



Joycelyn "Joy" Lorraine Symmes

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J OYCELYN "JOY" LORRAINE SYMMES (91)

Joycelyn "Joy" Lorraine Symmes, 91, entered into eternal repose on March 11, 2021, in Lakeland, Florida. She was born on July 17, 1929, in Spirit Lake, Iowa, to Charles and Marie Wagner. The Wagner family lived in Warrensburg, Missouri, Springfield, Illinois, and Litchfield, Illinois, during Joy's youth. Joy completed her education at Litchfield High School. She later married and started her family.

Joy was a stay-at-home Mom for many years in Litchfield and Lakeland. She was co-owner of the Crest Restaurant and B&M Discount in Lakeland. Joy also worked as a legal secretary before retiring.

Joy's life revolved around her family and her church. She was a charter member and elder emeritus of Bethany Christian Church in Lakeland. Joy was an avid reader and crossword puzzle enthusiast. She enjoyed sewing, knitting, and crafts. Joy was a staunch UF Gator and Tampa Bay Rays fan. Above all, she relished the innumerable family gatherings over the years.

Joy leaves wonderful memories to be cherished by her sister, Barbara Wagner, of Lakeland, and her children, Michael (Theresa) Symmes, Bradley (Angela) Symmes, Kevin Symmes, Tracy (Mark) Stephenson, Jody Symmes, former daughter-in-law, MaryAnn Symmes, all of Lakeland, and David (Marianne) Symmes of Jacksonville, Florida. Joy is also survived by fifteen grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren.

Joy's family is grateful for the compassionate in-home care from the staff at Good Shepherd Hospice.

Services for Joy will be held at Bethany Christian Church at a later date. Memorial gifts may be sent to Bethany Christian Church, 4224 Pipkin Creek Road, Lakeland, Florida 33811.



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The Pedone Family sent a Guiding Light Bouquet to the Symmes family.



April 7 at 10:00 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Symmes family.



April 6 at 2:43 PM



Rick Pedone posted:

She always will be "Mother" Symmes to me. A great lady who enjoyed her family and happily tolerated all of the crazy people that her children brought to her home. She was a pleasure to be around and I enjoyed the chats we would have when I visited her home. I guess the most fitting tribute I can give to her is the fact that when my daughter was born, she was one of the first people I wanted Katie to meet. I will have fond memories of her always.

March 23 at 2:08 PM



Susan Thurmond posted:

Momma Symmes..... you were a mom to me. Family vacations, holidays, every summer at your house, lived in your house, church, there's not one single moment of my childhood without you in it. You will be forever missed. Such a funny, witty, sweet lady. RIP I love you.

March 13 at 7:01 AM



Greg Spooner posted:

I had the pleasure of growing up with the Symmes boys and spending many hours around Mrs Symmes, the rest of her family and others that seemed to gravitate to the Symmes household. That was because she was always accommodating and gracious. She had her hands full with four boys and two girls along with each ones associates but it did not seem to phase her. She aged gracefully, raised a great family and made a great role model for all of us. RIP Mama Symmes.

March 13 at 5:01 AM



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Bill Wheeler lit a candle in honor of Joycelyn "Joy".

It has been my pleasure to be friends with the Symmes family for many years....many fun times at pool parties and watching football games....always a pleasant host and a pleasure to be around..raised a great close family RIP Mrs Symmes

March 12 at 6:34 PM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Joycelyn "Joy" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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