



Joyce Anne Young

February 12, 1938 - October 9, 2021

ST. MICHAELS - Joyce Anne Waldrige Young, aka Mummsy, Mammy, Mums, Miss Joyce, Joyce-Anne!, Mom, Honey, Sweetheart, Babes, may have been known by many names but there was never a question about who she was or what she stood for. She was a beautiful person inside and out with a big heart full of kindness and generosity. Always the life of the party, Joyce was a bright light in the lives of all who knew her – people and animals alike. She was born on February 12, 1938 in Newark, Delaware to Mr. Linwood Webster Waldrige and Bernice Tyler Waldrige in the “Flower Hospital” on the campus of the University of Delaware. A math building now stands in the location of her birthplace. Joyce was the oldest of three children and she, along with brother Larry and sister Jayne, resided in a lovely, red-brick home on Linden Street. As a young girl Joyce made friends easily and she and Jayne shared a love for animals including their pet Terrier “Tina” as well as a menagerie of cats. She was always known as a protector of all living creatures. Her parents owned a Pittsburgh Paint and Hardware store in Newark and when her father took Joyce fishing with him, she would wait until her father’s back was turned and would promptly throw the fish back in the pond after he had just caught it. Needless to say Joyce didn’t get many more fishing invites.

Joyce enjoyed school and was a great student. In high school she was valedictorian of her class, she was class secretary each year and was in the school band, a cappella choir, TRI-HI-Y, Drama Club, Thespians, Senior Honor Society and Homecoming Queen Court in her senior year. After high school Joyce became a Fightin’ Blue Hen at the University of Delaware where she studied Dance and Drama before marrying the love of her life, Donald Roy Young. Don always said that his beautiful wife, who was awarded 1st Runner Up as “Miss Newark”, would rather dance than eat!

Don Young first saw Joyce, where he worked, in Rhodes Drugstore in Newark in 1956. He was studying at the University of Maryland Pharmacy School in Baltimore. The story goes that when Don first saw Joyce he asked the owner’s son-in-law, Don Caufield, whether he knew who the young lady was dressed in white. Caufield replied, “No, but if I wasn’t married I sure would like to know her”. Young said back half-jokingly – but just as serious, “You know Caufield, I think I will marry that girl”, and both Dons dismissed the conversation with a chuckle. Shortly thereafter, Young was set up on a blind date by

Joyce's cousin, Pat Stanley. He went to Linden Street and was welcomed into the home by a nice voice saying – "Please come in and make yourself comfortable in the living room." Shortly thereafter Joyce entered the room and Don was stunned! This was the stylish, young lady he had seen, dressed in white, in the drugstore three weeks earlier! Don said that Joyce "was everything he thought she would be". They began dating exclusively with Don coming home to Elkton on weekends and by the end of June 1957 Don and Joyce were engaged. They married on September 7, 1957, and just celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary! Theirs was truly a love story. They had three children, Donald Lawrence, Lynda Joyce and David Loren and in April 1964 moved to St. Michaels, Maryland to take ownership of Hudson's Pharmacy. Early days were spent on Railroad Avenue where Joyce was beloved as the "neighborhood Mom". She was very involved with the PTA and school events while also establishing a cosmetics department and doing all of the cooking for the lunch counter in the pharmacy. And she never missed a sporting event for her children whether it was a horseshow, football or basketball game. She was always a loving and supportive parent.

Joyce and Don were pillars in their community. They made a great team and it was important to them that they give back to the town they loved. Joyce was a member of the United Fund, March of Dimes, Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, St. Michaels Historical Society, St. Luke's Methodist Church and an original founder of Christmas in St. Michaels as well as an original member of the Bay Hundred. Joyce's greatest joys were her family, home, gardening, and much like her mother, the kitchen was her happy place where she was a gourmet cook hosting many special events with family and friends. She was a self-taught artist, pianist and humanitarian with a bigger-than-life personality. She enjoyed singing, dancing, swimming, reading books, and volunteering at the Talbot Humane Society.

