



## Joy Lee Dove

September 22, 1938 - June 25, 2025

Joy Lee Dove, born on September 22, 1938, in Knoxville, Tennessee, passed away peacefully, leaving behind a legacy of love and cherished memories. Joy was the beloved daughter of the late Florence and John Henry Houser, and she grew up in the warm embrace of her family in Knoxville, surrounded by her siblings: Joe Mac Houser, Betty Ann Chilastri, Jerry Elaine Cuttler, John Thomas Houser, Ronald Carl Houser, David Eugene Houser, Mickey Ray Houser, Alice Miller, and Tawana Eileen Long. She was also the granddaughter of John and Stella Williams, and Joseph M. and Leanne Houser.

Joy met the love of her life, William “Billy” Dove, at Johnny’s Tavern, a bar owned by Billy’s uncle. They married on February 23, and their love was a true testament to devotion and companionship. One of Joy’s favorite songs, “Your Man” by Josh Turner, always brought a smile to her face, reminding her of the beautiful moments shared with her late husband, Billy. Together, they built a loving family grounded in care and support.

Joy was the proud mother of Clarence E. Burros, Michael J. Burros, Joy Lee Mazzullo (Doug), Billi Jo Dove, Vincent Dugan, and adopted daughter Kathy Brown (Scott). She was a doting grandmother to Robert Casey Mazzullo (Taylor) and Rebekka Ann Mazzullo, and she had a special bond with her many loving nieces and nephews. Joy also had a close relationship with her

niece Diane Smith and her husband Jody.

Throughout her life, Joy was known for her warmth and generosity. She welcomed everyone into her home, treating them as family, and fostering deep connections with those around her. Joy spent the early years of her marriage attending stock car races and hosting family poker games, where laughter and love thrived. She had a passion for collecting antiques, particularly the beloved Jewel Tea China, reminiscent of her Aunt Ray. Joy cherished family trips to Ocean City and was dedicated to gardening, shopping, and planning family gatherings and holiday celebrations.

As a child, Joy was a protective and loving sibling, always putting her family first. She was preceded in death by her husband, William Emory Dove, her son Clarence E. Burros and her daughter, Joy Lee Mazzullo.

A visitation will be held on Wednesday, July 2, 2025, from 11 AM to 12 PM, with a service to follow at 12 PM at Fellows, Helfenbein and Newnam Funeral Home, located at 106 Shamrock Rd., Chester, MD 21619. Interment will immediately follow the service at Stevensville Cemetery in Chester, Maryland, where Joy and her late husband Bill will be reunited.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association ([www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org)) honoring Joy's compassionate spirit and her commitment to family and community. She will be deeply missed but forever remembered for the love she shared and the lives she touched.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 2. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A.  
106 Shamrock Road  
Chester, MD 21619

## Funeral

JUL 2. 12:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A.  
106 Shamrock Road  
Chester, MD 21619

## Burial

JUL 2. 1:00 PM (ET)

Stevensville Cemetery  
808 Main Street  
Stevensville, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joy Lee Dove*



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - June 30, 2025 at 03:10 PM

JF

“ *I have such fond memories of Joy. She touched my heart in so many ways. Although we lost touch with each other the memory of her never fades. I have 2 special gifts from her that I will always cherish. Thank you Joy for touching my heart and sharing your kindness. And thank you for caring for Angel. Our precious bird. With loving memories, Joanne*

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**Joanne Fisher** - January 02 at 06:05 PM

MS

“ *Mindy Sewell lit a candle in memory of Joy Lee Dove*



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**Mindy Sewell** - June 30, 2025 at 04:02 PM

SF

“ Scarlett & Shane and family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Joy Lee Dove.



Scarlett & Shane and family - June 30, 2025 at 01:14 PM

SF

“ Scarlett & Shane and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joy Lee Dove.

Scarlett & Shane and family - June 30, 2025 at 01:14 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joy Lee Dove.



June 30, 2025 at 01:07 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joy Lee Dove.

June 30, 2025 at 01:07 PM

BJ

“ Bob and Janet Johnson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joy Lee Dove.

Bob and Janet Johnson - June 30, 2025 at 11:01 AM

BJ

“ Bob and Janet Johnson purchased the Beautiful i  
n Blue for the family of Joy Lee Dove.



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**Bob and Janet Johnson** - June 30, 2025 at 11:01 AM

TB

“ Tammy & JP Barry purchased the Emerald Garde  
n Basket for the family of Joy Lee Dove.



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**Tammy & JP Barry** - June 30, 2025 at 09:21 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the  
family of Joy Lee Dove.



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June 29, 2025 at 12:03 PM



“ A [Memorial  
Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joy Lee Dove.

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June 29, 2025 at 12:03 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Joy Lee Dove.



June 28, 2025 at 12:47 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joy Lee Dove.

June 28, 2025 at 12:47 PM



“ My heart is broken. I loved Mrs. Dove. I will always remember her shaking her hips and dancing to elvis presley. Rest in peace my sweet angel. Billie Jo my heart is with you.



Amy Hayman - June 26, 2025 at 07:52 PM



Thank you Amy! You guys made her stay at Chestertown better. She always loved hanging with you ladies.

Billi Jo - June 27, 2025 at 01:07 PM