



Joyce Ann Ford-Riggs

March 6, 1960 - February 20, 2023

Our beloved, Joyce Ann Ford-Riggs, was born on March 6th, 1960 and passed away on February 20th, 2023 surrounded by her family.

Joyce was born in Indianapolis, Indiana to her loving and devoted parents, Clinton and Lilly Ford, and raised alongside her 4 siblings, Clinton (June) Ford Jr, Sharon Ford, Darnell Ford and Lonnie Webster.

There is nothing that meant more in this world to Joyce than her family. She constantly reminisced on her times growing up with her brothers and sisters as well as her multitude of cousins which she also looked at as her siblings.

Joyce was known for having a caring heart which she dedicated to her sons, Durand Riggs, Brandon

Riggs and her stepson Darian Riggs. She spent the majority of her time outside of work cheering on her

sons in their many sporting or academic endeavors while also teaching them valuable lessons in

leadership and Christian-hood. Joyce was married to her husband, Dennis Riggs, from 1989 to 2017

where they fostered an environment of love and warmth.

After graduating from Shortridge High School in 1978, Joyce spent most of

her working career as a committed Supervisor with the State of Indiana and the Indiana Department of Workforce Development where she dedicated 30+ years of service. She was a two-time recipient of the prestigious Governors Service Award for demonstrating exemplary service and commitment within her profession.

Joyce leaves behind 10 adoring grandchildren – Leilani Riggs, Matthew Riggs, Aria Riggs, Makenna Riggs, Gianna Riggs, Darian (DJ) Riggs Jr, Montria Riggs, Taylor Riggs, Lauren Riggs and Lawrence Riggs – three sons – Durand Riggs, Brandon Riggs and Darian Riggs - and two siblings – Clinton (June) Ford Jr and Sharon Ford as well as her loving nieces and nephews and countless friends, colleagues and acquaintances.

Joyce was known for being the life of the party and shared her affectionate smile with as many people as possible. She spent the last few years of her life battling serious complications from diabetes but never allowed her personality to fade or her beautiful smile to waver.

Cemetery Details

New Crown Cemetery

2101 Churchman Ave
Indianapolis, IN 46203

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 3. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church
4958 Ribble Road
Indianapolis
Indianapolis, IN 46218

Service

MAR 3. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CS

“ Ms. Joyce, I'll never forget you. You gave me my opportunity to work upstairs in the office 17yrs ago after coming down to the cafeteria for lunch. You were the sweetest and best supervisor I have had. I'm still standing with DWD and I hope I'm making you proud. I couldn't wait to tell you I had my son on your birthday. Heaven truly gained an angel❤️ love you Ms. Joyce❤️🙏😊

Crystal Sims-Brown - March 16, 2023 at 06:48 PM

JJ

“ My sincere condolences to the family. I knew Joyce for many, many years. She was very special and had such a beautiful spirit. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you now and in the days to come. She will be missed.

Jessie Johnson - March 06, 2023 at 04:11 PM

CJ

“ My heart sadness. My thoughts and prayers with the family at this time. Joyce was a beautiful person and had a beautiful soul. Rest in Paradise.

Christopher F Jordan - March 06, 2023 at 01:40 PM

SS

“ Sarah Scott lit a candle in memory of Joyce
Ann Ford-Riggs



Sarah Scott - March 03, 2023 at 09:38 PM

SS

“ Oh Joyce this does not seem real sis, you will always be my sis n law. I live you very much, you're going to be surely missed until we meet again. Love you. Remembering our laughs and singing. 🥺💔❤️

Sarah Scott - March 03, 2023 at 09:33 PM

AJ

“ My deepest sympathy to the Ford Family. Joyce was a beautiful person with a warm personality. May she R.I.P God bless



Andrea "AJ" Johnson - March 01, 2023 at 11:14 AM

PE

“ I was so sorry to hear of Joyce's passing. Please accept my sympathy.

PeggySethman - February 28, 2023 at 05:53 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Joyce Ann Ford-Riggs.



February 27, 2023 at 01:23 PM

VY

“ I was proud Joyce called me a sister friend. She was a great co-worker and always shared how proud she was of her boys. Rest in peace, Joycie

Vicki Yunker - February 27, 2023 at 01:08 PM

JB

“ What a shock! It was a delight to know Joyce and to have worked several years with her. Condolences to the family. 😭 - Jim Brandyberry

Jim Brandyberry - February 24, 2023 at 07:21 PM