



Joyce F Mullen

April 25, 1941 - May 25, 2024

Joyce F. (Mimi) Mullen, 83, of Ocala, Florida, passed away on May 25, 2024, in the care of Hospice of Marion County. Joyce came into this world on April 25, 1941, the daughter of William Fazackerly and Jane Tisdale in Memphis, TN. As that union did not last, Jane and Joyce Anne lived with grandmother Annie Tisdale until she reached age five when Jane met and married Carl Alexander Morris, the man Joyce called "Daddy" for the rest of his life. Carl was a career military, USAF, eventually leading him and his family to Omaha, Nebraska, where Joyce was introduced to a young airman, Fred Mullen, with whom she eventually married and shared her life for nearly 65 years. That union produced four children: Teri (Doug) Haigh, Sharon (George) Britton, David (Cree) Mullen, and Dana (Jeff) Gower.

Joyce had a versatile and accomplished career as a secretary, bookkeeper, teacher, and caregiver for young children. She graduated from Omaha's South High School in 1959. Later attended the University of Alabama, Huntsville, earning an associates degree in Child Development.

An excellent cook, she took pride in her unofficial title of being "The Soup Lady," and happily shared the results of that skill with friends, family, and sometimes complete strangers.

Joyce loved writing thoughts and musings in her daily journal, often sharing scriptures and quotes with family and friends. A believer in Christ, she was passionate about her love of Jesus and eager to share with anyone willing to listen. When she said, "I'll pray for you," she meant it! Joyce loved to sing,

especially with family. When their family was younger, the group would sing in church and other venues. A musical friend once described her singing voice as a "Boss Alto."

A favorite bible verse was Psalm 100, "Shout to the Lord all the earth. Serve the Lord with joy. Come before Him with singing! Know that the Lord is God." Sometime in the 1980's Joyce and others began a ladies prayer group, meeting weekly in our 11th Street den at 6 a.m. As in life, people come and go, but until her passing, the group continued to be viable and met on a more occasional basis with Joyce, Judy, and Barbara.

Because of Fred's passion for theatre, and being the support-minded person she was, Joyce also became involved, first behind the scenes, as a board member, a fundraiser, and as a competent actor who won awards for her performances.

As a prayer warrior, Joyce embraced everyone as family and prayed daily for those in need, especially her immediate family. She is predeceased by her parents, Carl and Jane Morris, brother Ivan "Dutch" Morris, and father William Fazackerly. She is survived by her husband, Fred, and daughters Teri (Doug) Haigh, Cary NC, Sharon (George) Britton, Tarpon Springs, FL, Dana (Jeff) Gower, Lecanto, FL, and son David (Christine) Mullen, Nashville, TN. Also surviving: Grandchildren: Kayla, Stephanie, Casey, Maggie, David, Jamie, Michael, Jasmine, Max, Josiah, Blane, Chandler, and Trenton. Great grandchildren: Leya, L.J., Avery, Mac, Ben, Emmie, Leo, Charlotte, Paxton, and Emmanuel, all of who their Mimi loved dearly. Also surviving is sister Billi Harrison, Hartsville, SC. Her many nieces and nephews around the country are mourning her passing as well.

The family would like to express gratitude for the expert care and compassion shown to our mom, grandmother, great grandmother, and loving friend by Ocala Regional Hospital's stroke unit and the nurses and staff at Hospice of Marion County Cate's House.

A gathering of friends and family in Ocala will be announced soon. Interment

will take place in Jones Valley,
Tennessee on a date to be determined.

In lieu of flowers, a donation to Hospice of Marion County or Ocala Civic
Theatre is suggested.

A final thought: Joyce firmly believed in the adage, "A friend in need is a friend
indeed!" She wished for her legacy to be remembered as one "who walked
with God."

Tribute Wall

MR

“ *Joyce beautiful strong humble talented faithful loving dedicated woman of Christ. A servants heart a caregiver gracious wise and discerning. A comfortable kind spirit a safe place.*
Joyce you are loved as is your dear family who each bring honor to your legacy.
God is pleased with you & your testament to this world...
We cry we miss you ...
Heaven loves 'boss alto' singing with angels...we will sing together again!!!

Marty Roberson - June 07, 2024 at 12:50 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss Joyce was a great person and we loved her*
Brigitte Britton George Britton 's mother if you need anything, let us know God bless you

Brigitte Britton - June 05, 2024 at 05:54 PM

BF

“ *I was in her home on several occasions. She always had the language of encouragement and kindness. I have the best of memories.*

Bill Fix - June 04, 2024 at 04:51 PM

TF

“ Our parents, Frank and Ethel Howell were friends of the Mullens and Fred and Frank were business partners in their small ad agency.
Fred stopped by their house from time to time to visit and touch base with our parents. He was a kind, gentle, and caring friend to our family before and after our parents' deaths.
Our entire family sends our deepest condolences and love to Fred and their extended family on the loss of Joyce.

The Howell Family - June 02, 2024 at 02:11 PM

SB

“ I met Fred and Joyce when I began to do plays at Ocala Civic Theater....in the OLD theater. She was a warm and friendly face. Always there to help, encourage, support...love us all. Love to you all.....

Shay Blakemore - May 31, 2024 at 10:45 PM

CP

“ As one of three sisters,we had a couple of years of crafting with Joyce.She was so beautifully creative and fun and loved being part of our charity project.
We will cherish her precious Spirit..Loved you Joyce! Carla Potter

Carla Potter - May 31, 2024 at 09:13 PM

JS

“Joyce was not only a dear friend and fellow volunteer at the Ocala Civic Theatre, but also became my son Reid’s caregiver from age 10 months to 3 years. When it was time for my maternity leave to end in 1993, I was asking around for a home caregiver. Joyce said that she had been praying about leaving her insurance job and taking care of babies in her home. “I’ll pray about it and get back to you.” Well, God said, “yes” and she soon had Reid and two precious little girls to care for. Joyce and Fred now had new roles in our lives as “Mimi and Pop!” She loved those kids like they were her own. Rest in the Lord’s arms Joyce. I know you heard the words, “Well done, my good and faithful servant,” when you saw Him face to face. We’ll see you again, my friend!



Janet Shelley - May 31, 2024 at 04:09 PM