



Ms. Joyce Cotten Long

May 3, 1949 - June 5, 2018

Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford

Ms. Joyce Cotten Long, 69, passed away at her residence in Water Valley, MS, on Tuesday, June 5, 2018. A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, June 8, 2018, at Cornerstone Full Gospel Church (606 Wise Street, Water Valley, MS 38965). Bros. R. W. Moffett and Freddie Moorman will officiate. Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford is in charge of arrangements.

Ms. Long was born in Tallahatchie County, MS, in 1949. She was an avid and lifelong reader. She would spend hours reading books, magazines, and anything else she should get her hands on. She loved life, and everyone in her life – be them family, extended family, friends, neighbors, or someone she just met. She never met a stranger and had the biggest heart anyone had ever seen. Ms. Long was always accepting people into her life and helping them in any way she could – sometimes caring more about them than herself.

Ms. Long was extremely smart and everyone around her would echo that notion. She was a member of Phi Theta Kappa and enjoyed sharing her knowledge with her children, grand children, and great-grandchild. Her conversations would bring a wealth of knowledge to those close to her – she was one to ask for advice from, one to share with others, and one to learn from. Ms. Long took this knowledge into the law field where she worked as a

paralegal until retirement.

She had a lot of faith and loved the Lord – something she shared with her family and friends throughout her life. She loved her grandbabies and cherished the time she had to spend with them – playing word games, putting together puzzles, or playing board games. A few of her favorites were Scrabble, Rummy, 10 Thousand, or other games of dice. Laughter was always the best medicine in her life as she was described as being full of joy, laughter, and love.

Ms. Long enjoyed trips to the thrift store to find the next jewel in the pile or prized piece for her ever growing collection at home. Most of all, she loved her family. She was always planning the next holiday or get-together. She took months at a time to plan things but of the care and thought she put into everything she did for her family.

Ms. Long is survived by her daughters, Pamela Colclasure, Stephanie (Bruce) Smith, and Alta Lynn Hughes, all of Water Valley; son, Clay (Gail) Ferguson of Water Valley; sister, Cathy (Robert) Patton of Water Valley; brothers, Harold (Cherie) Cotten of Winona, MS, Tommy (Connie) Latham of Water Valley, and Don Latham of Memphis, TN; 11 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

Ms. Long was preceded in death by her loving husband, Philip Lyle Long; father, James Cotten, Sr.; mother, Loie Sandefer; and brothers, James Cotten, Jr., and Carl Latham.

Donations and memorials in honor of Ms. Joyce Cotten Long may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (www.stjude.org).

Online condolences may be left on the Tribute Wall at www.colemanfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 8. 1:00 PM (CT)

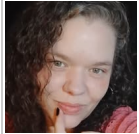
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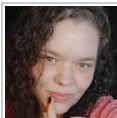
“ I'm so sorry to hear of Mrs Joyce passing. She was always the sweetest lady. Prayers for your family.

Carol Broyles - June 08, 2018 at 06:30 AM



“ I have tons of memories,I was stephanies be stir at once,pam was like the big sister I never had,and clay was a great friend as well I only met alta a few times but she was a sweetheart and then there was Phil and momma Joyce ..this beautiful, kind,loving,nurture ..she always had a smile I stayed a lot at their house ..practically lived there for a while..at night if I couldn't sleep, everybody elements would be out but momma joyce would be sitting up in her bed,Phillip would be snoring...he was a great soul to a comedian,layed back,kind man but momma Joyce would be up reading a book or magazine I would crawl right into bed with her and she'd put her arms around me and we'd talk the night away and I'd slip back into bed with steph before Phillip woke up for work that was a hard working man no doubt,momma Joyce loved and treated me like her own ,opened up her home and her heart to me and I love that wonderful women and I'm gonna truly miss her the world lost a great person not just us..I've never met another person on this earth like her she was definitely one of a kind....again my heart is with yall...love yall

Brittany Stranger - June 07, 2018 at 07:41 PM



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Brittany Stranger - June 07, 2018 at 07:45 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Joyce Cotten Long.*



June 07, 2018 at 06:15 PM