



## Joyce Foster

November 14, 1939 - December 4, 2021

Nynva Joyce (Cotton) Foster, 82, of Rockwall, Texas, passed from this life on December 4, 2021. Joyce was born in Van Zandt County, in Edgewood, Texas, to Jasper Newton Cotton and Lillie Mae (Farthing) Cotton, on November 14, 1939.

Joyce was married to Tony Foster, the love of her life, on January 10, 1958. They were married 56 years until his death in 2014. She always said her greatest accomplishments were her 3 children and 4 grandchildren. She worked as a secretary for several insurance companies before retiring from Texas Insurance Claims. Joyce was baptized at the age of 13 at her childhood church First Baptist Church of Edgewood. When she came to Dallas she moved her membership to Shiloh Terrace Baptist Church where she raised all three of her children. After her husband's passing, she attended First Baptist Rockwall. Joyce was a living example of how God loves us.

She also loved to cook and would feed anyone in need. Her specialty was good ole East Texas Country Cooking - Caramel pies, chocolate pies, and chocolate chip cookies. She loved people so much and she never met a stranger. They would tell her their whole life story in a matter of minutes. She loved her family fiercely and spending time with them brought her so much joy. Joyce loved being at all of her children's and grandchildren's events.

Her infectious laughter and voice could be heard from miles around. Joyce's sense of humor kept everyone laughing even up until her passing. She loved "mothering" and was like a second mother to most of her children's friends and neighbors never holding back on her words of wisdom. Her love for the Lord is very evident in all her prayer journals, in the way she loved others and how she lived her life. She is rejoicing in heaven with her husband, parents, all of her siblings, and lots of friends.

Joyce is survived by her loving children: Melinda Dale and Jimmie, Craig Foster and Stefanie, Scott Foster and Deidre; grandchildren: Madison Dale, Tyner Dale, Nolan Foster, Avery Foster; and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins who will all miss her dearly.

Joyce is preceded in death by her husband, Tony Ray Foster; siblings: Doyal Cotton, Rubye Martin, Oleta Chance, Lillian Holdbrook, Jack Cotton, Nell Bateman, Revo Cotton, Daphine Anderson, Ruth Bonham, Virginia Heddins, and Billy Wayne Cotton; and parents: Jasper and Mae Cotton.

A gathering of friends and loved ones will take place on Friday, December 10, 2021, beginning at 9:30 AM in Reflections Chapel at Rest Haven Funeral Home – Rockwall location. The funeral service to celebrate Joyce will follow the gathering beginning at 10:30 AM, with Rev. Bubba Thurman officiating. Burial will follow in Rest Haven Memorial Park in Rockwall, Texas.

Services will also be livestreamed and can be found at: <https://view.oneroomstreaming.com/authorise.php?k=1638832170152193>

# Cemetery

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## Rest Haven Memorial Park

2500 State Highway 66 East  
Rockwall, TX, 75087

# Events

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- DEC 10** **Gathering** 09:30AM - 10:30AM
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- Reflections at Rest Haven Funeral Home - Rockwall Location  
2500 State Highway 66 East, Rockwall, TX, US, 75087
- DEC 10** **Funeral Service** 10:30AM
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- Reflections at Rest Haven Funeral Home - Rockwall Location  
2500 State Highway 66 East, Rockwall, TX, US, 75087
- DEC 10** **Interment**
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- Rest Haven Memorial Park  
2500 State Highway 66 East, Rockwall, TX, US, 75087

# Comments

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“ I’m so sorry for your loss!! Your mom was such a sweetheart!

**Kimberly Taylor** - December 16, 2021 at 06:14 PM

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“ Scott, Craig, and Melinda, your family has been in our prayers and in our hearts always. We hated that we were not able to be there for her service, and that we had no phone numbers or addresses to contact you. Your mother was a precious, loved friend who will be missed. We love you all, Buzzy and Suzette Valentine

**Suzette Valentine** - December 13, 2021 at 11:05 AM

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“ Joyce was a Special Lady and Good Friend. We raised our Families together at Shiloh Terrace Baptist and Mesquite Schools. God Bless Joyce, she is with God and Family!  
God Bless the Family!

**Mike & Vicki Slaton**

**Mike Slaton** - December 10, 2021 at 01:17 PM

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“ So sorry to hear Joyce (Ninva) passed away, so many times over the 40 years I’ve known her we talked, laughed and sometimes cried. Many times I got yelled at just like one of her wonderful kids. It was a great honor to know and love Joyce and Tony and the family. I know she is going to be missed tremendously. RIP hand in hand with Tony. Love you much

**Bruce Oldaker** - December 10, 2021 at 09:56 AM

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“ When I was 6 and Joyce was 9 they had moved to Edgewood from the farm in the Morince community I was in the first grade so one day Joyce walks in my class with a note for my Mother asking if L could spend the night with them in town so I took the note home and came in the next day with a change of clothes, when the day was over and class let time out Joyce was waiting and took me by the hand and we walked from school to her house, about 20 or so blocks now this was a 9 year old leading a 6-year-old it was a different time back then. Now no sane person would let kids walk alone I don't remember what we were thinking but I know I had a grand old time. I loved that whole Family  
Dan Valentine

**Dan Valentine** - December 09, 2021 at 09:44 PM



“ Joyce lived 4 houses down the street from me. She and my brother were in the same class. We went to the same church and spent a lot of time together. Seems she loved Tony forever. Fun lady.

**Carolyn Parkerson Thorn** - December 12, 2021 at 10:37 PM

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“ I love Ms. Foster like a Mom because I lost my mom many years ago, I'm Praying for her family that God will embrace them at this time of such great loss with A Mom With A Big Heart For Extra Children. Love Avis Collins

**Avis Collins** - December 09, 2021 at 11:33 AM