



Joyce Lee Tolbert

November 15, 1938 - October 22, 2023

Joyce Lee (Fryar) Tolbert, 84, of Fort Gibson was born November 15, 1938, in Braggs to Vance and Vivian (McGuire) Fryar and peacefully passed away Sunday, October 22, 2023, in Muskogee with her loving family by her side. She worked as a hairdresser at Palmers Beauty Salon in Muskogee before opening her own salon and growing her business to expand to a larger salon in Ft. Gibson. Joyce was able to do the job she loved from 1961 to 2005 before retiring. Joyce enjoyed cooking dinners for her family and friends, sending out cards, helping others when they were in need, working in her yard, doing ceramics, watching sports and always giving encouraging words to others. Joyce and Lyle are longtime members of the Fort Gibson Church of Christ where they spent many hours volunteering and giving to the community. The family jokes that there isn't anyone in the community that she hasn't cooked for, sent an encouraging card to, or styled their hair. Joyce was preceded in death by her parents, grandson, Seth Seward; brother's, Gene Fryar, Quanah Fryar, and Gary Fryar; sisters, Barbara Ellis, and Darlene Ford. She is lovingly survived by her husband, Lyle of the home; son, David Huggins and wife Christy of Fort Gibson; daughters, Susan Seward and husband, Johnny of Fort Gibson, Lisa Nichols and husband, Rick of Broken Arrow; grandchildren, Lauren Johnson and husband, Jordan of Fort Gibson, Brooke Kidd and husband, Brian of Tulsa, Caleb Will Seward and wife, Cortni of Muskogee, Conner Nichols and wife, Haley of Coweta, Jon Huggins and wife, Kelsey, Chris Huggins, and James Huggins all of Sacramento, CA and

Chase Nichols of 29 Palms, CA; 8 great grandchildren; extended family and many friends.

A visitation with family receiving friends 5PM-7PM Thursday, October 26, 2023, at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home and Crematory in Muskogee.

A celebration of Joyce's life will be 1PM Friday, October 27, 2023, at Fort Gibson Church of Christ with Minister Dan Rouse officiating. Committal prayers and interment will follow at Citizens Cemetery in Fort Gibson. Will Seward, Conner Nichols, Jon Huggins, Chris Huggins, James Huggins, and Richard Nichols serving as casket bearers. Chase Nichols, Don Ford, Paul Rainbolt and Gerald Walkingstick will serve as honorary casket bearers.

The family of Joyce Lee Tolbert has entrusted her care, service and burial to Cliff and Carmen Garrett and Staff at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home and Crematory, 1020 West Okmulgee Ave. Muskogee, OK 74401. 918-910-8883. Online condolences may be left for the Tolbert family at clifforddgarrettfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Citizens Cemetery

Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Previous Events

Visitation with Family to Greet Friends

OCT **26**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home and Crematory (Muskogee)
1020 West Okmulgee Ave
Muskogee, OK 74401
(918) 910-8883

Celebration of Life

OCT **27**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Fort Gibson Church of Christ
806 S Lee
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Tribute Wall

PC

“ *Joyce was a wonderful lady, and I know you will miss her greatly, Lyle! Rest in Peace dear lady!* ”

Pete Carson - November 01, 2023 at 05:36 PM

EB

“ *Eunice Brown lit a candle in memory of Joyce Tolbert* ”



Eunice Brown - October 26, 2023 at 07:42 PM

KY

“ *Joyce was another favorite neighborhood mom growing up. I'll never forget when she had gone to see Elvis in Hawaii and Susan and I played in the grass skirts she brought home ! Made our childhood the best !* ”

Kellie Youngblood - October 25, 2023 at 04:48 PM

JK

“ *Jeanette Joe Karnes lit a candle in memory of Joyce Tolbert* ”



Jeanette & Joe Karnes - October 25, 2023 at 03:31 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joyce Lee Tolbert.*



