



Joyce LaVerne Wallace Crawley

July 17, 1944 - February 23, 2026

Joyce L. Wallace Crawley, 81, transitioned peacefully on Monday evening, February 23, 2026, after a brief illness and hospital stay. She was surrounded by her family and was ushered into Heaven through prayers and songs.

Joyce was born on July 17, 1944, in Charles City County, VA and was the seventh living child born to Summerfield and Rosetta Bradby Wallace. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband and love of her life, Ralph H. Crawley, Sr; siblings, Emma Adkins, Willie Summerfield, Jr., Etta Jones, Arnette Brown, Leon Wallace, Delois Allen, Dallis Wallace, Sr., Rosa Tabb, Evan Wallace, Sr., Bobby Wallace and Maurice Wallace; as well as nephews, Floyd Miles Jr. and Dallis Wallace Jr. (Godson).

Joyce accepted Christ as her Savior at a young age and was a member of Little Elam Baptist Church. She was educated in the Charles City County School System where she was a product of Ruthville High School. She was a master seamstress, beautician, floral designer, caregiver, therapist and extraordinary cook (it was nothing like JC's kitchen where she cooked with love!), and until her recent illness the pianist for New Vine Baptist Church for 35+ years. She was the founder of the Budding Angels as well as lifelong member of The Inspirationalists and The Charles City Gospel Singers.

Joyce worked in her gifting. She had a gift of help that went beyond what

many of us will never know. She had a way of knowing how to treat people, meeting them where they were, a way of speaking her mind and a way of sharing memories to help her family remember each relative (almost everyone in Charles City) in a special way. She had an open-door policy. Her home was a place of rest to many. She reached deep and cast a wide net of love that will be remembered for many years to come.

Joyce leaves to cherish her memory, her loving children, Sidney Burton Jr. (TaVonya), and devoted daughter, Sherri Donson (Andrew, devoted); a dedicated and faithful niece/God daughter, Hope Wallace; devoted grandchildren, Robert "Roc", Tanika "Bush", LaPrecious, Dallena "Scoot", and Jeremiah (JD). She was also known as Nanny to Shakeia, Faith, Tashauna, Legend, Caden and Serenity; beloved siblings, Rev. Daniel Wallace, Sr. (Phyllis), Clem Miles (Floyd, Sr.), Anna Adkins (Dudley), Dorothy Armstead (Michael), Brenda Copling (Wesley), and Wilhemenia Young (Tyrone); brother and sister-in-law, Clyde Allen and Elinor Wallace. Dr. Burrell Smith was her spiritual mentor and friend for many decades. Devoted friend/daughter Frances Jefferson, and longtime family friend Fay Mason. She reared many nieces, nephews, cousins and was THAT special auntie/mama to many. She will truly be missed.

A funeral service will be held 1PM Friday, March 6, 2026, at Little Elam Baptist Church, 8840 Church Lane, Charles City, VA 23030. A viewing will be held 2 hours prior from 11AM-1PM. Interment to follow in the Little Elam Baptist Church cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Little Elam Church Cemetery

8840 Church Ln
Charles City, VA 23030

Previous Events

Viewing

MAR 6. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Little Elam Baptist Church
8840 Church Lane
Charles City, VA 23030
(804) 829-2053

Funeral Service

MAR 6. 1:00 PM (ET)

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8840 Church Lane
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Tribute Wall

JA

“ *My Condolences goes out to the family for Joyce Wallace Crawley rest in peace in paradise.*

Joyce Artis - March 05 at 08:38 PM

BP

“ *To The Crawley Family: Joyce was such a joy to know. One of the friendliest people we have had the honor of being with. The last time we saw her, we played games at her sister Clem's home. That was truly a joyous night. Being asked to pray for her in her sickest times meant we were considered a friend to her and she would have prayed for us in a moment's notice if we had needed it. That was the type of woman Joyce was. One to be counted on. She will definitely be missed by us.*

Irving (Nunga) Paige Sr. and Family

bettie paige - March 05 at 10:13 AM



AJ

“ *Anthony And Ebony Jones lit a candle in memory of Joyce LaVerne Wallace Crawley*

Anthony and Ebony Jones - March 04 at 04:42 PM



DD

Donna Donson on behalf of the Donson's family, our deepest condolences to our sister in law Sherri Donson, our brother Andrew Donson, pur nephew Jeremiah Donson and the rest of the late Joyce Crawley family on her passing. May her sweet soul rest in peace 🙏🙏

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Donna Donson - March 05 at 04:41 PM

JJ

“ *May you rest in peace Auntie* ❤️😭

Josie Jones - March 04 at 12:58 PM

EC

“ *To the family of Joyce Crawley we would like to thank you for allowing us at New Vine to share Joyce for so many years. We loved her and she loved us. Our hearts are heavy also but we know she is where she wants to be and that's with our God and for this we are thankful. Sending prayers and condolences to you*



Eugene and Judy Crump - March 04 at 10:16 AM

YB

“ *Yonne Bradby lit a candle in memory of Joyce LaVerne Wallace Crawley*



Yonne Bradby - March 03 at 05:40 PM

MM

“ *My condolences to the Wallace Crawley Family
,keeping you all lifted up in prayers.*



M.Althea Morton - March 03 at 12:26 AM

BH

“ *Bonnie Hudler lit a candle in memory of Joyce
LaVerne Wallace Crawley*



Bonnie Hudler - March 02 at 09:04 PM

BB

“ *Brenda Brown lit a candle in memory of Joyce
LaVerne Wallace Crawley*



Brenda Brown - March 02 at 03:16 PM

CA

“ *Cassandra Y Allen sent a virtual gift in memory
of Joyce LaVerne Wallace Crawley*



