



## Joy Hines

October 11, 1945 - February 12, 2026

Joy Hines (November 10, 1945 – February 12, 2026)

Joy Hines, a distinguished educator, devoted matriarch, and a woman of extraordinary resilience and courage, passed away peacefully at the age of 80 on February 12, 2026.

Born on November 10, 1945, in St. Catherine, Jamaica, to Mortimer and Dione Smith, affectionately called (Bro. Morty and Miss Lil). Joy's journey was defined by lifelong learning and selfless sacrifice and service.

After attending Brainerd Primary School, she went to Harewood All Age School and then Villmore School of Commerce where she excelled—so much so that she was immediately offered a teaching position at the institution. Her passion for growth led her to further her studies at the College of Arts, Science and Technology (CAST), now the University of Technology (UTech). Her academic foundation paved the way for a

remarkable career spanning over twenty-three years at Dinthill Technical High School.

As a specialist in Business subjects, she taught Typewriting, Shorthand, entrepreneur-ship, and Principles of Business with a level of precision and care that earned her the deep respect of colleagues and students alike.

Joy eventually rose to serve as Head of the Business Department, where she mentored fellow educators and helped shape the institution's vocational standards. Her classroom was more than a place of study; it was an extension of her home a space where she mothered, nurtured, and counseled students. In July 2005, the Ministry of Education honored her for 36 years of Distinguished Service to Education, a legacy she carried into her retirement in 2006. Mom also volunteered after her retirement; she was instrumental in the implementation of an infant school at Harewood Primary School which was later renamed Harewood Infant and Primary School. Joy met Lloyd Hines in St. Catherine in 1967, and they developed a friendship which later blossomed into so much more.

On December 30, 1979, Joy married the love of her life, Lloyd Hines. Together, they built a foundation of faith and family that spanned 46 years. Joy's life was

defined by an undeniable strength, most famously captured in January 1982. While her youngest child was just a few months old, Joy survived being struck by lightning—a miraculous event that became a cornerstone of her family’s history and a testament to her divine fortitude. Hailed as a pillar of strength, Joy mastered many roles with an undaunted spirit: teacher, student, mother, and devoted caregiver for her ailing parents. Her faith was her anchor; she served as an Elder at the Williamsfield Seventh-day Adventist Church, dedicating herself to the congregation until she migrated to the United States on September 29, 2017.

In 2019, Joy was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s, which progressed into full-blown dementia. Her husband Lloyd became her primary caregiver, and he certainly fulfilled his marital promise of “In sickness and in Health, till death do us part”. He became her voice, her hands and feet, her everything. In the last eighteen months, Lloyd was given some assistance, and she was blessed with a team of additional caregivers—Janny, Osany, and Marite—who went above and beyond to ensure her comfort. Even in the advanced stages of her illness, she was forging strong bonds, as, despite her

vulnerability, they saw her courage and strength underneath the layers. These ladies laughed with her, danced with her, sang for her, cared for her, and prayed for her. For us, the family, they are now a part of the extended family, and we are eternally grateful for their selfless care.

En 2019, a Joy le diagnosticaron Alzheimer, que progresó hasta convertirse en demencia grave. Su esposo Lloyd se convirtió en su principal cuidador y cumplió con su promesa matrimonial de "En la salud y en la enfermedad, hasta que la muerte nos separe". Se convirtió en su voz, sus manos y sus pies, su todo. En los últimos dieciocho meses, Lloyd recibió ayuda y tuvo la suerte de contar con un equipo de cuidadoras adicionales —Janny, Osany y Marite— que se desvivieron por su bienestar. Incluso en las etapas avanzadas de su enfermedad, forjó fuertes vínculos, ya que, a pesar de su vulnerabilidad, vieron su valentía y su fuerza subyacentes. Estas mujeres rieron con ella, bailaron con ella, cantaron para ella, la cuidaron y oraron por ella. Para nosotros, la familia, ahora son parte de la familia extendida, y estamos eternamente agradecidos por su desinteresado cuidado.

Joy will always be remembered as a woman of faith, resilience, integrity and generosity, someone whose imprint will be left in the hearts of those with whom she came in

contact. True to her name she radiated joy wherever she went. She is predeceased by two of her children Horace and Marcia. She leaves to cherish her memory her husband Lloyd Hines, brothers Owen and Harry, children Neressa, Junior, Michelle, Deonne, Wendy, Yolanda, Brad and Chrystal. She also leaves to honor her legacy her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, a host of family and friends and the thousands of students she empowered to succeed.

May her soul rest in peace.

# Previous Events

## Viewing and Celebration of Life

FEB 21. 10:30 AM (ET)

Roberts of Ocala Downtown Chapel

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Ocala, FL 34471

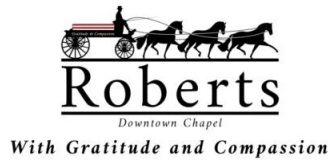
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Roberts of Ocala Funerals and Cremations created a Webcast in memory of Joy Hines*



Roberts of Ocala Funerals and Cremations - February 21 at 09:22 AM

PR

*Condolences to the family. May her soul rest in eternal peace and light perpetual shine upon her*

Phueona Reynolds - February 21 at 09:41 AM

KR

*My sympathies to the family. May God comfort you all as you grieve. Rest in peace.*

