



## Mrs. Joyce B. Cromartie

June 7, 1937 - August 31, 2023

Obituary for Joyce B. Cromartie (Joyce B. Mims)

Joyce B. Cromartie (June. 073, 1937 through August 31, 2023)

The family will be having one viewing to accommodate guests on Saturday September 16, 2023, at Pope Funeral Homes, Forestville Chapel; 5538 Marlboro Pike, Forestville MD 20747:

The viewing will be held from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM

The services will be held from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

The burial will be held at Fort Myer's chapel in Arlington, Virginia at a later date.

Joyce B. Cromartie was born in Ashville, North Carolina, June 7, 1937. Her parents were Joe and Dorothy Bell; she was one of three and raised by her grandparents Walter and Bula Mims. Joyce attended Florida A&M University in Tallahassee, Florida in 1954 through 1957. While attending FAMU she met and married the love of her life/college sweetheart, Eugene R. Cromartie. She is survived by four sons whom all served the community in various careers (Geno, LEO, Marco, and Eliseo).

On August 31, 2023, not only our family, but several families suffered the loss

of our tribe leader, our matriarch, Joyce Cromartie, a woman still revered by many as and still proudly call MOM. As we grew up our home was open to everyone, she was everyone's guiding light. Though you are in heaven, we thank you for always loving us and guiding us. And though you are no longer here with us we can still feel your love.

Everyone called her mom. She held a special place as the matriarch and mentor to many. She was and still is the guiding force, the pillar of strength, and the nurturer who held many lives together. As the matriarch, she played a critical role in shaping the values, beliefs, and traditions of her four sons and many others. She believed in selfless services and giving to others as she displayed over the many years of giving and contributing to others and several organizations.

"What we have once enjoyed deeply we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes part of us." - Helen Keller

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the following, under Joyce Cromartie:

Tribute Pages ' Alzheimer's Association

[https://www.alz.org/get-involved-now/other\\_ways\\_to\\_give/tributes](https://www.alz.org/get-involved-now/other_ways_to_give/tributes)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **16.** 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Pope Funeral Home Forestville Chapel  
5538 MARLBORO PIKE  
FORESTVILLE, MD 20747

## Funeral Service

SEP **16.** 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Pope Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Mrs. Joyce B. Cromartie*



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**Pope Funeral Homes** - September 16, 2023 at 02:44 PM

MM

“ *Remembering Mrs Joyce B. Cromartie again today, as I'm using the Cookbook created in 1981-1982, in Mannheim, Germany „When 8 IS NOT ENOUGH“. Danke, Joyce, lebe in Gottes Liebe und Frieden, Amen 🙏  
Maria G Snider*

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**Maria G Snider, HN Teacher, Mannheim** - February 09 at 08:07 AM

KS

“ *My deepest sympathies to the family for their loss. My parents and the Cromarties were in Bremerhaven Germany as the young officers served together. My 94 year old mother remembers them both fondly. I had occasion to meet General and Mrs Cromartie when he spoke at my father's funeral in 2003. Both kind and loving people who made a difference in the World.*

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**Karen Sweet** - March 11, 2024 at 11:28 AM

RH

“ I send my sincere sympathy to the Cromartie family on the passing of Joyce. I worked for Eugene in the Prost Marshall's Office in Mannheim and got to know them both well. Joyce always had a smile when she greeted you and was a gracious and elegant woman. She loved Eugene and her family more than anything. I will forever remember the last time I saw them in Mannheim just prior to Eugene's retirement. The lasting hug when we said goodbye has brought a smile to my face more than once upon remembering that time. I still have nothing short of the utmost respect for MG Cromartie to this day. Gob Bless you all, Randy Hodnett

Randy Hodnett - February 16, 2024 at 09:46 PM

VR

“ We will miss Joyce (AKA Gigi to us) and those wonderful smothered pork chops she made for us when we visited while Marco, Trenessa and Kendall came to town. She and Gene never hesitated to make us feel like family. The love, kinship and professional advice was priceless. She will be sorely missed!

Oliver and Val Rich

Valerie Rich - September 16, 2023 at 03:51 PM

JM

“ Marco, my sincere condolences to you and your family regarding the loss of your mother. We will keep you in our prayers as your family navigates this difficult time. Cherish those fond memories of her, as you have many!!! Jan



Jan Martin - September 16, 2023 at 02:31 PM

RP

“ *I will always cherish our special friendship! She was always graceful and she could throw an elegant party at the drop of a hat! I definitely learned a lot from her. She was funny and full of spunk and we had many hilarious moments! I'm glad that I had the opportunity to talk to her and express our mutual love for one another.*

*She loved her family dearly and I know they will miss her! Tyrone and I are sending you our deepest sympathy and prayers!*

*Robin and Tyrone Payton*

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**Robin F Payton** - September 16, 2023 at 12:18 PM