



Joyce Allene Benge

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Joyce Allene Benge passed from this life, February 3, 2015, in Denver, Colorado. Joyce Allene Benge was born January 1, 1953, to Roy Allen and Alice Catherine (Ellison) Suther, in Fort Hood, Texas. Joyce was the eldest of two children. She attended Wagoner High School, graduated at the top of her class, as valedictorian in 1971. After graduation, Joyce began a career in banking which turned into an office manager. She was a bartender for 38 years. Joyce was employed as an office manager for Mead & Hunt, formerly known as Barnard Dunkelberg & Co. Joyce never met a stranger. Everyone was a special friend in her eyes. Her daughters described her in six words, beautiful, strong, fun loving, outgoing and amazing. Children, grandchildren, family and friends were most important in her life and world. Joyce loved dancing, traveling and living life to the fullest. Her favorite music was country, with George Strait singing "I Cross My Heart". Joyce is survived by daughters, Tammi Sawyer and husband, James, and, Shannon Jones and husband, Charles; granddaughters, Madison Jones, Carlee Jones, and Jacee Sawyer; sister, Barbara Pate; half brother, Marion Wright and wife, Donna. She is preceded by parents; half-brother, Guy Wright. In lieu of flowers, the family has set up a bank account in her honor at: Communications Federal Credit Union, Account 5673681, Routing Number 303085476. The best way to donate is to do a bank to bank transfer. Visitation will be 12:00 PM ~ 8:00 PM, Sunday, February 8, 2015, and, 9:00 AM ~ 8:00 PM, Monday, February 9, 2015, Floral Haven Funeral Home Visitation Room, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. We will be celebrating Joyce's life 11:00 AM, Tuesday, February 10, 2015, Boston Avenue United Methodist Church, 1301 S Boston Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma.



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SJ

Shannon Jones posted:

My Beautiful Mother, Blake Shelton & Me on my 40th Birthday!!

December 16 at 10:42 AM

MM

Marsha Martin posted:

Joyce and I met years ago through as Mary Kay Consultants. Although we didn't see each other often, every encounter began and ended with hugs. Joyce would always tell me, "I love you bunches". My thoughts and prayers go out to her family.

December 9 at 6:50 AM

LP

Leatha Pierce posted:

This is a Picture taken at Western Days in the 90's

February 11 at 11:03 AM

JM

Julie Meyer posted:

Joyce, you were our "mother hen" when the K95FM Crewsers needed one about 25 years ago. You were always so compassionate, organized, kind, and classy. I'm so glad we were a part of that amazing group. You truly took charge to make sure things ran as smoothly as possible. Always a great hostess. You made us shine! I remember when you helped Kevin pull off a huge surprise for one of my big birthdays. You rock...always! Love you! Julie Meyer

February 11 at 5:59 AM

YY

Yovonne Watson Yeager posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Joyce Allene Benge

February 10 at 4:10 PM



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MH

Marilynn Hammons posted:

Girls, so sorry of your loss. I have many memories of Joyce. She and I became friend while living in Tahlequah, then while living in Broken Arrow we stayed in touch. I moved for a few years and lost touch with her. I am now back in Broken Arrow and every time I drove by your house there, I would think of all of you. I recently told my daughter, Jerri Lynn I need to try to find her. Now I feel so sorry that I did not reconnect with her. We had so many good times together through the years. I know she will be greatly missed by many. Marilyn Hammons

February 10 at 2:54 PM

KS

Karen Gibson Scherado posted:

I was 13 yrs old when I met Joyce. I was babysitting next door I was in the front yard with the kids when she came over and asked if I would like to babysit for her she said she had two little girls. I told her sure. Then one day she called me and that was the beginning of a long relationship with Joyce and her two beautiful little girls they all become part of my family. As I grew older Joyce was like a big sister always there if I needed her. She was beautiful in so many ways. I will miss her very much. She will always be in my heart.

February 10 at 2:09 PM

JL

JL posted:

I'm so sorry Tammi to hear about the loss of your wonderful mother. It has been a long time since I have seen your mother but I remember her well. Good memories always stay in your heart to be remembered. I pray that God watches over you and your family. Jerri Lynn Hammons

February 10 at 8:30 AM

CR

Claudette Rogers posted:

I am reading and nodding at all of these endearing thoughts and expressions of how Joyce touched each life so deeply. Hugs to you my friend.

February 10 at 5:15 AM



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SF

Shannon Freeman posted:

I went to high school with Joyce and she quickly became a good friend. After looking at pictures and reading the memories about her, I think she excelled in every aspect of her life. I hope you will find comfort and peace in knowing that your Mom was a good friend to so many people and brought a brilliant light into our world that you and your children can carry forward. My prayers are with you. Shannon Simmons Freeman Class of 1971 Wagoner High School

February 9 at 5:01 PM

GK

Gary L. Kuenning posted:

I was your Mother's dentist for decades. I really enjoyed her upbeat attitude and humor. She always had a smile on her face, and brightened every room she walked into. I am so sorry for your loss. Here's hoping you have great memories of a one of a kind person. Gary Kuenning.

