



Joyce Cook Phillips

December 8, 1931 - August 16, 2025

On the afternoon of Saturday, August 16, 2025, our beloved Joyce Cook Phillips earned her angel wings and entered the kingdom of Heaven. Born and raised in Fairburn, Georgia on December 8, 1931, Joyce was the fourth of five children. She was born to Lula Jay and Jefferson Wayne Cook and lived her whole life in her hometown of Fairburn, Georgia. On September 23, 1949, Joyce married her high school sweetheart, Bobby Joe Phillips, and was blessed with two children, David and Debbie. She worked for a short time at the First National Bank of Atlanta, but spent most of her life as a homemaker, caring for those she loved and traveling with her husband and family. Joyce endured much heartache during her long life, including the death of her husband at an early age after 49 years of marriage and then the death of her only daughter. Despite her painful losses Joyce gracefully welcomed the role of matriarch of her family until her death. She was an active presence in the lives of her son, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She loved the Atlanta Braves, the Varsity, Longhorn Steakhouse, Jim-n-Nick's Barbecue and Chick-fill-a and relished her time spent with those she loved. She embraced Jesus as her Lord and Savior and looked forward to being in His presence when her days on earth were over.

Joyce was preceded in death by her parents, Lula and Jefferson Wayne Cook, her four siblings, her beloved husband, Bobby Joe Phillips, and her daughter Deborah Joyce Smallwood. She is survived by her son, David Bobby Phillips;

her grandchildren, Chad Smallwood (Maureen), Missy Phillips LaMontagne (Matthew) and Melanie Phillips Ellenberg (Philip); and six great-grandchildren (Bryson Smallwood , Megan Smallwood, Mason LaMontagne, Tanner LaMontagne, Tripp Ellenberg, and Christine Ellenberg; several nieces and nephews.

Joyce lived a long and joyful life and leaves a large void that will not soon fade in the lives of those who loved her. We will forever treasure our time and memories with her and take comfort in the knowledge that she is now at peace and rejoicing in Heaven.

The family will receive guests on Saturday, August 30, 2025 at 2pm at Parrott Funeral Home followed by a memorial service in the Chapel of Parrott Funeral Home at 3pm. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Jude's or Samaritan's Purse.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 30. 2:00 PM (ET)

Parrott Funeral Home & Crematory
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Fairburn, GA 30213
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Memorial Service

AUG 30. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Parrott Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Joyce Cook Phillips*



Parrott Funeral Home - August 30, 2025 at 11:04 AM



“ *Parrott Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joyce Cook Phillips*



Parrott Funeral Home - August 26, 2025 at 12:40 PM



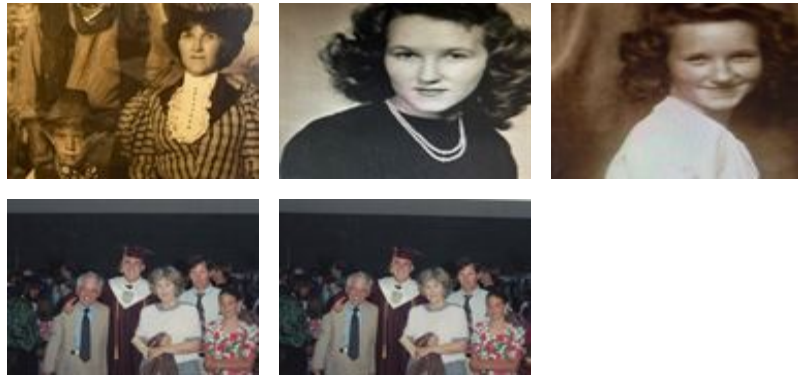
“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Joyce Cook Phillips.*



August 29, 2025 at 03:31 PM



“ 52 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Parrott Funeral Home - August 26, 2025 at 12:37 PM



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Parrott Funeral Home - August 26, 2025 at 08:39 AM



“ 13 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Parrott Funeral Home - August 25, 2025 at 09:54 AM

EM

“ All are in my Prayers & thoughts at this time. I know that God will give you His strength at this time.



Edna Mitchell - August 23, 2025 at 04:43 PM

LA

“ I had the pleasure to bring Joyce into my life when Missy met my Son Matthew. Every time there was a family event or holiday , I had a chance to sit down with Joyce and have interesting and fun conversations. She entertained me with stories about her childhood, her family. She was like a book I could not wait to read the next chapter. Joyce made me feel like family. She had the most beautiful smile and soft southern accent. She will be missed very much in my life. She was a kind sweet gracious lady.

LaMontagne - August 23, 2025 at 08:51 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Joyce Cook Phillips.



August 22, 2025 at 02:16 PM

EG

“ *Melanie, it was heart warming to see you making sure your grandmother had everything she needed (comfort and love) during her last weeks....and the support you provided for your dad. You truly are an angel!*

Eggy - August 22, 2025 at 01:06 PM

AT

“ *David, Missy, Melanie, and grands, My heart goes out to all of you. You put your all into making Joyce as comfortable and happy as possible during her final days. I was so honored to be a part of it, and for having the privilege of being close to Joyce for 51 years. She's at peace now. I cannot begin to tell you how sorry I am for your loss, but know my hugs and prayers are with you each and every day.*

Ann (Phillips) Teaster - August 22, 2025 at 10:19 AM

SW

“ *Sandra Waltz purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Joyce Cook Phillips.*



Sandra Waltz - August 22, 2025 at 10:07 AM