



## Mrs. Joyce Duckett

May 10, 2019

Joyce passed on from her life on earth on Friday May 10, 2019 and went to be with her lord Jesus Christ in Heaven. Joyce was born in May 1926, in Waycross Ga., as the youngest child in her family and now is the last survivor to pass on. She is predeceased by her parents: James and Mittie Sentell Hardegree, her siblings James F. Hardegree, William (Bill) Hardegree, Katherine Hardegree and Doris Hardegree Davis.

She was born and raised of the great depression from where her family moved to Sandy Springs, Ga. and established their lives and community. Joyce was a smart and intelligent learner from her elementary school through out a life of continued education and learning and ultimately a Masters of Law degree. Joyce founded her own income tax preparation and small business accounting advisory company and worked tirelessly for over 25 years until retirement. She was an avid reader and a bible scholar where upon she read and studied the bible from Genesis through Revelations over a dozen times. Her affinity and love for language and reading was affirmed with her publishing 2 novels: most notably her somewhat fiction but mostly autobiographical, "Though He Slay Me". She was a formidable story teller especially to her young grandchildren mixing some truth with much more intrigue to compel much cackle and laughter.

She found her true love and husband, James (Jimmy) Duckett, Jr., and began her own family in 1954. Survived by her 3 children: Charles Preston Duckett and wife Mary, Michael (Mike) Duckett and Diane Duckett Gentry, her 3

granddaughters: Haley A. Duckett, Leah Gentry and Emily Simpson and husband Mark and 3 great grandchildren. Joyce is also survived by nine nieces and nephews.

Upon her retirement with Jimmy they built their retirement home on Lake Arrowhead and began the next life journey with old friends and new friends and a new community. The relaxed atmosphere far away but not too far from their roots in the Atlanta area suited them well. All of these plans were laid in action and then suddenly interrupted when Jimmy passed way too soon in May 1989.

Joyce's life was centered around all of her family and fortified by her profound faith and love for Christ and Family and Friends. If Joyce called you as friend then you were cherished by her for all of her long blessed life.

Her Christian faith journey began early in life and continued throughout life as she nurtured her faith and she was never shy about sharing that faith with others in need. The substance of her profound faith was always present in her warm smile and loving eyes of blue. She lived a happy and full and admirable life as a mostly independent woman well ahead of her time.

She will be missed by all that came her way. Amen

# Cemetery Details

## Arlington Memorial Park

201 Mount Vernon Hwy NW  
Atlanta, ga

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 18. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory  
12050 Crabapple Road  
Roswell, GA

## Funeral Service

MAY 18. 2:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Roswell  
710 Mimosa Blvd.  
Roswell, GA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Joyce Duckett*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *Beth White purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Joyce Duckett.*



**Beth White** - May 16, 2019 at 07:41 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Joyce Duckett.*



May 16, 2019 at 01:34 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Joyce Duckett.*



May 16, 2019 at 07:45 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Joyce Duckett.*



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May 15, 2019 at 08:28 PM



“ *I was privileged to be Joyce's pastor at Lake Arrowhead Chapel for more than twenty years. Jimmy and Joyce were both regular Wednesday night Bible study members. They loved the Scripture. Joyce was also a master Sunday School teacher. She was an active member of the Administrative Board and always a strong contributor to any discussion of faith in Christ. We shared the grief of Jimmy's loss with her and traveled to Germany for the Passion Play with Joyce and daughter Diane. My wife, Ruth and I look forward to our heavenly reunion with Joyce and Jimmy where we will praise our Lord together.*

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**James E Kilgore** - May 15, 2019 at 03:49 PM



*Thank you Jim and Ruth, you were special friends to each other*

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**Preston Duckett** - May 15, 2019 at 08:06 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Joyce Duckett.*



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May 15, 2019 at 09:44 AM

KC

“ I remember spending time at the Duckett house during college breaks. Your mom was always such a gracious and welcoming hostess. She was a role model for being both a great lady and a savvy business-woman. After I graduated, she helped me with my taxes when I started my first job. She was kindness itself in explaining what she was doing and why but I'm sure she was thinking "Bless your heart, you have a lot to learn"!

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**Kathy Carpenter** - May 15, 2019 at 05:34 AM

MP

“ Mrs. Duckett was my good friend Mike's Mom. As mischievous kids, we probably caused her great anguish by not following her lead to be a good person, and being rebellious. I remember many times her trying to get us to stop acting out and make something of ourselves! Later in life, as I grew older, more mature, and successful in life, I re-connected with Mrs. Duckett and remember feeling very proud that she had become proud of me. She always wanted the best for her kids, which I included myself in that designation. She will be missed greatly.

*Mark Preetorius*

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**Mark Preetorius** - May 14, 2019 at 05:31 PM

MD

*Thank you Mark I think we surprised her.*

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**Mike Duckett** - May 16, 2019 at 01:09 PM

JP

“Joyce was a member of our Sunday School class at First Baptist. I so admired her knowledge and insight as we studied God's word. She also was fun to have around when birthday cake time came! She will be missed and remembered by all.  
Love to all of Joyce's family and friends. Jane Pinney

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**Jane Pinney** - May 14, 2019 at 11:16 AM