



Joyce Farrington Rutherford

May 13, 1934 - January 21, 2022

On January 21, 2022, Joyce F. Rutherford of Springfield, Va., died peacefully at The Fairfax at Ft. Belvoir Skilled Nursing Facility with family members at her bedside.

She is survived by her five adult children: Mark (Denise) Rutherford of San Clemente, Ca., William 'Ron' Rutherford of Fairfax, Va., Carol Carlisle (Rob Lassiter) of Springfield, Va., Eric (Rochelle 'Sissy') Rutherford of Lynch, Ky., and Kirk (Marta) Rutherford of Springfield, Va.; sister Jean Hoover, brothers James (Vicki) Harrison and Richard Harrison, nine grandchildren and nine great grandchildren, as well as nieces and nephews.

Joyce was preceded in death by her husband Billy just seven weeks prior, and her parents Evelyn Rice and James Harrison, and adoptive father Howard Farrington.

Joyce once worked as a telephone operator and supervisor, in a bridal shop, and founded JFR, Inc., her own bridal consulting business. Her true calling, however, she fulfilled as a military wife and loving mother to her five kids. She was exceptionally devoted to her husband for their 68 years together; and was selflessly committed to raising their kids in a home filled with support, love and laughter; often on her own while Billy's work and military service took him away from the family for days, weeks and sometimes months at a time –

including two year-long tours in Vietnam.

Before life slowed down, she loved traveling, playing cards with friends, and going to the theater. Joyce was a people person who loved being around others and was quick to strike up a caring conversation with anyone she encountered.

Joyce was able to remain at home until her final weeks because of the remarkable care and commitment of family members, neighbors, and friends.

Jefferson Funeral Chapel in Alexandria will host a memorial service at 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 5, 2022. There will be an interment service for both Billy and Joyce together at Arlington National Cemetery at a future date.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

1 Memorial Drive
Arlington, VA 22211

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Jefferson Funeral Chapel
5755 Castlewellan Drive
Alexandria, VA 22315
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Tribute Wall



“ *Jefferson Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Joyce Farrington Rutherford*



Jefferson Funeral Chapel - February 04, 2022 at 04:08 PM



“ *Joyce Farrington Rutherford*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ *Joyce was one of the nicest people you would ever want to meet. I will miss watching "Let's Make A Deal" with her, going to lunch, shopping, sitting on the porch in the evening saying hello to everyone walking by and just talking about everything. She always wanted to be in the same room with Billy because she loved him so much. I am glad they will be back in the same room telling silly jokes. I miss her so much. My deepest sympathy to the Rutherford family. Neighbor, Beverly Druitt*

Beverly F. Druitt - February 04, 2022 at 11:28 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Joyce Farrington Rutherford.



February 03, 2022 at 09:11 PM



“ *Fortinet, Inc. purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray* for the family of Joyce Farrington Rutherford.



Fortinet, Inc. - February 02, 2022 at 10:26 PM



“ *Your HR Leadership Team purchased the Serenity Wreath* for the family of Joyce Farrington Rutherford.



Your HR Leadership Team - February 01, 2022 at 06:06 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of Joyce Farrington Rutherford.



January 30, 2022 at 03:04 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Joyce Farrington Rutherford.*



January 28, 2022 at 09:33 AM



“ *Kathryn & Edwin Griffith purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Joyce Farrington Rutherford.*



Kathryn & Edwin Griffith - January 28, 2022 at 09:26 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joyce Farrington Rutherford.*



January 28, 2022 at 08:31 AM



“ Your mom will be forever Mrs. Rutherford to me although she graciously asked me to call her Joyce over the years. Mrs. R and our mom, Mae LaRosa, became lifelong best friends for close to 60 years when fate brought our families to Frederick Street. My best memories of the enduring power of friendship was our monthly pizza lunches in recent years. When mom and Joyce saw each other, they immediately began to chitchat like they were sitting in each other’s kitchens. I never told them their conversations were most likely overheard by everyone due to hearing loss. Your secrets are safe though, because our moms mostly bragged about children, grands, and great grandchildren with pride.
Rest easy, Mrs. Rutherford...

Barb Bechtel - January 27, 2022 at 07:53 PM



I am so so sorry to hear about Mrs. Rutherford's passing. I can hear her laugh and her southern voice! She was so loving and a pleasure to be around. We are so blessed to have had she and her family i our lives.

Mary LaRosa - January 28, 2022 at 05:30 PM



Love ❤️

Mary LaRosa - January 28, 2022 at 05:32 PM