February 9 at 2:34 PM

JC

Joanne Cowles posted:

Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your mother. It certainly is plain to see she was greatly loved by many. While I never met her, I have lost a mother as well and found the promises found in God's Word the Bible of great comfort. John 5:28,29 tells us that there will be a resurrection of those who have died. Then will be fulfilled Psalm 37:29 which says the meek will inherit the earth and live forever upon it. Isaiah 33:24 adds that there will be no person on earth saying they are sick. It is because Revelation 21:3,4 says that there will be no longer pain, sorrow or even death. Death will be swallowed up forever. (Isaiah 25:8) It will certainly be a paradise restored back to God's original purpose. (Psalm 37:9,10. May these scriptures give you comfort as you await that time when you can welcome her back.

February 9 at 12:25 PM

JW

Janie Williams posted:

Joyce was a classmate of mine in high school. She was always a very sweet caring person. She and her older brother would sometimes pick me up or take me home after the Friday night dances in Wagoner, even then she tried to help others. I had lost track of her as we got older I would have loved to have known her children and grandchildren. I know that they will grow up to become wonderful role models as she was. My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time. Janie Thayer Williams

February 9 at 7:36 AM



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TC

Tammy Leonard(Carr) posted:

SHANNON SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR MOTHER MY PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU.

February 9 at 6:45 AM

DB

Debbie Briggs posted:

Joyce's smile was always a ray of sunshine into my life. I am so glad that in this life our paths crossed. She always made me feel like I was the most important person she had seen that day. It didn't matter if I had seen her yesterday or a several years ago. This world will sorely miss her smile. My prayers and thoughts are with all those that loved her.

February 8 at 7:12 PM

CK

Charla Kennedy posted:

Heaven gained a precious soul when Joyce left us. This world was a better place having her in it. She was a good friend to me. She was a good friend to many. I'm blessed to have been able to know her and call her my friend. I'll miss our talks , her hugs , her understanding way and her willingness to always want to help. My prayers are with you . I pray your sweetest memories fill up the void you must have in your hearts. I love you bunches, Joyce. ❤️

February 8 at 9:59 AM

PB

Peggy Born posted:

I just met Joyce, your AWESOME Mother, Grandmother, in the pool. OF COURSE, at Captivia, and we immediately became friends. What an amazing lady and U described her to a TEE!! I want U all to know I feel SO blessed God allowed me to cross her path & she will forever b in my heart, thoughts & prayers from now on, especially at every beach resort I am ever at again & will make my vacatiin that much more special & meaningful now, always remembering Joyce. Thank God for memories, Wth loving prayers to all of u. Sincerely, Peggy Born/TX

February 8 at 5:22 AM



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KM

Karen Miller posted:

Dear Joyce, As I read about you in the Sunday paper I am thinking this is undoubtedly one of the most difficult circumstances of my entire life, saying good bye to you. If you were here you would be saying "what Can I do?, how can I help?, I'm here if you need me." Well Joyce I do need you. I need to hear your soft lilting voice, your words of encouragement and one of your hugs like only you can give, just as so many others. You are irreplaceable to all who loved you. You have left us shocked beyond belief and brokenhearted. We had, you had so many plans yet to be fulfilled. I feel as though part of my soul has been snatched away and what is left is a huge void that no one can ever fill. Joyce you are making me do the "ugly cry". I can't help it, the emotions are too intense to contain. Your loss has shaken my faith to it's very foundation. I will not and cannot accept any explanation of why you were taken too soon. Empty, useless rhetoric is not going to cut it sweetheart. Your kindness, generosity, support, and your work here on earth was far from being finished. You embraced life with so much energy and passion, I know you were not ready to leave us. Joyce you were such a selfless woman pouring your heart and soul into everything and everyone you cared about without expecting anything in return except a simple thank you and a hug. Who does that anymore? Really, who does? Not like you Joyce! Girl you were so easy.....so easy to love as a best friend, as a playmate, as a confidant, and a world class traveling companion. I cherished every moment we spent together throughout our many decades as amigos. You were the second child my mother never had and she adored you like no other. The sight of your lipstick on her cheek as we closed her casket will be forever etched in my memory. Joyce how many thousands of times did we sign off saying "I Love You?" Here we go my precious friend one last time as you said it so well, LOVE YOU BUNCHES !!!Karen

February 4 at 2:20 PM

TE

Terry posted:

To Barbara, Shannon, Tammy and all of Joyce's family, our hearts go out to you as you grieve Joyce's passing. And to you, Joyce, our beloved friend, you will be missed more than words can say. For 30 years we have enjoyed your love, loyalty, generous spirit and zest for life. We've laughed, cried and sorted out life's issues together, and you were always so strong. It's hard to accept that we won't be planning any more visits with you here, but we will be seeing you soon enough in Heaven and looking forward to it. Until then sweet friend, we raise our glasses to you in tribute, out prayers to God in thanks that you are with Him, and our thanksgiving to the Lord for blessing our lives with your love and friendship. Rest easy, and we'll be seeing you soon. All our love! Ken and Terry Houston

February 8 at 3:43 AM



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KS

Karen Stanhope posted:

True friends are always there for each other no matter what life throws at us. Joyce, has, and will always be, a true friend. Rest in peace my friend and while you are passing out your wonderful hugs in Heaven, give one to Jimmy for me.

