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Joyce L. Edwards was born on August 31, 1949 in beautiful, Miami, Florida. She is the oldest girl and second oldest of ten children, five girls and five boys born to Leonard and Mary Adside. Growing up, she was such a beautiful girl with beautiful long red hair and pretty brown eyes. Joyce was quite personable, and many admired her inward and outward beauty greatly. With such a beautiful voice, she was the lead singer in a quartet, The Danielettes, consisting of her sister Shirley, her two cousins, and herself from the ages of 13-15. Joyce formed the group after their father, Leonard, who was a member of "The Sons of Daniel." Joyce was not afraid to sing or perform at all in front of an audience. As children, they went to St. Paul Baptist Church and to summer Bible school. A Missionary, Julia, would also come over to the house to have Bible study with them and some of the neighborhood kids. Julia would ask the children to pray, and Joyce would always pray the longest. Joyce started early with her gifts! Later on, in her early twenties, Joyce did some modeling. She was quite impressive! Growing up in the knowledge, love, and word of God, Joyce gave her life to the Lord in 1980 while stationed at Nellis Air Force Base (her husband, Timothy Edwards, was in the USAF) in Las Vegas, Nevada. She had a complete passion to fulfill the will and calling of God on her life. She learned and grew so much at the Full Gospel House of Deliverance. She became very excited about ministering the love of God to others especially to her siblings being that one of her desires, as she often said, was to see them all walk in love with each other. She spent hours on the phone praying with, ministering to, and counseling her siblings and family. She loved her family tremendously and unconditionally. They really looked up to her thus the name, "The General," her father later in life began sometimes referring to her as. It just gave her so much joy as she watched them grow closer to Him! Shortly after being stationed at Homestead Air Force Base in Florida in 1982 and becoming ordained ministers, Joyce and Tim began the Fruit of the Spirit



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Ministry. Along with Joyce's sister, Christine, and Christine's husband, Oliver, they ministered fervently. Joyce stepped out powerfully in what would probably seem ahead of her time for some. God moved mightily through her! Lives were transformed, and the lasting effects are still talked about and felt today! From 1991-1995, while stationed at Kadena Air Force Base in Okinawa, Japan, Joyce worked as R.E. Coordinator on Kadena Air Force Base, served on Women's AGLOW, held Bible Studies, and served diligently in the Kadena Base Chapel. She has dear friends from Okinawa as well as other places from around the world that she has kept in touch with over the years. Joyce and Tim moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma in 1995 where she attended Oral Roberts University Ministry Training and Development Institute where she graduated with a Diploma in Charismatic Ministry. She also attended Rhema Bible Training Center. Through Ambassador of His Glory Ministries, she held life changing women's conferences. She was always so grateful for those that ministered, attended, and helped out in any way. Joyce was currently a member of Rock Church. Joyce absolutely adored and was so proud of each of her five children, and she talked about them with just about everyone she came in contact with! She was always so excited to tell about how they loved her and would all bless her in so many ways as well! One example would be when she excitedly shared, "I was born and raised in Miami, Florida, lived there for years but have never been to Disney World! Well, my Son #1 took us all to Disney World! We had a great time!" She lived an exemplary Godly life before them. She taught them what spiritual maturity means. She prayed over them day and night, anointed them with oil, and had them say the 23rd Psalm daily before going to school. She also taught them that the most important beauty is inward beauty through Godly character. She loved and planted powerful seeds in her grandchildren's lives as well. Joyce left a legacy that will be carried on for generations to come! On August 15th, at about 10:45 pm, the Ambassador For His Glory received her ever so deserving reward!!! Cancer may have attacked her body but never her spirit!!! Joyce stood strong, praised Him, ministered, counseled, and was there for many others, even during the year she battled the disease. She let her light shine to the very end/beginning- nurses, doctors, and all! No words could ever express what she means, has been, and stood for to her



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family, friends, and countless others! The angels in heaven are rejoicing! Her work on Earth was done! And what she has instilled in us all, through God's infinite wisdom, will live on and on through generations to come!!! She is loved, adored, and missed dearly!!! Joyce is preceded by her mother and father Mary and Leonard Adside; and her brother Nathaniel Adside and other dear family members. She is survived by her husband of 30+ years, Timothy Edwards of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma; her children, George Crawford Jr.(wife Pamela) of Arafin, Kuwait; Tonya Crawford of Richmond, VA; Marcell Crawford (wife Tyla) of Gainesville, VA; LaVar Edwards (wife Jeanna) of Lawrencville, GA; and Timethia Edwards of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma; her siblings Johnnie Jefferson (wife Shirlene); Bobby Adside (wife Tina); Shirley Pervis; Leonard Adside Jr.; Joanne Johnson; Curtis Adside; Christine Holbert (Husband Oliver); Sheila Adside; Addtional Siblings: Latria Bryant and Latina Jones; Grandchildren: Tevin Crawford, Marcell Crawford Jr., Tiffany Crawford, Mariah Crawford, Dorian Crawford, Destiny Edwards, Paris Crawford, Jasmine Crawford, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, uncles, aunts, family, and friends too numerous to name but all so very special! Visitation will be held 2:00-9:00 PM Tuesday, August 21, 2012 at Floral Haven Funeral Home. A Celebration of Life will be held 12:30 PM Wednesday, August 22, 2012 at Floral Haven Funeral Home Chapel.



