



Joyce Ann Fagala

August 8, 1939 - April 13, 2020

Joyce Ann Fagala of Conway, Arkansas, passed from this life on April 13, 2020. Joyce was born August 8, 1939, to Willie Robert “Bennie” Speer and Hazel Florence Hunter in Seminole, Oklahoma. She is the oldest of nine children. On June 6, 1959, she married Charles “Dan” Fagala, of Cave Springs, Arkansas, who passed away November 19, 2017. She is also preceded in death by her mother and father, her first born child Sherry Lynn Fagala, and one brother Paul Douglas Speer (Phyllis).

She is survived by her daughter Mary “Janette” Willis (Gary) and her son Charles Dan “Danny” Fagala, Jr. (Robin); five grandchildren, Heather Thomas (Brian), Lauren Farris (Jonah), Kirby Willis (Taylor), Kelsey Sandefur (Jordan), and Kaylen Fagala; five great grandchildren, Cassidy Gray, Sadie Thomas, Finnegan Farris, Caroline Thomas, Savannah Sandefur, and another great grandchild to arrive in July; one sister Mary Ceren (Dale); six brothers, Don Speer (Carolyn), James Speer (Barbara), John Speer (Jan), Charles Speer (Linda), David Speer (Angie), and Ben Speer (Melissa).

Being the oldest of nine children, Joyce learned at an early age how to nurture and care for others. Growing up in a preacher and teacher’s home, there were many opportunities for learning. She graduated from Potosi High School in Potosi, Missouri, and then attended Central Baptist College in Conway, Arkansas, where she met the love of her life. Music was woven all throughout her life and she enjoyed playing the piano and singing. She was a gifted pianist and singer but never considered herself to be so. She was involved with several music groups while at CBC and made lifelong friendships there. She loved singing with her siblings and their voices blended together so beautifully. In the churches Dan pastored, she was almost always the pianist and was usually teaching a Sunday school class or a music class. She was employed as office manager at the Gravette Medical Clinic for many years and also Amark Engineering and Manufacturing in Gravette. At the time of her death, she was a member of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Greenbrier. While a resident at Village Park she attended Robinson Avenue Baptist Church in Conway. Her humble spirit and giving heart endeared her to all that she met and served with. Even in the last few years as her mind and memory were fading, she had a

sweet spirit about her and touched the lives of those that cared for her.

The family would like to thank all of her caregivers with special recognition to Melissa Hight at The Hight House, Village Park of Conway, Conway Regional Medical Center, and Kindred Hospice.

Memorials can be made to Central Baptist College Endowed Scholarship Fund Speer Family Scholarship, Lifeword, or Bethlehem Baptist Church.

General visitation will be held on Wednesday, April 15th from 8 am to 5 pm at Bishop-Crites Funeral Home, 108 N Broadview St, Greenbrier, Arkansas.

There will be a graveside service on Thursday, April 16th at 2 pm at Cave Springs Cemetery, Johnson Road, Cave Springs, Arkansas.

Cemetery

Events

Cave Springs Cemetery **APR**

536 E Johnson Ave

Cave Springs, AR, 72718

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Visitation

08:00AM - 05:00PM

Bishop-Crites Funeral Home

108 North Broadview, Greenbrier, AR, US, 72058

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DELIVER TO THE FUNERAL HOME BY 9AM02:00PM

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Cave Springs Cemetery

536 E Johnson Ave, Cave Springs, AR, US, 72718

Comments



“ I am sorry to hear of the passing of Joyce. I had the pleasure of working with Joyce for many years at Gravette Medical Associates. She was a delight to work with and was always willing to help do whatever needed to be done. I will always consider her a good friend.

John Phillips

john phillips - April 20 at 11:30 AM



“ So sorry to hear. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of Mrs. Joyce life... It was an honor to be considered to help in her care.....I love you all!!!

Terri Smith - April 18 at 07:47 AM



“ Sure thought a lot of Mrs. Joyce. We enjoyed her in Sunday school class. She sure was a fine lady.

Bill R Townsend - April 15 at 09:05 PM



“ I credit Joyce with my ability to play 3-note chords with my right hand on the piano. The way the piano was situated at Beacon, from where I sat I could see Joyce's hands as she played for song services and specials. I would watch what she did, then go home and practice doing the same things on our own piano. I thought Joyce's playing was beautiful, and I wanted to play like her. I'm praying for you, Janette and Danny. May God's comfort and peace surround and fill you.
Love you,
Robin Barker

Robin Barker - April 15 at 12:58 PM



“ I knew Joyce when I was a little girl! She was from a family that has remained forever in my life from a distance! A few of her younger siblings have remained in my life as friends since I was about 4 years old or younger. I have no doubt that she is now absent from her body and present with the Lord. Prayers for her families.....please know that her entire birth family, including sweet Joyce, will always have a place in my heart with "precious memories, how they linger..... ”

Karen Foster Beam - April 15 at 12:32 PM



“ So sorry for the loss to this whole family .Mirs Fagala was always so joyful , she always made every one feel so comfortable and happy when around her. Sending heartfelt prayers to all .love Diana Hensley

diana hensley - April 15 at 11:27 AM



“ Mrs. Fagala was a precious lady. She always had a smile on her face. She was a wonderful pastor's wife. Bro. and Mrs. Fagala were a great team. Both were wonderful servants of God. The Fagalas also had some great kids!
We love your family and are praying for you.
Martin, Jennifer, and Madelyn Jameson

Martin Jameson - April 15 at 09:12 AM



“ Joyce Fagala, with Dan's support, was one of the early teachers, along with Helen Taylor, Peggy Campbell, & Elise Smith (all now in heaven) of Bible classes in Gravette public schools. Classes (as authorized by US Supreme Court) continue taught by Gayla, Hope, Catrina, & Marylea. Thanks, Joyce Fagala!

Kim Hendren - April 15 at 07:52 AM



“ Sister joyce was a wonderful Christian lady. I was honor to have bro Dan and sister joyce as my pastors at Salem Baptist church. What wonderful caring folks.
Jeff Bartlett

Jeff bartlett - April 14 at 08:38 PM



“ Jana O'Dell lit a candle in memory of Joyce Ann Fagala



Jana O'Dell - April 14 at 08:26 PM



“ We are so saddened to hear of the passing of Joyce. She was a longtime friend and a very special lady. Bro. Dan was our pastor many years ago and we always loved their special singing. Attended church camps together and had so much fun. Our sympathy to her family. You are in our prayers.

Clarence and Shirley Wilson - April 14 at 07:18 PM



“ So sorry for your loss, Janette.

Ellen Outlaw

Ellen Outlaw - April 14 at 05:46 PM



“ A life well-lived. Our condolences to her family. She was a beautiful lady and role-model. Our prayers are with you all. George and Jerene Reddin

Jerene Reddin - April 14 at 04:55 PM