



Joyce Gray Burns

January 29, 1944 - July 20, 2020

Joyce Gray Burns, age 76, of Forrest City, died Monday, July 20, 2020, at her home in Forrest City. She had been in poor health for the past several years.

Mrs. Burns was born January 29, 1944, in Forrest City, and was the daughter of George C. Gray and Inez M. Hollimon Gray. As a child and young adult, Joyce attended the First Baptist Church in Forrest City. At the age of twelve she accepted Jesus Christ into her heart and was Baptized. At the time of her death, she was a member of the Three Trees Cowboy Church.

Joyce graduated from Forrest City Senior High in June 1962. She attended Millon Hawkins Business School and later went to work at Forrest Memorial Hospital which changed over to Baptist Memorial Hospital Forrest City. She was the Director of Human Resources and retired from the hospital in June, 1999 at the age of fifty-five.

During Joyce's life she served many professional organizations. She was a member of the Arkansas Hospital Personnel Association where she served as secretary/treasurer, American Society for Healthcare Human Resources, Administration of the American Hospital Association, member of the International Personnel Association, National Association for Female Executives, the local planning group of St. Francis County, the steering committee for Quality Management at East Arkansas Community College, and

served on several other committees. Joyce said her job gave her the opportunity to meet a lot of nice people and she enjoyed all aspects of her career. She was employed with the hospital for thirty-five years.

Joyce married Sidney G. Burns in 1969, and he survives her along with one son, Michael G. Burns of Forrest City, one daughter, Kim L. Burns Baskins of Forrest City, one sister, Geraldine Gray Melvin of Hunter, six grandchildren; Kayla, Kristin, Jessica, Sydnee, Seth, and Max, three great-grandchildren; Bentley, Kyler, and Brooklyn, and several nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. She had one brother, George C. Gray, her parents; George and Inez Hollimon Gray, all preceded her in death.

Services for Mrs. Burns will be held at Stevens Funeral Home Chapel, 10:00 A.M., Wednesday, with burial in Loughridge Cemetery. Visitation will be Tuesday evening 6:00 till 8:00 P.M. at the funeral home. Stevens Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. You may log on to stevensfuneralhome.net for the online registry.

Cemetery Details

Loughride

Colt, AR

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 21. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Stevens Funeral Home
220 North Washington
Forrest City, AR 72335
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Funeral Service

JUL 22. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Interment

JUL **22** (CT)

Loughride
Colt, AR

Tribute Wall

NG

“ She was my aunt and was like a second mother to me. I loved her with all my being.

Nicky Gray - October 25, 2020 at 11:45 PM

AF

“ I was out of town. I'm So Sorry to hear of Ms. Joyce's passing. I Loved working with her at the hospital. She was truly a sweet and kindhearted woman. My heart is with Kim and Mike as they Grieve the loss of a Very Special Lady.

Andrea Flowers-Barton - August 04, 2020 at 10:12 AM

DS

“ I worked with Joyce at Baptist. She was my favorite person at the hospital, She always had a smile and such a sweet lady! I Had been talking to her on FB and Had not in about six eeeks! I did not know She paseš until today! She was a strong lady and is now in Heaven!

dora Flanagin Jones- Searcy - August 04, 2020 at 12:32 AM

MB

“ Joyce and I were co-workers at Forrest Memorial Hospital many years ago. Sweet person and in later years always enjoyed visiting with her at Wal-Mart. Sending my deepest condolences. ❤️

Margaret Blaylock - July 28, 2020 at 02:54 PM

ST

“ Shirley W. Thorn lit a candle in memory of Joyce Gray Burns



Shirley W. Thorn - July 22, 2020 at 08:44 PM

RR

“ So sorry for your loss. I always thought a lot of Mrs. Joyce. She and my mother were friends at Forrest Memorial Hospital. May God comfort you in your time of sorrow.
Ruby Colvin Rogers.

Ruby Colvin Rogers - July 22, 2020 at 05:37 PM

CC

“ CAROL CUMMINGS lit a candle in memory of Joyce Gray Burns



CAROL CUMMINGS - July 22, 2020 at 12:05 PM

RA

“ Our thoughts & prayers go out to all of you. May you find some comfort in knowing that you will see her again one day. Sincerely,
Renee&Branden Adams,& Terry Smith

Renee Adams - July 22, 2020 at 12:02 AM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Joyce Gray Burns.*



July 21, 2020 at 11:56 PM



“ *Prayers To The Family. May God Be With You During This Difficult Time. --Duane & Kelly Nosler*

Kelly Nosler - July 21, 2020 at 09:38 PM