



## Mrs. Joyce Carter Smith

June 18, 1942 - January 6, 2025

Mrs. Joyce Carter Smith, 82, of Tifton, died on Monday, January 6, 2025, at her residence. The memorial service will be held at 2:00 PM on Friday, January 10, 2025, at Banks Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Donnie Wright will officiate.

Joyce had a long and rewarding career as a cake decorator. She began her career at the Well known Milady Bakery in Tifton, where she learned cake decorating under the supervision of co-owner Mable Rhodes. After 13 years at Milady Bakery, she decided to buy a florist and she used her artistic abilities to create beautiful floral arrangements. Her next career move was to Food Max as a cake decorator and then deli-bakery manager. After 8 years at Food Max, Joyce was recruited by the J. H. Harvey Company to use her decorating expertise to train new employees in the deli-bakery departments in the new Harvey grocery stores throughout South Georgia. The exemplary work Joyce exhibited at Harvey's led to her recruited by the H.C. Brill Company of Tucker, Georgia, as their service technician for their Harvey's Account. Brill provided many of the bakery products. She retired after 10 years at Brill, and spent her retirement years being nana for her 3 grandchildren whom she adored. Her granddaughters always loved calling their "nana" and hearing her answer the phone, "Hey Darling". Her grandsons loved planting flowers with her. Joyce was a member of Pine Hill Baptist Church in Sumner.

Survivors include her son, Monty Smith (Lane) of Poulan; grandchildren, Keaton Smith, Makalah Smith, Jack Smith and Katie Spears; siblings, Pat Carlisle of Gainesville, Florida, Janice Siquefield of Leesburg, and Jimmy Carter of Collins, Georgia; lifelong friends, Kathy Chambliss, Mary Surry and Judy Thompson; a host of nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, Mrs. Smith was preceded in death by her loving husband, Melvin Raymond Smith in 2009; children, Art Spears; Kathy Spears and also by her siblings, Billy Carter, Curtis Carter and Ernest Carter.

Please sign our online guest registry at [www.banksfh.com](http://www.banksfh.com).

Banks Funeral Home in Sylvester is in charge of arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 10. 2:00 PM (ET)

Banks Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall

JB

“ So sorry I didn't know anything about Ms Joyce passing or I would have been at the viewing and funeral. My Mother and I kept Monty when he was little. I loved Joyce so much. She was one wonderful Lady. So sorry we didn't know. Janice Bennett

Janice Bennett - January 25, 2025 at 06:07 PM

BP

“ Joyce made our wedding cake 53 years ago!



Barbara Crowe Pattee - January 10, 2025 at 11:26 AM

JC

“ Janie Crowe lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joyce Carter Smith



Janie Crowe - January 09, 2025 at 10:08 PM

BH

“ I came to know Ms. Joyce while we were both members at Pine Hill Baptist Church. She was such a sweet lady and was always such a welcoming person. I was blessed to know her. Prayers for all

Beth Howell - January 09, 2025 at 11:03 AM

GP

“ Many wonderful memories made on the ole Carter Farm. My deepest condolences to all of you....

Gennie Spears Patterson - January 08, 2025 at 10:44 PM

CC

“ Joyce was my sister-in-law but more like a sister to me. We shared many good times and many sad times. We talked almost every day. We laughed together, solved problems together, cried together and prayed together. She got to heaven first, but I will get to see her again some day. She never finished a phone conversation without saying “I love you”. I already miss you. Rest in peace. You made it home.

Carolyn Carter - January 08, 2025 at 08:00 PM

GI

“ I worked with Ms. Joyce at FoodMax. I loved watching her decorate a cake. She was a master at her trade and fun to be with. She and Ms. Mary were special people.

Gina - January 08, 2025 at 01:05 PM

KF

“ Mrs. Joyce was a precious lady who I had a chance to get to know when she would show up for Katie at GBCS. Then I had the privilege of being a fellow member with her at Pine Hill. She was such a joy to be around, and we had many encouraging conversations. Prayers for the family.

Kristy Franks - January 08, 2025 at 10:57 AM

SJ

“ Sandra A Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joyce Carter Smith



Sandra A Jones - January 08, 2025 at 10:01 AM

SP

“ Shirley Podowski lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joyce Carter Smith



Shirley Podowski - January 08, 2025 at 09:12 AM

SP

“ A beautiful lady who lloved her fsmily. I will miss our talks

Shirley Podowski - January 08, 2025 at 09:10 AM

CY

“ Carol Roberts York lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joyce Carter Smith



Carol Roberts York - January 07, 2025 at 10:04 PM

CG

“ Tifton has certainly lost one of the best ladies.. Mrs. Joyce and I spent so much time together many years ago and she certainly was a dear friend. Her sweetness, good talks and laughter will surely be missed!

Charonne Gardner - January 07, 2025 at 08:52 PM

JS

“ She was my sister and best friend for over 80 years. I will miss her more than words could describe but I will see her again. Thank you sister for always being there for me. I Loved you bigger than big big huge❤️



Janice Sinuefield - January 07, 2025 at 07:43 PM

DM

You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers 🙏🙏

Deborah Mainor - January 08, 2025 at 11:36 AM

KC

“ Mrs. Joyce was one of the most authentic people I have ever known. The Love she had in her heart for her family and friends was unmatched. We had so many good days together whether we were working, talking on the phone or shopping. Sleep well my dear friend.

Kathy Chambliss

Kathy Chambliss - January 07, 2025 at 07:36 PM

JS

Kathy, she told me so many funny stories about you and your Daddy. Don't worry, she didn't reveal any of those secrets 😊🙏

Janice Sinuefield - January 08, 2025 at 12:22 AM

RC

“ Aunt Jawcee, as I often called her name as a child. You will forever be missed. A true diamond. One of very few great souls I, as a nephew was blessed with. Oh at the times, seeking in the bakery for a snack or being hugged so hard you couldn't breathe. We love you Lady.

Ricky and Anita Carter - January 07, 2025 at 06:09 PM

BP

“ I have lots of memories of Joyce and her family in the Pine Hill community. I was just a kid when I helped “hand” tobacco at their barn!!



Barbara Crowe Pattee - January 07, 2025 at 05:06 PM

JS

Barbara, those days at the tobacco barn are some of the best memories of my younger years ❤️

Janice Sinuefield - January 08, 2025 at 12:25 AM

LC

“ Larry Crowe lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joyce Carter Smith



Larry Crowe - January 07, 2025 at 03:34 PM

DJ

“ Prayers for Peace, Comfort & Strength in the days ahead, for All of You. Love & Hugs.



Debra C Jones - January 07, 2025 at 02:41 PM