February 7 at 6:42 AM

AD

Annette Davis posted:

Joyce's smile and laugh were contagious She was always there to help and was a wonderful, caring friend...obviously, God needed a very special angel for him to have taken her so soon. She is loved and will be greatly missed. We love you Joyce!

February 7 at 6:09 AM

BC

Bob Cooper posted:

Joyce was one of the founding members of K95's event volunteer crew in the late 80s. Her dedication to that work was unending and unexcelled. Always nice to listeners and staff; always smiling, always positive. We will miss her immeasurably. Bob Cooper

February 6 at 1:06 PM

LC

Lynne Chambers posted:

We have lost a beautiful and incredible soul. Her generosity and sense of caring were boundless. I will miss her smile, her warm hugs, her attentive ear, advice and her support. I will miss our glasses of wine my deck on warm sunny days and on days when it wasn't so warm. I will miss her at my art shows, she was my biggest fan and I am hers. Our loss is heaven's gain. Joyce, I miss you terribly my darling friend and I love YOU bunches. Lynne

February 6 at 8:08 AM



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VS

Vivian Steele posted:

I am very sad to hear Joyce has died. I have to echo what everyone else said. She had such a huge heart and was always there for anyone that needed help. She was a volunteer for K95FM and also worked there for a while, which is how I met her and worked with her for many, many years. I don't know if she every missed a single event as a volunteer...whether putting on bumper stickers, or back stage at a country concert...she never quit, she never complained, she was always willing to do more. She had incredible energy and spirit. The spark of her engaging personality on this earth will surely be missed.

February 6 at 6:47 AM

BM

Barbara Mcnally posted:

I've known Joyce through our association with Oklahoma Airport Operators Association. I truly have not met a more caring and kind person. We will missed her smiling face and hugs.

February 6 at 6:32 AM

RM

Richard Mills posted:

My life is richer because I had the privilege of getting know Ms. Joyce. Her hugs were wonderful because they came from a sincere heart. Joyce Benge made a positive difference in this world and will be missed greatly by those who know her. I, personally, am comforted by knowing that she is with the Lord and that we are not saying goodbye to her – we are just saying "see you later!" It is my prayer that Joyce's family receive special comfort and peace over the next days and weeks. Richard Mills – Arkansas

February 6 at 5:17 AM

DD

Dee Anna Dorough posted:

Joyce had a smile that could light up the whole room. Loved her passion and her drive. If there was a challenge, there she goes and it's done . Always on the go too. She was always so organized in everything she did. I was shocked to hear of her passing. She will be missed. Rest In Peace friend.

February 6 at 4:27 AM



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GP

Gary Purdy posted:

I was completely shocked to receive the news. Our paths crossed when I went to work for the National Wild Turkey Federation. Over the past 18 years we have become very close friends and co workers. Joyce worked fundraising banquets with me and she always arrived with a big smile and the most wonderful hug! If the night was not going well, and she could read me like a book, she would come up to me take my hand and say, "it's going to be alright", and at the end of the night, going our separate ways, there was that beautiful smile and another big hug! Words cannot express my sympathy for the family. Rest in Peace pretty lady you will be terribly missed. May God grant the family strength and peace during this most difficult of times.

February 5 at 2:16 PM

DH

Doug Hale posted:

I was deeply saddened to hear of Joyce's passing. She was a very genuine and friendly person whom one could not help but like. She will be missed by everyone who had the pleasure and honor of knowing her. I personally will miss her hugs. God bless you Joyce.

February 5 at 10:10 AM

LM

Leo Murphree, Jr. posted:

Joyce, My Dear Joyce. God needed another angel and he chose you to come HOME this week. I know JESUS was waiting at the Pearly Gates with open arms to greet you upon your arrival. Joyce is one of the first people I met when I first started coming to the OK airport conferences some 25 years ago, and over the years we became fast friends and parts of the team that annually put together the OK and AR airports conferences, with Joyce being the glue that held us together. The OAOA and AAOA group meetings will never be the same with out you. Please say a big HELLO" to my Mom, Dad and younger brother and all the other great folks from OK who have gone on before us. Your Buddy forever, Leo

February 4 at 2:20 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Joyce by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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