



Joyce Elaine Ward

May 6, 1959 - September 3, 2024

Joyce Elaine Carpenter Vickery Ward, age 65

Born: May 16, 1959 in Durango, CO Died: September 3, 2024 in Tulsa, OK

Survivors include: Husband Roy Ward of Clifton, CO; Daughter Amanda (Jeremy) Fern

of Collinsville, OK; Daughter Melinda (Jared) Tabb of Austin, TX; Step-daughter

Rebekah (Scott) Butte of Virginia Beach, VA; Father Merlin (Debbie) Carpenter of

Springfield, MO; Brother David Carpenter of Springfield, MO; Sister Patricia (Jerry)

Hudson of Saraland, AL; Sister Juanita (David) Angelo of Circleville, NY; Grandchildren

Braden, Hunter, Hailey, Lily-Kate, Lucy, Chloe, Kadence, and Scott Jr.; as well as her

sisters-in law, brothers-in-law, aunts, cousins, nieces, nephews, and countless friends,

some just as close as family.

Joyce was preceded in death by her mother Norma Carpenter, brother Michael

Carpenter, and nieces Erica Angelo and Rachael Angelo.

Joyce graduated from Christian Schools of Springfield in Springfield, MO in 1977. She then attended Baptist Bible College East in Shrub Oak, NY (now in Boston, MA). Joyce married Ed Vickery in 1980 and they made a home for themselves in the NY/NJ area where their daughters were born and lived until 1995 when they moved to Owasso, OK. Joyce was involved in youth ministry, choir, ladies' Bible study groups, and any other ministry she could participate in. Joyce and Ed divorced in 2003, and she married Roy Ward in 2007. Joyce and Roy enjoyed each other's company, their grandchildren, and traveling. In December 2020 Joyce retired from 20+ years as the front office concierge of Elite Dental Group (now Life Smiles of Owasso) and she and Roy moved to the mountains of Grand Junction, CO. They enjoyed some hiking and exploring until Joyce was diagnosed with breast cancer in June 2022, which started her 2 year battle that led her home to be with her savior.

Memorial services will be held at Freedom Church at 9602 N. 177 th E. Ave. Owasso, OK 74055 on Saturday, September 7, 2024 at 10:00am.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to one of the following:
Samaritan's Purse: Donate to Samaritan's Purse (samaritanspurse.org) or gift

by

mail: Samaritan's Purse, PO Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607

Porta Caeli House at Catholic Charities: Donate - Catholic Charities of
Eastern

Oklahoma (cceok.org) or gift by mail: Porta Caeli Hospice House of Catholic
Charities,

Development Office, PO Box 580460 Tulsa, OK 74158-0460

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

Freedom Church
9602 N. 177th E. Avenue
Owasso, OK 74055

Tribute Wall

MP

“Joyce, you will never be forgotten. And I'm certain our echos of laughter undoubtedly still echo throughout the halls of Cortez Jr. High! Practicing our '2 finger whistle' during choir and outside of class vexed more than 1 teacher, I'm sure! You brought many smiles to my life back then. (Remember playing the 'Labyrinth' game in History class?). I miss you already, dear friend! Say hello to Mom and Jennifer for me. Love you, dearly. - mary

Mary Howard Perryman - February 11, 2025 at 04:33 PM

PS

“My deepest sympathy for your loss. I have fond memories of Joyce from Friendship Baptist Church.
Peggy Wilmoth Simmons (Lora and Nikki's mom)

peggy simmons - September 05, 2024 at 01:34 PM

JL

“Joyce loved to sing in our church choir and early service praise team. We all remember her sweet smile and encouraging words.
FBC Collinsville Choir, John Lincks Minister of Music

John Lincks - September 05, 2024 at 10:38 AM