October 25, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *Joyce was an angel to our family. Not only did she play the role as "Aunt Joyce", she served as a grandma and friend to us. Thank you Joyce for ALWAYS loving and supporting my kids in all that they do. We will forever be touched by your kind soul and promise to pass on the kindness and love that you have always showed others. Give my Papa Quannah a huge hug in heaven...We love you and will miss you very much!
~Jennifer, Chabon, Shayler, Grayson, and Maysie Childers~*



Jennifer - October 25, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joyce Lee Tolbert.*



October 25, 2023 at 12:39 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joyce Lee Tolbert.*



October 25, 2023 at 12:14 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Joyce Lee Tolbert.*



October 24, 2023 at 08:46 PM



“ *Hadn't seen Joyce since 1970 just before I married and moved away. She was my very first boss after I graduated from Mr. Darrell's Cosmetology school with her sister Darlene! She was a sweet lady and treated me like family! I grew to know her, Lyle, David, Susan, and her mom and dad were all really sweet, kind people! Sending condolences to her family and friends.*

Gail Patterson (Vaughn) - October 24, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *Sandra Conn lit a candle in memory of Joyce Tolbert*



Sandra Conn - October 24, 2023 at 01:53 PM

CW

“ Remembering fondly a talented hairdresser married to a talented barber once upon a time in Fort Gibson. It is incredible imagining the countless heads of hair Joyce’s gifted hands touched throughout the years. I feel fortunate to have been one of many young girls, long ago, who greatly appreciated her artistic talents.....thoughts and visions of prickly rollers, odorous perms, Bobbie pins, abundant hair spray and hair “teasing/ratting”, etc...the sights, sounds and smells of her quaint little home salon of the 1960 & 70s all linger in my memories of her. Much later on when I had the joy of seeing her again, she was always smiling, laughing, encouraging....just as I remembered her always helping her teenage customers to transform into our own “personal best” for graduation, banquets or any special occasion. Her artistry is forever captured on treasured photographs that grace many of our homes. Wishing her family and friends much comforting peace and heartfelt sympathies now as recalling special moments shared with our forever, beloved, hometown beautician..... Carolyn Cahoon Watts

Carolyn Watts - October 24, 2023 at 12:37 PM

SJ

“ Shelia Johnson lit a candle in memory of Joyce Tolbert



Shelia Johnson - October 24, 2023 at 12:24 PM

NT

“ Nancy Thomas lit a candle in memory of Joyce Tolbert



Nancy Thomas - October 24, 2023 at 12:02 AM

ND

“ So many great memories happened spending time with Aunt Joyce. As a kid, spending time in her beauty shop was the most fun. Andrea and I would get in trouble for making a mess in the shop, and end up having to polish the furniture as well as the house plants with mayonnaise. Aunt Joyce would sing a song V-A-C-A-T-I-O-N, we're on vacation, having a ball. But she'd sing it at home, lol. She was the glue that tried to keep everyone together as a family. Joyce will be truly missed by all that knew her. I love you aunt Joyce ❤️

Natalie Fryar Douglas - October 23, 2023 at 09:17 PM

AS

so sweet, I'm sorry for your loss but rejoice for the reunion that was waiting for her.
-Amy

Amy Smith - October 27, 2023 at 04:17 PM

NC

“ Nancy & Gary Campbell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce Lee Tolbert.

Nancy & Gary Campbell - October 23, 2023 at 07:44 PM

NC

“ Nancy & Gary Campbell purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Joyce Lee Tolbert.



Nancy & Gary Campbell - October 23, 2023 at 07:44 PM



“ Thank you for all the holiday gatherings and keeping our family traditions together all throughout the years. Please give my Momma a big long hug for me and tell her I will see her soon enough. I know you were both always so close and I'll sure miss your cooking too. Peaceful wishes of strength to all who loved you. It is in your memories we can smile and still enjoy. No more aching pain. Rest peacefully Aunt Joyce. Love, your nephew.



Gary Ford - October 23, 2023 at 05:04 PM

JE

Joyce was such a wonderful and kind lady. She will be missed by all who knew her. My sympathy to all her family may God give you comfort and peace during such a difficult time. 🙏

Jeanette - October 25, 2023 at 03:34 PM