



Joyce Eileen Valentine

January 29, 1948 - April 7, 2022

Joyce Eileen Valentine, age 74, of Columbus, Ohio, passed away on April 7, 2022 after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Joyce was born in Jackson County, OH on January 29, 1948 to Wesley and Letha “Mary” Valentine. Some of her favorite hobbies included traveling, reading (especially reading the Bible), bowling, listening to Stevie Wonder and playing the piano. At a very early age, Joyce developed a passion for learning. Her academic accomplishments include being selected as school valedictorian, earning an Honors Award Scholarship from Ohio University, 1966, receiving B. A. degree from Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, 1969, and M. A. degree in Educational Development from The Ohio State University in 1976.

Joyce realized her childhood dream in 1970 when she became an 11th grade English teacher for Chillicothe High School in Chillicothe, Ohio. Over the next 50 plus years Joyce, or “Miss V” as her students would affectionately call her, would go on to hold professional teaching positions at Hilltonia Jr. High School, C. Arthur Wilson High School(T.I.C.O), Mt. Logan Middle School, J. A. Smith Middle School, World Harvest Christian Academy, Life Skills Center of Columbus, FCI Academy, and multiple substitute teaching and private tutoring assignments throughout the state of Ohio. Joyce’s love of teaching continued despite her illness. During her last years of life, while

staying in the nursing facility, Joyce would often tell her son and daughter-in-law that she had just finished playing the piano and teaching songs to other residents that happened to be in the recreation area.

Among her many teaching positions, Joyce was also a real estate professional, becoming a licensed Realtor in 1977 with Harris Realty Company in Columbus, OH. For more than 40 years Joyce enjoyed the experience of selling all types of real estate, from vacant land to commercial shopping centers. One of her most interesting sales transactions involved a house that was situated on several acres of land which also included several real caves!

Of all the titles that Joyce had, none was dearer to her than that of Mother. Joyce had one son, Brian, whom she loved until the day she died. She taught him that there was much more to teaching than simply imparting knowledge to someone. By her example, Brian learned that the “art of teaching” involves a special method of helping a person to think, then ensuring those same thoughts transition into feelings. Joyce taught her son to love people because all human beings are made in God’s image. She taught him how to be patient, kind, how to endure hardships, how to be respectful, and empathetic towards others. She taught him that a good teacher will reach the mind of their students, but only a great teacher will reach the heart.

Joyce will be greatly missed by family, friends, and students who truly loved her very much.

Joyce is survived by her son Brian (Paula) Valentine, two grandsons, Wesley Luis and Warren Isaac Valentine; and one sister, Jewell “Judy” Tanner.

Joyce is preceded in death by her parents, Wesley David Valentine and Letha "Mary" Valentine; and one brother Wesley Eugene Valentine.

Funeral services will be held at 3PM Saturday, April 16, 2022 at the Mayhew-Brown Funeral Home with burial to follow in the Fairmount Cemetery. The family will receive friends 2 hours prior to the service from 1-3PM.

Cemetery Details

Fairmount Cemetery

12 Fairmount St.
JACKSON, OH 45640

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 16. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Mayhew-Brown Funeral Home
135 Broadway Street
Jackson, OH 45640
(740) 286-4161

Funeral Service

APR 16. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JC

“ I am so sorry for your loss.I met Joyce when we entered 1st grade at Jackson Elementary We went all the way through school together. She. was a lovely friend and person. The picture you used looks like she never aged a bit. I lost track of her when I moved to Florida in 1971. I also taught school for 37 years. I am happily retired. May your family find peace in God's love and the many memories you have of her. Judy Triplett Cook

Jufith Cook - April 15, 2022 at 11:03 AM

MC

“ Many fond memories sitting by Joyce at JHS. Her sweet calmness and kind ways made her a perfect candidate for educating others. She always had the right answer and inspired others to try harder too. So sorry for the loss of this lovely lady. Mary Ann class of 1966

Mary Ann Claesgens - April 14, 2022 at 06:14 PM

TR

“ My deepest sympathy and condolences we love you Brian and Family

Tracy - April 14, 2022 at 10:23 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joyce Eileen Valentine.



April 14, 2022 at 10:23 AM

YF

“ Your Code Enforcement Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Joyce Eileen Valentine.



Your Code Enforcement Family - April 13, 2022 at 04:14 PM

MR

“ My condolences to the Valentine Family. Joyce is my cousin and this song has been on my heart, “Heaven’s Now My Home”. God needed her and she is no longer suffering. Much Love and Many Blessings, Marilyn Rutledge

Marilyn Valentine Rutledge - April 13, 2022 at 03:03 PM

WD

“ with Love Malcom, Argelia Malcom Jr , Dana purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Joyce Eileen Valentine.



with Love Malcom, Argelia Malcom Jr , Dana - April 13, 2022 at 12:57 PM

FS

“ Joyce and I have been friends since our early teenage years. We became friends when she was a student at Ohio University and worked for the State of Ohio during school breaks. We talked as often as she was able and she never complained about her health, so I did not know she was as sick as she was. She is with God now. No more pain. She is reunited with her mom and dad. I miss you already.

Frances Sroufe - April 12, 2022 at 11:53 PM



“ *Rest In Heaven ❤️ Brian and family our deepest condolences*

Carol Cosby-Tillar - April 11, 2022 at 05:10 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joyce Eileen Valentine.*



April 11, 2022 at 12:09 PM