



Joyce Gibson

March 15, 1950 - August 15, 2021

Joyce L. Gibson, born March 15, 1950, passed away peacefully at her home on August 15, 2021.

Joyce was born with Cerebral Palsy and was never able to walk or perform daily tasks most of us take for granted. Her disability never dampened her spirit or smile. Joyce was a lifelong member of The First Baptist Church of Sharon and attended school at the Laurel Dayhab Center. She loved to listen to music and hum along. She loved to hear stories from the bible, play with cards and puzzles or do crafts. She was particularly fond of watching old Westerns, The Golden Girls and I Love Lucy – her infectious laughter permeating the room. More than anything, Joyce loved to go places and to be around people. Whether it was to church or to the mall or a vacation with family, Joyce lit up the world wherever she went. She never met a stranger. Joyce brought out the best in people.

Joyce was preceded in death by her parents, W.E. Sykes and Gladys Smith Sykes as well as her brother James E. Gibson. Survivors include her devoted sisters; Gloria Gibson Washer and Barbara G. Ulmer (Barry), sister-in-law Roberta Gibson, all of Laurel as well as her loving nieces and nephews; Derick Washer (Carrie) of Madison, MS, Cyril A. Washer of Memphis, TN, Tommy Ulmer (Jennifer), Martiel Bullock (Kelly), Grace Gibson, and Stormy Clark (Derrick) all of Laurel. She also leaves behind a dear aunt, Dorothy

Smith Dobson (Robert) and a whole group of beloved cousins including Jeff Dobson (Tammy) of Laurel, Donald Dobson (Susan), Denny Dobson (Kathy), Anthony Dobson (Jennifer) all of Foley, AL, Tammy Jones (Lewis) and Holly Strayer (Mike) both of Birmingham, AL.

Funeral services will be graveside at First Baptist Church of Sharon Cemetery on Wednesday, August 18 at Ten O'clock in the morning. Barry Ulmer and Brother Matt Olson will officiate.

Pallbearers will be Kelly Bullock, Denny Dobson, Anthony Dobson, Jeff Dobson, Donnie Dobson, and Tommy Ulmer. Honorary Pallbearers will be Robert Dobson, Barry Ulmer, Derick Washer, Cyril Washer, John Dobson and Bergin Bullock.

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers donations made in Joyce's honor to Unless U, a non-profit ministry that serves special needs adults. www.unlessu.org/donate

To sign the online guest book, please visit www.memorychapellaurel.com

Cemetery Details

Sharon Cemetery

4375 Sharon Road
Laurel, MS 39443

Previous Events

Graveside Service

AUG 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

Sharon Cemetery
4375 Sharon Road
Laurel, MS 39443

Tribute Wall

KC

“ I am so sorry ! Joyce was one of a kind and always had a big smile on her face that lit up a room! Praying for peace and comfort for ya'll!
Karan Chastain and family



Karan Chastain - August 18, 2021 at 10:28 PM

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“ So sorry to hear about sweet Joyce! Praying for her family and friends! Love to all! Nitha DeLoach.

Nitha DeLoach - August 17, 2021 at 05:51 PM

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“ Loved My Joyce Gibson My ❤️ Herat is Sadden For the Loss ,Praying For The Family and Friends..We Had So Many Memories Together..(She was Fireball 1 And Was Fireball 2.. That was the Name That Uncle Willie Sykes Gave Us 🙏💜🕊️!We Definitely A Mess When us two Got Together,,Love You Joyce RIP FireBall.....Your Now Singing with ANGELS in Heaven....🕊️🙏💜 Rest Easy BaBy Girl!

Charlotte Ellzey - August 17, 2021 at 01:49 PM

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“ Charlotte Ellzey lit a candle in memory of Joyce Gibson



Charlotte Ellzey - August 17, 2021 at 01:35 PM

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“ *Charlotte Ellzey lit a candle in memory of Joyce Gibson*



Charlotte Ellzey - August 17, 2021 at 08:47 AM

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“ *Charlotte Ellzey lit a candle in memory of Joyce Gibson*