Joyce and Don had a special bond as both mates and best friends. In 1975 they made a final move to what would become their forever home where they became fast friends with Thelma & Norman and Faye & Jack Shannahan – still best friends to this day. Joyce and Don traveled the world together and made many other friends along the way but their travels always brought Joyce back to her sanctuary on San Domingo Creek – her heaven on earth. She shared her home with her soul mate and family of swan, ducks and geese, deer, raccoons, fox, birds and squirrels. They will miss her as much as any person she knew.

Joyce passed on Saturday, October 9 at the age of 83. Her bright light may have dimmed on this earth but her spirit surrounds us every day in nature. God has now welcomed her to His kingdom where she will reunite with loved ones who have passed and where she can continue to watch over those left behind. Joyce is survived by her husband and soul mate, Donald Roy Young, her children Donald and his wife Mary of Easton, Lynda Young and her husband Craig Randock of Phoenix, AZ, David and his wife Karen of Tunis Mills,

her sister Jayne M. Waldrige, sister in law Jenny Waldrige, sister in law Sharon M. Young, brother in law Duane Young and wife Kathy, and grandchildren Shane L. Young and his wife Emma, Alexis H. and Nicole T. Randock, Corey Kaufman, Wesley, Anna and Emma Schumann, great grandchildren Everly and Roman Pechella, nephew Michael Young and his wife Terri, grandniece Hope M. Miller and many other dear family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, brother Lawrence W. Waldrige, niece Nicole L. Miller and family pets Tina, Pierre, Baron, Amber, and Tabby.

Joyce said that she had lived a wonderful life, "I have lived, I have not just existed." She did live and we are all better for having known her. A memorial service will be held on Monday, October 18 at Fellows Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home at 200 S Harrison St, Easton, MD 21601. Viewing begins at 10am with the service to follow. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Talbot Humane Society, Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum or St. Michaels Fourth of July Fireworks Fund, c/o St. Michaels Fire Department. For online tributes, please visit: <http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com>.

Cemetery Events

Oxford Cemetery

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Visitation

10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - October 18 at 11:24 AM



“ This is beautiful! We truly appreciate all of the special care and effort put forth on behalf of our beloved wife and mother. It was a wonderful service. Thank you!

Don Young - October 24 at 12:15 PM



“ Dear family Young, all my deepest and warmest condolences. I will always remember the 2 months I have spent with your family in 1973. I will always remember how Joyce took care about me. She was like a perfect mother. I will also always remember all the times we met each other during those 55 years whether in St Michaels or in Brussels. Each time, it was like we had last met yesterday. I will miss you Joyce. You will always be in my mind. Rest in peace.



serge - October 28 at 04:18 AM



“ Serge, what thoughtful words! We all had some good times didn't we?! And Mom thought the world of you. You made her and Dad feel so welcome in Brussels - wonderful memories. Thank you and all the best to you and your Mom. We miss Mom so very much. Thank you for remembering her. Love to all.

Lynda Young - October 31 at 12:44 AM



“ My sister, my friend, in my heart forever. In lieu of flowers, Hope and I have made a donation to the Talbot Humane Society, in honor of your love for animals.

Jayne waldrige - October 20 at 02:58 PM



“ Thank you Aunt Jayne and Hope. As you know this is perfect for Mom. Much love to you both!

Lynda Young - October 24 at 12:38 PM



“ My cousin Joyce lived with gusto and vigor, and I am so glad to have had a chance to be a partaker of her joy, and yes, her glamour too! Thank you Joyce for what you shared with me over the years. I will miss you, Love cousin Sharon

Sharon Tyler Payne - October 18 at 05:19 PM



“ Always in our hearts. We will miss who we were with you. In honor of your enduring love and compassion for all animals, large and small, we will make a donation in your name to The Talbot Humane Society.

