



## Ms. Joyce Simms Jefferson

April 3, 1954 - November 23, 2020

Joyce Ellen Simms Jefferson was born on April 3, 1954 in Washington, D.C. She was the fourth child of the late Dorothy and Emmet Simms. At an early age, she accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. Over the years, she was a member of several Methodist and Baptist churches with Zion Church in Glenarden, Maryland being the place of her last membership for the past 20 years.

Joyce was educated in the Public School Systems of both Cleveland, Ohio and the District of Columbia. She was a proud graduate of Spingarn High School Class of 1972. After graduation, Joyce attended Prince George's County Community College where she obtained her Associates Degree.

Joyce married her childhood friend and Deanwood neighborhood sweetheart, Steve Jefferson, on October 21, 1978. From this union, there were three children: Steve, William and Johari.

Joyce was an avid reader.. Her family and friends all knew her for cooking. Joyce loved all sports, but football and tennis were her favorites. Joyce was also up-to-date on politics and various world events.

Joyce enjoyed traveling and took many trips. On her last trip, she travelled with friends and family on a Mediterranean Cruise where she visited Spain, Italy and France.

On Monday, November 23, 2020 Joyce made a peaceful transition in her sleep to the next chapter in her life. Although she is gone, her spirit will be remembered forever.

Joyce was preceded in death by her devoted and loving husband of 40 years, Steve Jefferson; mother, Dorothy Virginia Savoy Simms; father, Emmet Hurlong Simms; step-mother, Evelyn Pounds Glover Simms and three sisters, Terri Ann Simms Grier, Lavata Regina Wilkinson Hamilton Wood, and Rosalind Delores Simms Tymus.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pope Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Ms. Joyce Simms Jefferson*



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**Pope Funeral Homes** - December 07, 2020 at 10:48 AM

RA

*Love you Aunt Joyce. You will be truly missed.*

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**Raynika** - December 07, 2020 at 12:17 PM



“ *Ms. Joyce Simms Jefferson*

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January 28, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ *Ms. Joyce Simms Jefferson*

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January 28, 2023 at 10:26 AM

PM

“Joyce was the best sister anyone could ask for she cared about everyone she ever met she always helped me in my dark days I could always run to her and she would always be there to make things right for me even when she was sick she would ask how everybody else is doing we had a lot of love and laughs together growing up on 48th place Joyce I will always love you miss you so so much everyday till we met again Pat kiss Roz and Mommy for me I miss you all

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**Pat Marti** - February 03, 2021 at 07:51 PM

SH

“Sending prayers of comfort to the family! Hold onto the memories and they will hold onto you. My heart smiles thinking about the wonderful time spent with you cruising the Mediterranean. Those memories will be forever etched in my heart! RIP my friend.

*Sheila Holeman*

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**Sheila Holeman** - December 09, 2020 at 10:14 AM

EF

“My deepest condolences to the family! You all are in my prayers!!!



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**Erika Faison** - December 07, 2020 at 11:52 AM

CS

“ *Sending prayers of comfort and peace to my cousins. Aunt Joyce was an awesome lady. She loved us dearly and we will miss her. Please know that we are praying for you and with you during this time. So sorry that these terrible circumstances are keeping us from being there with you all but know that you are in our hearts. Be encouraged for God will comfort and take care of you today and forever.*

*Love,*

*Frank and Candace*

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**Candace Stowe** - December 07, 2020 at 09:43 AM

GP

“ *Memories of Joyce*

*I was 11 years older than Joyce. I remember Joyce*

- as a toddler being a cry baby*
- as a young girl being good not causing any problems*
- as a teenager keeping their bedroom messy and junky*
- as beginning to work around 16 years old and helping my Mother*
- as a great Mom, caring and loving her children tremendously. They had the best and latest clothes, toys and gadgets.*
- as a great sister that I loved very much and will greatly miss.*

*Gaye*

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**Gabrielle Patrick** - December 07, 2020 at 01:16 AM

SO

“ Dear Steve, William and Johari my deep condolences to you,

*Remember those beautiful years when both your Mom and Dad were there.*

*Through their love and training, they revealed how much they cared.*

*Physically they are gone but they are with God, in a much better place.*

*Believe me, their reservations were made because of God's love and His grace.*

*In the years ahead, fulfill the many legacies they left behind.*

*Knowing never will you be alone because eternal life will be on your mind.*

*Love,  
Schley*

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**Schley Owens** - December 06, 2020 at 08:07 PM

SO

“ *I remember on the 13-day Mediterranean Cruise, our many conversations sharing our life experiences. I will always remember the enjoyable social gatherings at Joyce's home with family and others.*

*Schley Owens*

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**Schley Owens** - December 06, 2020 at 08:04 PM

GP

“ I remember when I went to the movies with Aunt Joyce, Breanna and GG. We enjoyed the movie and went out to eat afterwards. I loved Aunt Joyce, She was nice.

With love,  
Angelei Gibson  
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**Gabrielle Patrick** - December 06, 2020 at 07:02 PM

GP

“ Sending condolences to Steve, William and Johari, You have lost both of your parents. My heart aches for you. They did an excellent job of raising three beautiful--inside and out— children. It’s going to be hard carrying on life without them, but they raised you well. You need not feel alone. They will be watching over your from above and Jesus Christ is by your side. Know that as long as I live, I will be there for you. You’re in my thoughts, my heart, and my prayers.

Love,  
Aunt Gaye

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**Gabrielle Patrick** - December 06, 2020 at 06:45 PM