



Ruth Joyce Harmon

June 12, 1947 - May 28, 2022

Ruth Joyce Justice Wright Harmon, born June 12, 1947, in Russell County, Virginia, died Saturday, May 28, 2022, at Clinch Valley Medical Center after a long and hard-fought battle with metastatic breast cancer.

Joyce was a daughter of the late Winfred E. Justice and Helen D. Whitt Justice also of Russell County. She lived her entire life in the Horton Ridge section of Swords Creek and was the third generation of her family to do so.

As she used to say, “she was a wife, a mother, and a widow before she was 21 years old”. Her first husband, Grover C. Wright, Jr. was killed in service in Vietnam leaving her a Gold Star widow with a six-month-old child, Brian. Five years later, she met and married Thomas W. Harmon. Married to Tom, she became a coal miner’s wife and learned to squeeze blood from a turnip as strikes were very common in the early years of her marriage. It was during this time that her second son, Thomas Gregory Harmon, was born. A dedicated mother, she still found time as an avid gardener, and she canned everything she raised. She was a true partner in marriage, a devoted daughter, and a loving mother. She was no stranger to hard work.

She is survived by her husband of 49 years, Thomas W. Harmon of Horton Ridge. She is also survived by her two sons, Dr. Brian Wright, and wife, Kathy Colley-Wright, of Horton Ridge. She is also survived by her son, Rev. Greg

Harmon, and wife, Denise Fuller Harmon, of Cedar Bluff. She is survived by two granddaughters whom she adored, Ms. Zoe E. Wright and Ms. Isa H. Wright. She lovingly accepted the title of “Nae” from her firstborn granddaughter. From that first utterance, she was Nae to everyone she loved.

Joyce is also survived by three brothers: Earl Justice (Peggy) of Chester, VA, Carl Justice and wife Marlys of Homestead, FL, and Larry Justice and wife Mary of Mocksville, NC. In addition to her beloved parents, she was also preceded in death by her two dear sisters and a precious brother: Phyllis Miller (Gary), Joan Ball (Herby), and Mike Justice (Ann).

The family would like to express their gratitude to Dr. Fady Tawadros for his truly human approach in dealing with his patients. We truly value his kindness to us. The family would also like to express thanks to the staff on the fifth floor at Clinch Valley Medical Center. Kay, Irene, Deana, Josh, and many others that we can't name right now took such very good care of her as her body began to fail in its long-fought battle against the enemy which was cancer. They were truly angels of mercy to her and her family.

Joyce was a member of Calvary Holiness Tabernacle, and her funeral will be held there on Wednesday, June 1 at 2:00 pm, Funeral services will be conducted by Rev John Fuller, Rev Ralph Shortridge, and her son, Rev Greg Harmon. Entombment will follow at Greenhills Memory Gardens at Claypool Hill, Virginia. John I. Fuller, Bill Whitt, Doug Whitt, Chris Woodard, Tony Justice, and Russell Justice will serve as pallbearers. Visitation will be held Tuesday evening, May 31, from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm, at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia, and one hour prior to the service on Wednesday at the church. Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia is in charge of arrangements and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Greenhills Memory Gardens

11800 Gov G.C. Peery Hwy
Cedar Bluff, VA 24609

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 31. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home
1401 2nd Street
Richlands, VA 24641
<http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com>

Funeral Service

JUN 1. 2:00 PM (ET)

Calvary Holiness Tabernacle
Kents Ridge Road
Richlands, VA 24641

Tribute Wall



“ Hurst-Scott Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ruth Joyce Harmon



Hurst-Scott Funeral Home - June 06, 2022 at 05:38 PM



“ Ruth Joyce Harmon

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ Ruth Joyce Harmon

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Joyce's passing, God has truly gained an angel. I remember when I was little spending a lot of time at her house. She was always Good to me and my siblings. I pray God's peace and comfort to all of you, Tom, Greg, Brian and all your family.

Melissa Hess Lowe - June 02, 2022 at 09:01 PM

DS

“ Our thoughts & prayers go out to Tom, Brian, Greg & the family. May the God of All Comfort wrap you in His Care & Strength.



Dale & Sylvia Jean Horton Shreve - May 31, 2022 at 08:08 PM

RG

“ Brian and Greg I am so sorry for your loss, I know she loved you all dearly and was a very special person. Aunt Joyce will be missed by so many. But we know she is looking down at us and watching over everyone along with Grandma. Sorry we could not be there for the service. Regina Justice Groff

Regina Justice Groff - May 31, 2022 at 05:57 PM

LJ

“ Love, Earl, Drecilla, Regina and Jeff purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ruth Joyce Harmon.



Love, Earl, Drecilla, Regina and Jeff - May 31, 2022 at 05:45 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ruth Joyce Harmon.



May 31, 2022 at 05:33 PM

CT

“Charlotte Tiller lit a candle in memory of Ruth Joyce Harmon



Charlotte Tiller - May 31, 2022 at 02:53 PM

AS

“Anita J. Short lit a candle in memory of Ruth Joyce Harmon



Anita J. Short - May 31, 2022 at 12:51 PM

GD

“Brian my dear friend my heart breaks for you and your family. I know she had to be an amazing woman because of the man you are. Prayers and love to you and your family.

Gina Marie Davis - May 31, 2022 at 11:13 AM



“Brenda Short lit a candle in memory of Ruth Joyce Harmon



Brenda Short - May 30, 2022 at 10:22 PM

JJ

“ So sorry to hear of Joyce's passing. We lived beside her family and played together as kids. She was a wonderful person. Heaven gained a beautiful soul. Her family has my prayers and deepest sympathy.

Janice (Hess) Jessie - May 30, 2022 at 04:17 PM

SW

“ Brian, Greg, and Tom, I am praying that the Lord will give you comfort, peace, and strength. Joyce was a wonderful woman with a heart of gold. She always had a happy and uplifting personality.

Keeping you all in our prayers,

Scott white

Scott white - May 30, 2022 at 10:57 AM

PS

“ Brian and family I am so sorry for your loss. Your momma was a precious person.

Peggy Walters Short - May 30, 2022 at 09:50 AM

CW

“ Brian & Greg,

Sending Hugs and Prayers!!

Cleressa C. Ward - May 30, 2022 at 09:27 AM

GH

“ So sorry there is another one God called home .went to school with her and CHURCH .tom saved my life once .prayers from Ohio .Joyce was and will be in my memory. As a Christian warrior.

Glen allen hess - May 29, 2022 at 11:18 PM

A(

“ My heart breaks for aunt Joyce's family. She was always the kindest woman I've ever had the pleasure of knowing. Her smile was a light when ever you needed lifting up. May you rest in peace and love. God bless.

Anita St.Germain (Wright) - May 29, 2022 at 10:29 PM

BL

“ Brenda Lawson lit a candle in memory of Ruth Joyce Harmon



Brenda Lawson - May 29, 2022 at 09:57 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ruth Joyce Harmon.



May 29, 2022 at 07:24 PM

WM

“ BRAIN IM SO SORRY ABOUT YOUR MOM SHE WAS A SWEET PERSON I LOVE YOU

Wanda Martin - May 29, 2022 at 06:47 PM

WM

“ Wanda Martin lit a candle in memory of Ruth Joyce Harmon



Wanda Martin - May 29, 2022 at 06:45 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Ruth Joyce Harmon.



May 29, 2022 at 03:18 PM



“ TonyanEdgar Wicks lit a candle in memory of Ruth Joyce Harmon



TonyanEdgar Wicks - May 29, 2022 at 01:36 PM