Charlotte Ellzey - August 17, 2021 at 08:46 AM

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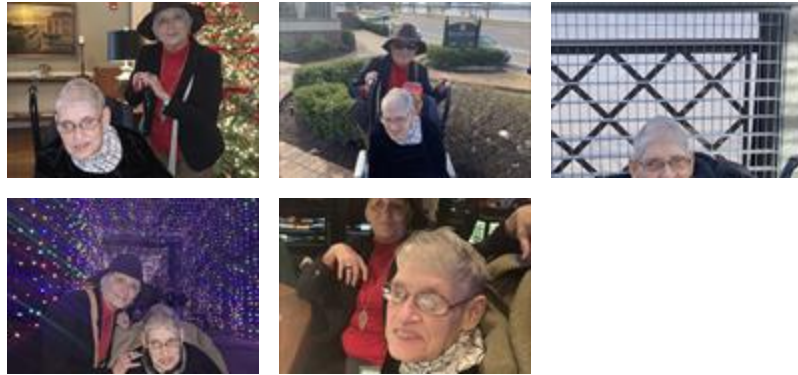
“ *Charlotte Ellzey lit a candle in memory of Joyce Gibson*



Charlotte Ellzey - August 17, 2021 at 08:45 AM



“ 2019 Christmas Week in Memphis! Zoo lights and watching ice skating and a clown show at the Memphis Zoo. Starry Nights light show and petting zoo with friends at Shelby Farms. Christmas lunch at Paulette’s on the River followed by a walk across the Mississippi and a Movie at the new powerhouse theater. Of course we watched the ducks March and checked out the gingerbread village and the Christmas tree at the Peabody Hotel. Visited Crosstown Concourse and Beale Street Landing.



Cy Washer - August 16, 2021 at 05:09 PM

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Beautiful Pictures 🙏🏻🕊️💜

Charlotte Ellzey - August 17, 2021 at 01:53 PM



“ *Thanksgiving 2016 trip to South Alabama. Visited family in foley. Shopped at Bass Pro. Sightseeing in fairhope.*



Cy Washer - August 16, 2021 at 05:04 PM



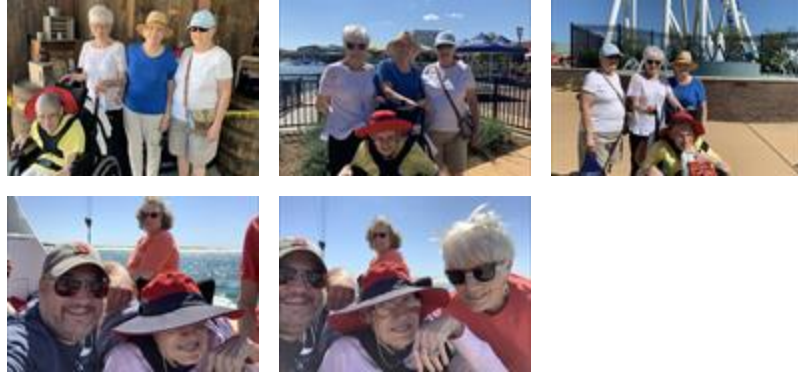
“ *2015 Trip to Memphis with Mom, sisters and niece. Visited Overton square and Cooper young. Had dinner at Alchemy. Shopped at the boutiques and got treats from Sweet Noshings.*



Cy Washer - August 16, 2021 at 05:02 PM



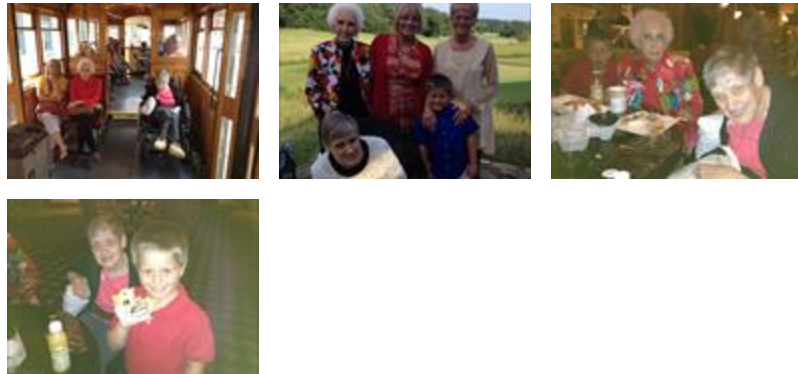
“ May 2021. Trip with family to Foley and OWA park and then a day at Ono Island and boating in the gulf with Cousin Greg Smith.



Cy Washer - August 16, 2021 at 05:00 PM



“ 2012 Trip to Memphis, TN with her mom and sisters. She rode the downtown trolley, visited South Main and Rizzos Diner. She had dinner at Spring Creek Ranch Golf Club and went shopping.



Cy Washer - August 16, 2021 at 04:56 PM



“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



Cy Washer - August 16, 2021 at 04:52 PM



“ *Susan Holmes lit a candle in memory of Joyce Gibson*



Susan Holmes - August 16, 2021 at 04:21 PM