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DW

Darrick And Allyson Watson posted:

Dear Edwards family and our friends LaVar and Jeanna, we are so heartbroken to hear of your loss. Miss Joyce was a precious woman and she and I (Allyson) always would laugh and smile because we shared the same birthday. I know this will be the best birthday party she has ever had because she is in glory celebrating with the Father. We pray the Holy Spirit comfort you at this time. If there is anything we can do, please do not hesitate to ask. Love and deepest condolences, The Watson's

August 26 at 11:06 AM

PF

Phyllis Faison posted:

Another great soldier gone home to be with the Lord, you will be greatly miss, we love you very much, and words cannot describe the love you share and witness to our family, but God knows best and saw that it was your time to be with him, and by and by we will understand it one day.

August 23 at 11:02 AM

AN

Albertha Nixon posted:

My deepest condolences to the family. Words can not express the pain I felt when Tonya called me. I was so excited when I saw Ms. Joyce's number on the caller id and I quickly answered expecting to hear her lovely voice. To my dismay I received the shocking news. It took a moment for it to register because I just did not want to believe what I was hearing. I was so blessed to have known her. She sent me a calendar that read, "Just think you're here not by chance, but by God's choosing. His hand formed you and made you the person you are. He compares you to no one else - you are one of a kind. You lack nothing that his grace cannot give you. He has allowed you to be here at this time in history to fulfill His special purpose for this generation. You see that's the type of person she was, always thinking of others. She was thoughtful and caring. I thank God for allowing me the opportunity to have befriended such an inspiring woman of God. She was such a beautiful woman inside and out. I will continue to embrace the times we shared discussing the Lord, life and laughing on the phone. Our conversations would always brighten my day. I am so grateful for having the opportunity to have known her. She was truly an angel and I will always remember her. This is not a farewell, but see you later Ms. Joyce. I will love you always, Nikki

August 23 at 8:44 AM



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DT

Demario & Julia Tucker posted:

We never had the opportunity to meet Mrs. Joyce personally. However, it has always been evident, through her son Lavar, how much of an impact she made and how much she was loved. Praying God peace love and hope to the family and friends. Although we morn in a time like this we are hopeful to see her again as she has obtained her great reward dacing face to face with our King!!! Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you as you continue you on with great teachings, life lessons, and memories of such an amazing woman.

August 22 at 10:36 AM

KC

Kelly Coats posted:

Shirley, I was so sorry to hear of your sister's passing, but I know that you love the Lord and that is all you need. But I wanted to let you know that I'm thinking about you and you and your family are in my prayers.Sister in Christ,Kelly

August 22 at 10:01 AM

PW

Pastor Billy Joe Watts posted:

Joyce Edwards was a tremendous woman of God. I have so many wonderful memories of Ms. Joyce, as I called her, and the way she always handled herself. She was a great blessing to The Rock Church.

August 22 at 9:07 AM

LJ

Latina Jones posted:

Sis, words cant describe how much you have changed my life. Your impact is felt all over. I am seriously missing you already and I know you have received a hearty "Well done" from God and a "Howdy" from Daddy and Nay. My heart rejoices for your spiritual victory but my natural man longs for you here.... we know the Spirit trumps this call so sis take your rest and know that we love you so much.

August 21 at 12:02 PM



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Latria Bryant posted:

Dear Sister, I am going to miss you! I have thanked God for the time that he has allowed us together as well as thanking him for granting me the serenity to accept the things that I can not change (you no longer being here). At first I was a bit confused and as to why you were taken from me then I had to remember that you were God's all along and that he was generous enough to lend you to me for a season. Thank you sister for accepting me and loving me inspite of... you are definately one of Gods soldiers. Rest In Heaven My Beautiful Sister! Your flesh is gone but your beautiful spirit will never be forgotten! Love your sis Latria

August 21 at 11:56 AM



Marcell posted:

Mom, words can't express how thankful I am that God allowed me to be your son. How I came to be so fortunate, I will never know! What I do know is that you taught us to trust in the Lord regardless of the circumstances. Isaiah 41:10, 13 says "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee." So, I am standing on this! He will help us all to be comforted in this time. I won't pretend to understand why He has taken you home, but I will trust that he is giving you the rest you so richly deserve. I want so badly to hug you once more, tell you how much I Love you, and hear you call me your BB while reassuring me that everything is going to be alright. I know that God will provide all that I need, but that doesn't prevent me from wanting my mother. Please mom, let me know that you are always near me. While I know that I should live a life that is pleasing to God, I also want to live a life that makes you proud and honors you. In that loving way that only you can do, help me to understand when I am off course and gently guide me back to the right path. I know that you are in a much better place now and for that I can't help but praise Him. The life you lived honored God in every way and demonstrated to each person you came in contact with the love that Father God has for each of us. I will take every lesson that you have taught me and cherish them forever. I will continue striving to let my light shine as you have taught me. I pray that God will use me for His Glory and allow me to bless even a portion of the folks that you have blessed. I miss you soooo much mom, and I can't wait to see you in heaven. I Love You Mom!

