



Joyce Ann Riker

March 29, 1925 - November 19, 2018

Joyce A Riker, 93, of Dearborn, passed away peacefully on November 19, 2018 at Henry Ford Hospital in their hospice care area in the loving care of her family. Her eldest daughter Peach held her hand when she took her last breath. Joyce was born on March 29, 1925 to Esther and Bernard Gerhardi in River Rouge, Michigan. One of five children, Joyce had a lifelong devotion to family and a deep faith in God.

Joyce graduated from South Rockwood High School in 1943. She went on to serve her country by working as a "Rosie the Riveter", working on the B-24 bomber at the Ford Rouge plant. There she met her husband, the late Robert L Riker. They shared a wonderful life together, married for 47 years until his passing and raising seven children. Joyce will be fondly remembered for many things. She loved life and was always up for a party, especially if it included family. She loved music and dancing. She loved telling stories of days gone by and laughing. She was quick to forgive, slow to judge. She was so proud of each of her children, her many grandchildren and then their children. While she enjoyed being a homemaker when her children were young and needed her, in later life she took great pride in her job as manager at Willow Cove Apartments in Allen Park where she worked for nearly 30 years, and after her husband passed and she wanted to be busier, she loved being the hostess at Mountain Jack's restaurant in Taylor where she worked for 15 years, making friends with co-workers and customers alike. She was 83 when they closed and she was forced to retire from that position.

Those left to honor Joyce's memory are her children, Bernard (Kathryn) Riker of Traverse City, Peach (Ted) Williams of Dearborn, Michael (Deborah) Riker of Fort Meyers, FL, John (Dawn) Riker of Junction City, OR, Sheri (Mike) Golles of Dearborn, Randy (Joyce) Riker of Punta Gorda, FL, and daughter in law, Cathy Riker of Troy. She was also blessed to have 23 grandchildren, 38 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her siblings, and her eldest son, Robert L Riker, Jr. who sadly passed in 2007.

Visitation Monday, November 26, 2018 at Hackett-Metcalf Funeral Home from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with a rosary at 6:30 p.m. Instate 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at St. Sebastian Catholic Church, 3965 Merrick Street, Dearborn Heights, MI 48125 until the time

of Mass at 10:00 a.m. The luncheon will take place immediately following Mass in the St. Sebastian school activity center. Memorial contribution's may be made to St Sebastian Catholic School.

Events

NOV **Visitation** 02:00PM - 08:00PM

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Hackett-Metcalf Funeral Home
2640 Monroe Blvd., Dearborn, MI, US, 48124

NOV **Rosary** 06:30PM

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NOV **Instate** 09:30AM

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St. Sebastian Catholic Church
3965 Merrick Street, Dearborn Heights, MI, US, 48125

NOV **Mass** 10:00AM

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Comments



“ Kim & Kevin Turbin lit a candle in memory of Joyce Ann Riker



Kim & Kevin Turbin - November 26, 2018 at 03:28 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joyce Ann Riker.



November 26, 2018 at 03:05 PM



“ Dear Aunt Joyce,
I will truly miss your wisdom and guidance, your loving laughter, and the happy life stories you shared with us! God has an angel with him now. Please give my love to my Mom and Dad, in many ways I looked to you for advice after they left. I always felt your love for me, and you know how much I love you!
Joanne

Joanne V - November 25, 2018 at 08:11 PM



“ Mandy Wittenberg lit a candle in memory of Joyce Ann Riker



Mandy Wittenberg - November 25, 2018 at 05:10 PM



“ Lauri, Lachlan and Aili Brockmiller purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Joyce Ann Riker.



Lauri, Lachlan and Aili Brockmiller - November 25, 2018 at 02:30 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joyce Ann Riker.



November 25, 2018 at 01:52 PM



“ I never really new Joyce all that well, but when ever I saw her at my Aunt Kathy and Uncle Bernie's house she always had a big smile on her face and she made every one happy.
I am truly sorry for your loss. I know Joyce will be looking down on you from heaven.
Love,
Aili Brockmiller

Lauri Brockmiller - November 25, 2018 at 01:45 PM



“ Joyce was a very sweet lady. I am so thankful I got to have Joyce in my life. I know she will have a place in heaven. I send my condolences to my Uncle Bernie and his family.
Love,
Lachlan Brockmiller

Lauri Brockmiller - November 25, 2018 at 01:37 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joyce Ann Riker.



November 25, 2018 at 12:52 PM



“ Michael Golles lit a candle in memory of Joyce Ann Riker



michael golles - November 23, 2018 at 08:46 PM



“ Much love & many hugs, LeeAnn, Steve, Mandy & Gabe purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Joyce Ann Riker.



Much love & many hugs, LeeAnn, Steve, Mandy & Gabe - November 23, 2018 at 05:32 PM



“ Bob, Candy, CJ & Ryan purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Joyce Ann Riker.



Bob, Candy, CJ & Ryan - November 23, 2018 at 03:03 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joyce Ann Riker.



November 23, 2018 at 01:56 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joyce Ann Riker.



November 23, 2018 at 11:04 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Joyce Ann Riker.



November 21, 2018 at 09:30 PM



“ Thinking of you Bernie and Kathryn and family. Joyce was such a joy and we will all miss her. Love, Dawn and Jeff

dawn - November 21, 2018 at 09:15 PM



“ Mom Riker ... I never actually met you, but I saw your beautiful face many many times on Facebook when you were with my friend Sheri. I was envious of your beautiful loving relationship with your family ... your kids and grand kids ... not everyone has a pleasant relationship with their parents and it is a sad thing to bear. Rest now in the arms of Jesus and your memory will live in the hearts of many who loved you. You were a special angel who walked on Earth ... and now has residence in the Heavens above with those who have passed before you. May Jesus keep you

in his trusted arms and may He provide strength and love to those you've left behind. God loves you Riker Family ... and so do I.

Patti Mack - November 21, 2018 at 06:44 PM



“ My Dear Friend Joyce, I will always cherish our times together our talks and all your wisdom you shared with me. You were the perfect example of the saying “growing old gracefully” RIP My Dear Friend

Judy Yaquinto - November 20, 2018 at 10:38 PM



“ Love and Hugs Noah and Maya Wittenberg purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Joyce Ann Riker.



Love and Hugs Noah and Maya Wittenberg - November 20, 2018 at 01:13 PM



“ Aunt Joyce is one of the big reasons my happy childhood was so happy. Always positive, always loving, always available. Her memory will always be a part of me...and many others I am sure. Love, prayers, and condolences to her family.

Nancy Riker Goff - November 20, 2018 at 01:13 PM



“ Joyce was a dear friend and I will miss her beautiful smile. She truly did master the art of growing old gracefully.

Christine - November 26, 2018 at 01:19 PM