



## Joyce Lepper

September 19, 1939 - September 3, 2020

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Joyce Nadine Lepper was born on Tuesday, September 19, 1939 in Tulsa, Oklahoma, the daughter of Lonina M. and Ruby (McMillian) Harvey. She went Home on Thursday, September 3, 2020 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She was 80 years of age.

Joyce was an amazing person, strong in her faith and walk with God. If you ever had the fortune of meeting her then you know she loved to “visit” and to have the opportunity to learn about other people. At the early age of 12, Joyce contracted the deadly disease of Polio. After many months and even more prayers, Joyce was the only person to walk out of the Hillcrest hospital wing completely healed. This experience in life gave her a strength and a love of life that never diminished.

Joyce graduated from Catoosa High school in 1958, and went on to business school. After graduation, she began a career as a civilian secretary for the Oklahoma Air National Guard, the 138th Fighter Wing Division where she worked until retirement.

Joyce met Jerry while they were both “cruising” the parking lot with friends at Cottons drive-in. They were married in 1963. They loved to travel together and she was always ready to vacation anytime she had a chance. They also enjoyed boating and socializing with friends at the lake.

When Joyce was 28 years old, she and Jerry started their family with the birth

of their first son Derrick, and 6 years later their second son Marc was born. She raised her two sons working full time and continued to travel on a regular basis. The amount of sacrifices Joyce made for her two sons can never truly be measured; running to sports practices, school, and after school activities. Joyce retired in 1995 from the Oklahoma Air National Guard to spend time with her granddaughters, Danielle and Ashley; Derrick and Karla's children. She took great pride in being a grandmother to the two girls. In the summers she would run all over Oklahoma with them, taking them to movies, museums, church and school activities. She didn't miss many opportunities to be there for them.

In 2012 at the age of 73, she was blessed with her 3rd granddaughter, Allison, daughter of Marc and Amy. Joyce was excited for the opportunity to spend time with Allison. They loved to have sleepovers, take make-believe cruises in the living room, go on walks, and make Grandpa Jell-o.

Joyce loved gospel music and attending the classes and services at the Assembly of God Church in Broken Arrow, Ok., the same church Joyce and Jerry were married in. She loved to take cruises (near 80 total), spending time in South Padre Island, and going to breakfast, lunch, or dinner with friends. She was known to eat three meals out a day out, each with a different friend or family member.

Joyce loved her family and friends. She was a strong, kind and considerate person. She will be greatly missed.

Joyce is survived by,

Husband, Jerry Lepper, of the home

Sons, Derrick and wife Karla Lepper, Bixby

Marc and wife Amy Lepper, Tulsa, OK

Grandchildren, Danielle Harris, Ashley Lepper and Allison Lepper

Brother, Wayne Harvey and wife Jody, of Lebanon, Tennessee

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lonia and Ruby.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

SEP **9**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home  
1660 South Elm Place  
Broken Arrow, OK 74012  
(918) 258-9623  
hayhurstfuneralhome@gmail.com

## Visitation

SEP **9**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home  
1660 South Elm Place  
Broken Arrow, OK 74012  
(918) 258-9623  
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## Funeral Service

SEP **10**. 11:00 AM (CT)

The Assembly  
3500 W. New Orleans  
Broken Arrow, OK 74012  
(918) 251-8591  
<http://www.theassembly.org>

## Graveside Service

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SEP **10**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Timber Ridge Cemetery  
8174 E. 580 Rd.  
Catoosa, OK 74015

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joyce Lepper*

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joyce Lepper.*



September 09, 2020 at 05:27 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Joyce Lepper.*



September 09, 2020 at 02:42 PM



“ *3 files added to the album Memories Album*



**Hayhurst Funeral Home** - September 07, 2020 at 11:37 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Joyce Lepper.*



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September 06, 2020 at 09:37 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Joyce Lepper.*



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September 06, 2020 at 02:10 PM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Joyce Lepper.*



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September 06, 2020 at 01:59 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Joyce Lepper.*



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September 05, 2020 at 04:08 PM

“ My Mom, Joyce was an amazing person, strong in her faith and walk with God. If you ever had the fortune of meeting her then you know she loved to “visit” and to have the opportunity to learn about other people.

Joyce was born the daughter of Lonia and Ruby Harvey in Tulsa, Ok. and was raised in Catoosa, Oklahoma with her younger brother, Wayne Harvey.

At the early age of 12, Joyce contracted the deadly disease of Polio. After many prayers, Joyce was the only person to walk out of the Hillcrest hospital wing completely healed. This experience in life gave her a strength and a love of life that never diminished.

She graduated high school in 1958, and then went on to secretarial school. After which she began a career as a civilian secretary for the air national guard , 138th fighter wing division.

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When Joyce was 28 years old, they started their family with the birth of their first son Derrick, and 6 years later their second son Marc was born. She raised her two sons working full time and continued to travel on a regular basis. We will never truly know all the sacrifices she made for her two sons; running to sports practices, school, and after school activities.

She retired in 1995 from the Air National Guard to spend time with her Granddaughters, Danielle and Ashley; Derrick and Karla Lepper’s two children. She took great pride in being a grandmother to the two girls while they were growing up. In the summers she would run all over Oklahoma with them, taking them to movies, museums, church and school activities. She didn’t miss many opportunities to be there for them .

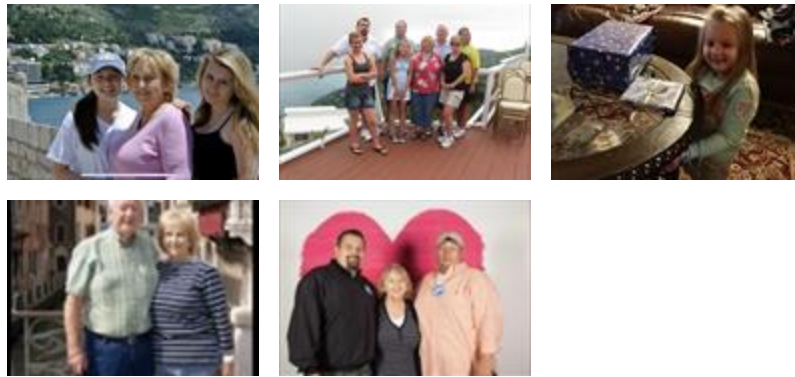
In 2012 at the age of 73, she was blessed with her 3rd grandchild Allison Lepper ,the daughter of Marc and Amy Lepper. Joyce was excited for the opportunity to spend time with Allison, and became an important part in her life.

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*If you knew my mother than you know how much she loved her family and friends. She was the strongest, kindest, most considerate and loving person I have ever known. It was a privilege to have had her as a mother, and a friend.*

*We will all miss you daily and will see you soon at the family reunion in Heaven.*

*Derrick*



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**Derrick Leppet** - September 04, 2020 at 09:30 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joyce Lepper.*



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September 04, 2020 at 07:13 PM

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“Joyce was a special cousin. She was dedicated to her family with her presence and support. You could always count on her to remember your birthday, visit you in the hospital, bring food at a time of need and provide an encouraging word. She was never at a loss for words and a positive attitude. As her cousin we shared many good times as kids and in our adult years. She will be missed. Love you cousin. Keitha Barnes

Keitha Barnes - September 04, 2020 at 05:29 PM



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Hayhurst Funeral Home - September 04, 2020 at 04:41 PM

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“It is our honor and privilege to serve the Lepper family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of Joyce.



Hayhurst Funeral Home - September 03, 2020 at 05:38 PM