August 18 at 11:41 AM



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SH

Sharita Henley posted:

I met Mrs. Joyce working @ wal mart she was so beautiful & of course always the sweetest person ever, she was always with her granddaughter when I saw her! I later found out they she was my good friend I attended Rhema with Jeanna soon to be @ that time mother in law! We exchanged numbers & from then out friendship blossomed. She attended bible studies I hosted I been over to home to pray with here & for the last few months she attended Harvest Church where we fellowshiped with there often! When I heard of the news yes I was sadden but quickly my spirit rejoiced! I have a voicemail from here from July, 8 2012 where shes saying she wonderful & can't wait to catch up with me soon!! See inspire of she was so STRONG!! I listen to that voicemail messages about 20 times that day & knew in my spirit I will see here again in Heaven!! To Mr.Tim, her children & family some I know some I do not, I love u all & you know more than me how mother was & still is a LIGHT!! My life will never be the same!! Mrs. Joyce taught me how to be a better wife & often encouraged me!! This is NOT a goodbye but celebration of a warrior who is in Heaven rejoicing!! Well done, well done!

August 21 at 10:34 AM

BM

Bernadine Billie Mack posted:

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His godly ones (Psalm 116:15)To the family; Joyce was a freind and sister in the Lord.My prayers are with you as I know you love her and will miss her. Praying God will bless you with his peace and comfort your hearts as only He can.

August 21 at 8:16 AM

CT

Cassandra Taylor posted:

To the Precious Children & Husband Tim, I loved, loved, loved Joyce. She was My Confidant;My Friend and my go-to-person whom we shared our deepest secrets and our love for our Most High GOD. I was shocked and sorrowed over her going home. But I celebrate her life, her love of family and her ministry. She was so beautiful inside & outward in her appearance. However, what is most important; she was full of the Holy Ghost and power. We would encourage each other with Faith-filled Words and create our atmosphere in the presence of GOD. My heart is broken. But I know that we will greet each other again in the beautiful city of Heaven where we will suffer no more – no more. Where He will wipe all our tears away and we will worship our Lord and Savior Forever more, Forever More.

August 20 at 7:41 PM



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Cassandra A. Taylor posted:

To Her Precious Children & Husband Tim, My Sincere & Deepest Sympathy, I loved, loved, loved Joyce. She was My Confidant; My Friend and my go-to-person whom we shared our deepest secrets and our love for our Most High GOD. I was shocked and sorrowed over her going home. But I celebrate her life, her love of family and her ministry. She was so beautiful inside & outward in her appearance and what is most important; she was full of the Holy Ghost and power. We would encourage each other with Faith-filled Words and create our atmosphere in the presence of GOD. My heart is broken. But I know that we will greet each other again in the beautiful city of Heaven where we will suffer no more – no more. Where He will wipe all our tears away and we will worship our Lord and Savior Forever more, Forever More.

August 20 at 7:32 PM

KD

Keisha Dangerfield posted:

Words can not express how Joyce Edwards have touched my life.. and I truly mean that! I love her like she was my own birth mother. She truly loves the Lord and I know he was very pleased with her mission here on earth, she raised her children to know and love him. She shared the gospel as God instructed and she love others as she loved Christ! She lived the Word of God! And I will never forget her..NEVER! I am a product of her countless prayers and I know the Lord because of her and her family! Lord Thank You for giving us the gift of Your Ambassador of you Glory Mrs Joyce Edwards!

August 20 at 10:00 AM

PC

Pearle Clarke posted:

My deepest sympathy to the Edwards, Adside and Jefferson Family. I will also cherish the wonderful memories of my favorite cousin. I named my daughter after her. With all my love.

August 18 at 5:19 PM

WK

Willetta Killelte posted:

Oh my sweet beloved sister- I will so... miss our talks and funny moments about life. If only we could have spent the time we talked about- Ministry- Ministry- Ministry. I will forever be grateful for the friend who introduced us. Your love for the Lord- Your sweet voice- Your ability to expound on the Word- Your ability to celebrate others and so..... much more- will always be etched in My mind. Thank you Lord for sharing Joyce Edwards with us. See you later My friend, sister and co-laborer.

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Connie Tallman posted:

To the family of Joyce Edwards, Our heartfelt sympathy goes to each of you. Joyce was a Light from God as she inspired the children with whom she took care of with her love and inspiration. She was a dedicated mother who always tried to put her children first in helping them thru God's eyes. God must have needed her for a very special job to take her so soon. We have been blessed to know Joyce the short time we knew her. In His Love, Wes and Connie Tallman Stephen Hathcoat

August 18 at 11:41 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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