



## Joyce Ann Ernst

September 23, 1929 - August 27, 2017

Joyce Ann Ernst, 87, of Cynthiana, formerly of Berry, passed away on Sunday, August 27, 2017, at Edgemont Healthcare in Cynthiana. Born in Bracken County on September 23, 1929, she was the last surviving child of J.B. and Ollie Fogle Perkins. A graduate of Butler High School, she married Carl Tildon Ernst, and her dear husband preceded her in death on April 1, 1963. Widowed at a young age, Joyce was left to raise three children alone. For many years, she lived humbly. For all her woes and misfortunes, she never once complained or resented her lot in life. She never desired anything more than what she had, because she possessed something worth far more than gold: she had a servant's heart.

No matter how little she had herself, Joyce never stopped seeking ways to serve the Lord and others. As a 54 year member of the Antioch Mills Christian Church, where she worked as the custodian for 30 years, Joyce served the Lord on international mission trips and as a member of the Ladies Aid. She served the children of Harrison County breakfast and lunch at Northside Elementary for 25 years. For many years she worked at Camp Northward Christian Assembly. Joyce served her community as a member of the Kentucky Extension Homemaker's Association and as a Kentucky Colonel. She was an avid quilter, an artist, and a treasured friend to many.

She is survived by three children: Patricia (Kenney) Barnett of Kelat, William (Robin) Ernst of Berry, and Susan Ernst Avery of Lexington; 10 grandchildren: Keith Shepperd, Daniel Shepperd, Samantha Peterson, Judy Ernst, Ronnie

Ernst, Brandon (Zainab) Avery, Kevin Avery, Jr., Leandra Avery, Leeanna Avery, and Joseph Avery; 15 great grandchildren: Dakota, Kolton, Evelyn, Landon, Joselyn, Kayle, Andrew, Abigail, Christopher, Lilly, Serenity, Zaniyah, Izaias, Mohammed, and Yasmeen; several nieces and nephews; and a host of extended family and friends.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her infant daughter, Doris Ann Ernst; and her siblings: Jim Perkins, Ruby Myers, Kenneth Perkins, Adrian Perkins, Jack Perkins (her twin), and Donald and Ronald Perkins (twins).

Funeral services will be held at 2 pm, Friday, September 1, 2017, at the Antioch Mills Christian Church, 12785 US 27, Berry, KY 41003. Visitation 11-2 pm at her church preceding the service. Interment will take place in the Lenoxburg Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Antioch Mills Christian Church or Woodhead Funeral Home. Woodhead Funeral Home is taking care of the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Lenoxburg Cemetery

Lenoxburg Foster Road  
Foster, Ky

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 1. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Antioch Mills Christian Church  
12785 Hwy 27N  
Berry, KY

## Funeral

SEP 1. 2:00 PM (ET)

Antioch Mills Christian Church  
12785 Hwy 27N  
Berry, KY

# Tribute Wall

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“ I Have such wonderful memories of Aunt Joyce. Way back to to when Jack and Carl T were still alive. Carl'ts family was so good to me. Jean was a sweetie. When I'd stay with grandma Ollie I looked forward to all of them coming around or being with them (following them around) so . I was around 8 I guess, I don't know really. Age doesn't matter. Joyce was the center I always looked for. She was sooo pretty and lively. Her voice was soft and led me right to her. I thought she looked just like Elizabeth Taylor. I wanted to be just like her when I grew up. Although I didn't see her a lot over the years raising my own family, I have always loved her dearly. It is going to be hard losing her. I can only hope that she will be waiting with her hand out and Mom on the other side when the Lord reads my name in his big book.



Eva K Myers Fahrnbach - September 01, 2017 at 09:31 AM

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*I was to Kay most of the family. Eva Kay Myers Fahrnbach*

Eva K Myers Fahrnbach - September 01, 2017 at 09:34 AM

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*My husband Ed and I attended the services of my Aunt Joyce yesterday. Through my tears, I attest that the service was touching, the music lovely, and the video was AMAZING. The cemetary was so beautifully decorated for Labor Day, the words touching and I'll Fly Away is still ringing in my ears. I hear Kevin has credit for the video. Thanks for the memories. I'll be checking in on all of you at times. After all I'm one of the old ones now. Kay*

Eva Kay (Myers) Fahrnbach - September 02, 2017 at 11:45 AM



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



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August 31, 2017 at 11:29 AM



“ *Tim & Julie (Myers) Blake purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Joyce Ann Ernst.*



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**Tim & Julie (Myers) Blake** - August 30, 2017 at 09:46 PM



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



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August 30, 2017 at 12:48 PM



“ *Patty, Billy & Susie, So SORRY to hear of your mother's passing, she was a dear friend to my mom, have fond memories of her, I know she will be greatly missed. Take care, thinking of you all.*



*Melba J (Williams) Payne*

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**Melba J Payne** - August 28, 2017 at 08:16 PM