



Joyce Simon Rials

April 8, 1930 - April 20, 2023

Joyce Simon Rials, 93, passed away peacefully on April 20, 2023. Born on April 8, 1930 in Glancy (Center Point) Mississippi, she was the daughter of the late Sue (Scarborough) Simon and Luther C Simon. Visitation will be 1pm-3pm Sunday at Stringer Family Funeral Home in Hazlehurst. Service will be 3pm Sunday at Stringer Family Chapel with burial at Damascus Cemetery. Stringer Family Funeral Home in Hazlehurst is handling arrangements.

Joyce lived most of her life in Covich County, graduating from Hazlehurst High School in 1948, and receiving her nursing diploma from the Gilfoy School of Nursing in 1951.

She was employed at Hardy Wilson Memorial Hospital from 1952-1993. There she served as floor RN, Surgery Supervisor, and Director of Nursing. She especially enjoyed working in the OB department, where she assisted in many deliveries throughout the later years of her nursing career.

Joyce was a member of the First Baptist Church of Hazlehurst. There she was a member of the Actioners, the choir, and the Vota Vita ladies class. Each week she looked forward to the Wednesday morning "Sunday School" class taught by Mrs. Judith Brewer. She delighted in the word of God, and soaked in all of the information she could to share with others. During her illness, when she was no longer able to read, her eyes lit up when she listened to online

services and David Jeremiah's podcasts.

Joyce had so many wonderful friends over the years, including Pat King, Sue Marx, and Rachel Goodson- who called each evening to check on her. She loved to travel with Rachel Newman and Faye Coke to her favorite destinations including the Blue Bonnet Trail, Niagara Falls and to the east coast to view the fall foliage. Her love of country music brought many trips to Nashville to attend "Fan Fair", and to see her favorite country artist Ricky Van Shelton.

After attending her grandson Nick's high school football games, she developed an appreciation of the sport. Football season was highly anticipated at her house each year- both college and NFL. She tried not to miss a game (though occasionally having to take an extra blood pressure pill if the game was a "nail-biter"). Other hobbies Joyce enjoyed were reading, needle point and gardening. She especially loved yellow roses, and always had them blooming in front of her house.

Joyce was blessed to be a grandmother and great-grandmother. Called "Joycie" by the grands, and great grands, she was able to visit with all of them on her recent 93rd birthday. The house was full of laughter and fond memories were enjoyed by all.

Preceding Joyce in death were her parents; brothers, Billy Simon and Jack Simon, a loving son, Keith Rials, and her special pets Peanut and Doodle.

Those left to cherish her memory are her daughter Dana Gunter and husband Ricky, of Wesson, MS., Steve Rials, and wife Dana, also of Wesson, MS; Grandchildren, Heather Gunter, Nick Gunter (Lauren), Summer Rials, Madison Rials Mahaffey (Mason), and Makenzie Rials Leary (Luke); Great Grandchildren, Merrill Gunter, Laurel Gunter, and Rilan Gunter. She also

leaves behind one brother Bob Simon and his wife Shelia Russell Simon of Columbia, Ms.

Joyce is remembered as a sweet, compassionate and humble soul. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Watch service here: <https://youtube.com/live/DIIDHnqgmb8?feature=share>

Cemetery Details

Damascus Cemetery

1037 Damascus Road
Hazlehurst, MS 39083

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **23**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Stringer Family Funeral Home - Hazlehurst
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Funeral Service

APR **23**. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Stringer Family Funeral Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Joyce Simon Rials*



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A wonderful lady in every way. She was a wonderful nurse and person. She will truly be missed. Love you Joyce!!

Ann Runnels Hebert - April 22, 2023 at 10:44 AM

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“ *Paula I Lofton lit a candle in memory of Joyce Simon Rials*



Paula I Lofton - April 24, 2023 at 10:54 AM

PL

Loved your mom. She did private duty for my dad and she was there when my Sarah was born. Can't say enough good about her. I was a lucky person to get one of her cross stitches still have it. I know the loss you share and will pray for your comfort through these times.

Paula I Lofton - April 24, 2023 at 11:01 AM

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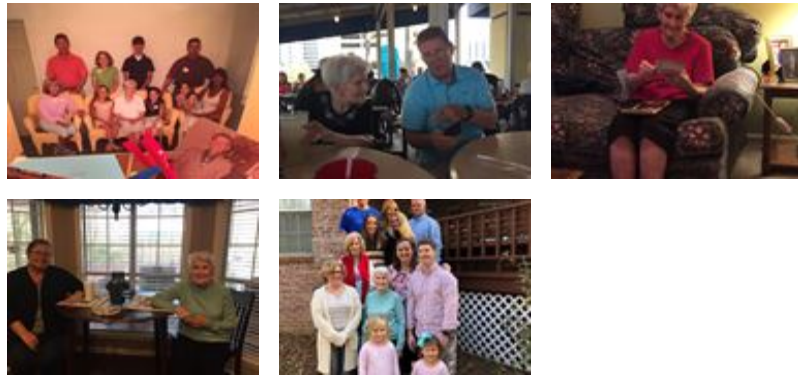
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Ann Runnels Hebert - April 22, 2023 at 08:33 PM



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“ A Precious Lady and Blessing To So Many Of Us.....Our Thoughts and Prayers Are With Ya'llJohn 14



Sandra Cliburn
Freddie Cliburn

Sandra Cliburn - April 21, 2023 at 12:14 PM

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“ *Sue Marx lit a candle in memory of Joyce
Simon Rials*



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