



Joyce Rae Akridge

December 22, 1947 - May 15, 2024

Joyce Rae Akridge, 76, of Ocala, FL, passed peacefully on Wednesday, May 15 th, 2024, holding the hand of her soulmate and husband of 58 years.

Joyce was born in Madisonville, KY, to Goldman and Nell Vanover on December 22, 1947, and went on to create a life filled with joy, music, and a family with love at its core.

Joyce was a musician and shared her love of music with others in many ways. She played several instruments, sang, directed, and danced every chance she received. She loved to travel, was an avid card player, loved to play games, and was a friend to all who crossed her path.

Joyce is survived by her husband, Michael Akridge, of Ocala, her son Michael Akridge (wife Barbara) of Jacksonville, FL, her daughter Dawn Akridge of Maumelle, AR, four grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her oldest sister, Ruby Carter, a brother, Amos Earl Vanover, and meeting Joyce in spirit having just passed, her middle sister, Della Gobin.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Roberts of Ocala West Chapel on Sunday, June 9th, at 1pm.

The Akridge family wants to thank you for the smiles and joy you brought Joyce. She truly celebrated life and all who were a part of it.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the cancer or Alzheimer's charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 9. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Roberts of Ocala West Chapel
6241 SW State Rd 200
Ocala, FL 34476
(352) 537-8111
<http://www.robertsfunerals.com>

Tribute Wall

JP

“ Prayers of Comfort to family and friends. She was a beautiful person inside and out. Fond memories always of her and her sister Della



Janet pabey - June 11, 2024 at 10:34 AM

ER

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Erika - June 10, 2024 at 09:36 AM

PN

“ Pastor Marcus, Brook, and NLC purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Joyce Rae Akridge.



Pastor Marcus, Brook, and NLC - June 06, 2024 at 02:11 PM

JM

“Joyce will forever live in Paul's and my hearts. Over the past twenty years, her friendship has meant much more than words can express. We shared so much fun, so much music, and so much creativity. She was the epitome of Christian love and will forever be an inspiration. There is no measurement of the depth of the loss we feel. Our comfort comes from the fact that she is now conducting a choir in heaven, complete with choreography because she always believed in bringing joy to everything she did. Love you dear friend.
Paul and Jane Miller

Jane Miller - June 01, 2024 at 10:55 AM

DE

“I'm so very sad to have lost this good friend. Joyce was always smiling and one of the happiest people I've ever known. She left such a positive mark on us all.

Debbie - May 31, 2024 at 09:46 PM

NW

“Joyce was a dear friend and a joy in my life. I will miss her.

Nancy Wittlake - May 31, 2024 at 07:39 PM

FB

“It was a joy to have known Joyce. She led us in singing and directing the choir always with a smile and creativity. She is greatly missed. Joyce is now in the arms of Jesus, not more suffering or pain. She and my John are worshipping and singing together with others who have gone before her. Love you, Joyce. Praying for you Mike as you walk through grief of learning to live life without your love and best friend but knowing that one day you will see each other again. Sending big hugs, Fran Bock

Fran Bock - May 31, 2024 at 03:57 PM

LI

“Joyce was full of energy, and she was so kind. One of the nicest individuals I have ever met. I am sorry to say goodbye. May you RIP. Linda Becker

Linda - May 31, 2024 at 02:16 PM

EL

LOVED joyce. Her leading our choir was such a treat. Will miss her beautiful face and voice.

Elaine liebegott - June 04, 2024 at 02:32 PM