Karen Robotham - February 21 at 09:51 AM

KT

*Condolences to the family Rip aunty Joy*

Katrina Thompson - February 21 at 09:55 AM



*My condolences to Michelle and family*

Dor Alexander - February 21 at 10:00 AM

HT

*My condolences to the family RIP Mrs Hines*

Herica Taylor - February 21 at 10:14 AM

AN

*Wendy, my dear friend,*

*My heart is with you today as you lay your precious mom to rest. May God wrap you in His peace and comfort and may the beautiful memories of her love carry you through this difficult day.*

*Praying for you and your family ☐*

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**Andrea** - February 21 at 10:17 AM

MI

*My condolences to Dion and family my prayers goes out to you all, RIP Mama Joy.*

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**Millicent** - February 21 at 10:27 AM

AL

*Condolences to Michelle Hines and family from the JN Bank IPC Exceptions Team. We pray your Strength during this difficult time.*

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**Aldene** - February 21 at 10:28 AM

CG

*Deonne, I am so incredibly sorry for the loss of your mom. Holding you and your family close in my thoughts and heart during this difficult time.*

*Charmz Brooks-Goodin*

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**Charmz Goodin** - February 21 at 10:29 AM

KA

*My condolences to the family, will be praying for you during this season.*

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**Kedia Alexander** - February 21 at 10:38 AM

AU

*My condolences to Yolanda and family. May the Lord comfort and strengthen you during this difficult time.*

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**Audia** - February 21 at 10:41 AM

AL

*Deoan, my heart aches for you and your family at this time. I pray God gives you the strength and courage to go through this difficult time. Just know your mom lived a beautiful and amazing life. I love you my friend. You are in my heart always .*

**Andrea Lewis** - February 21 at 10:58 AM

RI

*My sincere condolences to the family. Tears are a language God understands.*

**Richard** - February 21 at 11:10 AM

CB

*Carleen Brown*

*My sincere condolences to the family at this time of bereavement...May her soul rest in perpetual peace*

**Carlene Brown** - February 21 at 11:15 AM

RN

*My condolences to Deonne and the family. Praying that God will strengthen you all during this difficult time.*

**Roxanne Nubie** - February 21 at 11:26 AM



*Condolences to the family from Sean and Faith Wilson. We are praying that your memories of how Ms Joy lived and loved will bring comfort and that God will grant you grace to carry on her legacy of faith.*

**Faithlyn Briscoe-Wilson** - February 21 at 11:54 AM

DB

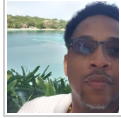
*My deepest condolences to the family. I know you will all continue to treasure the memories and hold fast to her shining example.*

**Dwight Bellanfante** - February 21 at 12:39 PM

KD

*Michelle condolences to you and your family. Keep holding on to the joy she has been in your lives and comfort each other in love.*

**Kareen Dennis** - February 21 at 12:49 PM



*My sincere condolences to the entire family. A beautiful soul who brought light to this world. May her soul rest in peace.*

**Patrick Simms** - February 21 at 01:01 PM

CD

*My condolences to the family. Wishing you peace and comfort during this difficult time.*

**Camille Campbell Drummond** - February 21 at 03:08 PM

EH

“ *Estella Henry lit a candle in memory of Joy Hines*



**Estella Henry** - February 24 at 09:02 AM

DH

“ *Always a very respectable and dignified human being love her and family very much. RIP JOY*

**Dahlia Harrison** - February 22 at 08:22 AM

JS

“ *My condolences to the Family! Joy was a cherished colleague at Dinthill Technical High School. I remember the pleasant, quite, always smiling teacher who took her job seriously and encouraged her students to excellence. So sorry for your loss.*

**Jacinta Sterling** - February 21 at 01:16 PM

AP

“Michelle, may the cherished memories of your mom bring you comfort in this time of sorrow.

Alethia Peart - February 21 at 11:39 AM

CS

“Condolences to the family and friends. God's plan always work for the good of his people, lean on His strength.  
Amen

Christopher Smith - February 21 at 09:04 AM

HH

*My condolences to the family*

Horace Henry - February 21 at 09:28 AM

KR

*My sincere condolences to the family as you grieve. May God comfort you all at this time.*

Karen R - February 21 at 09:36 AM

SH

*Heartfelt condolence to Yolanda and family and praying for extra strength especially today. May Mommy Joy's soul rest in eternal peace and God's holy light shine on her always.*

Sandra H. - February 21 at 09:54 AM

GE

*May our God of all comfort give you His peace and reassurance today and always.*

Grace E - February 21 at 10:00 AM

SH

“ Sandra H. sent a virtual gift in memory of Joy Hines



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**Sandra H.** - February 21 at 08:29 AM

DD

“ Ms. Hines was one of the most pleasant people I have ever met. Every time I saw her, she was reading a book. She was an avid reader and had a true zest for learning. She will surely be missed. My heartfelt condolences to the family. May the Lord continue to hold you in His hands during this difficult time.

*Psalm 34:18 (NIV): “The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.”*

*Garnett, Dorothy and Janelle Carr.*

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**Dorothy Dunn-Carr** - February 20 at 09:33 PM

NC

Condolences to the Hinds family, may you find comfort in the many wonderful memories created with her 🙏🙏

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**Noel Campbell** - February 21 at 06:21 PM

VF

*Mrs Hines had a pleasant countenance and would greet you warmly. She made you feel comfortable and at ease in her presence. I admired her intellect as I was growing up and I was inspired by her to grow up and be a woman of intellect. My condolences to her devoted husband Mr. Hines and the rest of her family. May the God of all grace and peace strengthen and comfort you at the difficult time.*

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**Victoria Facey** - February 21 at 08:11 PM