO. The family enjoyed spending time together; trips back "home" to Marshall, attending church, school, and sports events, as well as hanging out with special family friends. Joyce rarely missed a day exercising or walking. Her children remember her for being quick to laugh, smile, and hug—but quick to speak her mind.

Additionally, Joyce was a renowned and dedicated teacher. She taught for over 25 years in the St. Louis Public School District. She loved her job and the many friends, colleagues, and students she worked with. She went back to school to receive her Master's Degree in Education from National Lewis University and participated in numerous National and Regional programs. She loved to read, and to write, and few could read a story out loud like Ms. White. After teaching at Hamilton, Turner Middle, and Carr Lane schools, she retired in 2003.

Joyce was a devoted mother, and exceptional teacher, but the joy and legacy of her life were her grandkids! Aja, Ajeenah, Marquis, Jonathan Ian, Jalyn, Jeremiah, Alexander, Joshua, Adreana, Jaden, and Jael, as she would tell anyone who would listen, were her greatest entertainment and her greatest accomplishment in life.

Joyce Aliene White truly lived up to her nick name, JOY. She loved life and enjoyed it; she embraced challenge and overcame it. She was always up for fun or a new adventure and never shied away from hard work. Even through the difficult years of her battle with Breast Cancer her ever memorable laugh was heard loud and often. She truly was a trailblazing modern day—SUPER woman.

Joyce will always be cherished by her three children, eleven grand-children, four siblings, and a host of family members, girlfriends, and loved ones. She reached her final destination on earth Saturday, November 2nd, 2013 due to complications from Breast Cancer. Preceded in death by her parents, David and Alice, sister, Helen, brother, Wayne, and other dear friends and family members, we are sure she is enjoying a happy reunion in heaven.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

NOV 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Archway Memorial Chapel
111 Taylor Road
Hazelwood, MO 63042
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Tribute Wall



“ I don't know why I looked for you today. I wish you could see me know. I teach myself things. They said I would never read or comprehend on the same level as my peers. You helped me show them that was a lie. Thank you Mrs. White. RIH

Shawn Fasho - February 10, 2021 at 11:36 PM



Mrs. White was my 5th grade teacher at Hamilton. She always wanted to make learning fun. She always had treats to reward us. I have been wondering how you were doing. You have impacted a lot of people lives.

Angela Cunningham - May 29, 2024 at 04:08 AM

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“ To Chantay, her brothers and family. Mrs. White was a great teacher and mentor to many of the staff at Carr Lane Visual & Performing Arts Middle School. Joyce's experience and knowledge help me grow as a person and educator. She was a supporter of all the students endeavors. My deepest sympathy to the family of a great woman.

Reginald Phillips

Reginald Phillips - November 09, 2013 at 08:42 AM

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“Joyce was a wonderful friend. She was a beautiful woman who loved her family and friends. We shared many wonderful talks and memories as part of the Gateway Writing Project. Whenever we traveled, Joyce and I were always "roomies". We laughed a lot, enjoyed our exercise - which was our common thread throughout the years. We attended the same step aerobics class, walked in the same park. We shared so much! I miss and love my friend, Joyce, and extend my deepest condolences to her entire family. She often spoke of you all and loved you so very much. God be with you.

Florence Cannon-Chambers - November 08, 2013 at 01:42 PM



“Truly Beloved Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joyce Aliene White.



November 07, 2013 at 09:06 AM

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“Kenneth McGhee And Archway Staff sent a virtual gift in memory of Joyce Aliene White



Kenneth McGhee and Archway Staff - November 04, 2013 at 11:29 PM