Loving you always,

Jayne and Hope.

Jayne Waldrige - October 19 at 08:53 AM



“ Thank you Sharon and you are so right that Joyce lived with gusto and vigor! We are so glad that you were able to spend time with her over the years. Love to all - Don & family

Don Young - October 24 at 12:43 PM



“ Always appreciate your beautiful thoughts and words Jayne. Joyce and all of the animals thank you and Hope. Love - Don

Don Young - October 24 at 01:05 PM



“ from Bud Mowday and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joyce Anne Young.



from Bud Mowday and Family - October 16 at 10:21 AM



“ Jim And Mary Ann Edwards sent a virtual gift in memory of Joyce Anne Young



Jim and Mary Ann Edwards - October 15 at 04:36 PM



“ Don, So sorry to hear of Joyce's passing. We have good memories of Joyce in Hawaii when we spent 2 weeks in this beautiful paradise. We enjoyed being with both of you. Lots of good memories. Our sincere sympathy to you and your family. God Bless. Jim and Mary Ann Edwards

Jim and Mary Ann Edwards - October 15 at 04:48 PM



“ Thank you Jim and Mary Ann. We too spoke of the wonderful time spent together on Kauia - great memories! I hope I will see you sometime soon. Take care - Don

Don Young - October 24 at 01:46 PM



“ So sorry to read about Miss Joyce, sending our "love" to your family. Sherry Johnson Hurley

Sherry Johnson Hurley - October 24 at 07:07 PM



“ Hello Sherry. Thanks so much for your kind words. - Don & family

Don Young - October 26 at 08:39 PM



“ 145 files added to the album LifeTributes



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - October 15 at 04:34 PM



“ So very sorry to read of Joyce's passing. She will be missed by all who were fortunate enough to know her. My thoughts and prayers are with Don and their children.



Phil Foster - October 15 at 04:40 AM



“ Thank you Phil. We appreciate your kind thoughts and prayers. Take care - Don & family
Don Young - October 24 at 02:02 PM



“ Joyce George Cox lit a candle in memory of Joyce Anne Young



Joyce George Cox - October 14 at 09:56 PM



“ Thank you Joyce!
Don Young - October 24 at 02:03 PM



“ So sorry for the loss of Miss Joyce she was a special lady She was always smiling and happy Hugs and Prayers for all Her memories will help ease the pain



Vickie Bildstein - October 14 at 08:13 PM



“ Thank you Vickie for reaching out. And you're right - Mom was a special lady! Take care - Lynda

Lynda Young - October 23 at 06:30 PM



“ Sending my condolences to the Young family. Mrs Joyce was a very nice lady and she will be missed by all who knew her. Rest easy.



Thomas Martin - October 14 at 03:59 PM



“ Thank you Ray for thinking of Mom! I was sorry to hear about your mother as well. You can bet they're both in heaven smiling down on all of us! :) Lynda

Lynda Young - October 23 at 06:37 PM



“ Lots of memories of great times.

Delores - October 13 at 02:41 PM



“ You are right Delores! Thank you for thinking of Joyce. Take care - Don

Don Young - October 24 at 02:42 PM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Joyce Anne Young.



October 13 at 12:53 PM



“ Mandy Lauder lit a candle in memory of Joyce Anne Young



Mandy Lauder - October 13 at 07:41 AM



“ Thank you Mandy!

Don Young - October 24 at 02:43 PM



“ Lots of fond memories of Joyce and the entire Young family while working at Hudson's Pharmacy back in the 70s....my thoughts and prayers to the family.



Georgianna LeCompte - October 12 at 11:37 AM



“ We appreciate your thoughts Georgianna! It was truly a family affair in the drugstore- and as you said, many fond memories. All the best to you - Don

Don Young - October 24 at 02:45 PM



“ 32 files added to the album LifeTributes



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - October 11 at 02:22 PM