Cassandra Y Allen - March 02 at 12:04 PM

CR

“ Cynthia Robinson lit a candle in memory of
Joyce LaVerne Wallace Crawley



Cynthia Robinson - March 01 at 03:08 PM

CD

“ Carson G. Daugherty sent a virtual gift in
memory of Joyce LaVerne Wallace Crawley



Carson G. Daugherty - February 28 at 03:59 PM

FG

“ To Sherri and the family:
Our condolences and prayers are with you. RIP
Joyce . You will be missed ❤️



Freddie & Pamela Ghee - February 27 at 05:30 PM

MK

“ To the Family of Ms. Joyce Crawley,
We are so sorry for your loss and are thinking of you and sending love during most this difficult time. My heartfelt condolences are with you and your family as you remember cherished memories.
"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."
Romans 8:38-39

Missionary Kitchen - February 27 at 12:32 PM

LB

“ Lorna Braxton lit a candle in memory of Joyce
LaVerne Wallace Crawley



Lorna Braxton - February 27 at 08:04 AM

SB

To Sidney Burton & family. My deepest sympathy goes out to you and the family. Hope God give you peace and comfort at this time of Mrs. Joyce Crawley ❤️❤️🙏🙏

Sandra Burrell - February 28 at 09:10 AM

TW

“ Sorry For Your Loss



Thomas Widgeon - February 27 at 06:22 AM

BC

“ To the family of Ms.Joyce:
She will forever be remembered for her warm smiles and her praises to our God through song. May the find memories provide strength to get you through the days ahead.
Much love,
Brenda and Ronald

Brenda Jones Cotman - February 26 at 11:04 PM

SJ

“ Silene Crawley Johnson lit a candle in memory of Joyce LaVerne Wallace Crawley



Silene Crawley Johnson - February 26 at 06:05 PM

SF

“ Shereen, Brian & Family lit a candle in memory of Joyce LaVerne Wallace Crawley



Shereen, Brian & Family - February 26 at 12:26 PM

SB

“ There is not enough space, not enough words, not enough time to say how I feel about my Aunt Joyce. Her demonstration of God's agape love is endless. She was so much more than an aunt to me. I will miss the late night and early morning phone calls, the laughs, the tears and me fussing at her because she was always putting others before her own needs. I will miss her fussing at me telling me that she was the "mom and grown" and the mellow "humming" that she would do when she wasn't listening, as well as the consequences that she would give all of us because of her listening when we thought that she wasn't. Her love for her family was endless. She always said that helping and loving people was her ministry. She fought a good fight loving on us until she took her last breath at the very end. I am thankful for God loaning her to us and for the unconditional love, laughter and faithfulness that she shared with us all. Loving You Always, Baby Reen

Shereen Bradby-Ghee - February 26 at 12:19 PM

SA

Love Aunt Joyce Sharon Lakeshia Chiranda an Orlando Jr. Sadly.miss

Sharon Adkins - February 26 at 02:46 PM

DJ

“ Debra Jones lit a candle in memory of Joyce
LaVerne Wallace Crawley



Debra Jones - February 26 at 11:19 AM

JW

“ Jessica White lit a candle in memory of Joyce LaVerne Wallace Crawley



Jessica White - February 26 at 11:12 AM

KB

“ Kendall Black lit a candle in memory of Joyce LaVerne Wallace Crawley



Kendall Black - February 26 at 10:24 AM

KT

“ Kenneth Tabb lit a candle in memory of Joyce LaVerne Wallace Crawley



Kenneth Tabb - February 26 at 08:49 AM

EB

“ To Sherri and the family. Mama, Roger, and myself send our deepest condolences for the passing of Mrs. Joyce. I know she was a gem to the family and will be truly missed. Please allow our Lord to give you strength during these difficult days to come. Love you. The Bradby family.



Ella Bradby - February 26 at 07:23 AM

WB

“ Sincerest sympathies to the family. May God bless, keep and comfort you during this trying time. Joyce will be sorely missed!



Warren and JoAnne Bell - February 26 at 03:14 AM

JJ

“ Jacqueline Jones-Harper lit a candle in memory of Joyce LaVerne Wallace Crawley



Jacqueline Jones-Harper - February 26 at 02:15 AM

YB

“ Yvonne Bradby lit a candle in memory of Joyce LaVerne Wallace Crawley

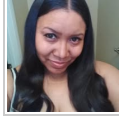


Yvonne Bradby - February 25 at 09:21 PM

JJ

Sending my thoughts and prayers to the Family during this difficult time. Mom Joyce was an amazing person and friend , we shared a special bond for 32yrs. Rest in Paradise my Sweet Lady Love You Always ❤️🙏

Jacqueline Jones-Harper - February 26 at 02:03 AM



Sending Sherri and Sydney our deepest condolences for the passing of your Mom. Our heart goes out to you during this difficult time. Wishing you both comfort, peace, and the strength to face the days ahead. Love you both always. Michelle, Shannon & Shanden.

Michelle Miller - February 26 at 05:32 PM



DONNA DONSON. On behalf of the Donson's family Our deepest condolences to our Sister in law Sherri Donson, Our brother Andrew Donson, Our nephew Jeremiah Donson and the rest of the family on the passing of their beloved Joyce crawley. May her sweet soil rest in peace 🙏🙏🙏🌹🌹🌹

Donna Donson - March 05 at 05:30 PM