



Joyce Bankhead Stricklin

May 7, 1939 - March 29, 2024

Joyce Bankhead Stricklin, beloved mother, friend, and longtime resident of Crystal Springs, Mississippi, passed away in the early morning hours of March 29, 2024. She was 84 years old. Ms. Stricklin is survived by two children, Cindy Pramuk (husband, Al, both of Franklin, TN), and Ken McManus (Crystal Springs). She is also survived by her sister, Jeanette (husband, George, both of Crystal Springs), step-children Shelley Wierick (husband, John, both of Carlsbad, CA) and Scott Stricklin (fiancé, Traci Gatewood, both of Madison, MS); nephew, Wolf Tolbert (Jackson, MS); eight grandchildren (Jennifer Pramuk, Alan Pramuk, James McManus, Jason McManus, Rachel Wierick, Mason Wierick, and Shelby Stricklin; Justin McManus, deceased), and too many friends and “family” (friends as close as family) to count. Her husband of 33 years, Basil Stricklin, passed away in 2019.

Ms. Stricklin was the first of two daughters born to Earlene and Kenneth Bankhead. She attended Crystal Springs High School where she met her first husband, James McManus, with whom she had three children, one of whom (David McManus) predeceased Ms. Stricklin. The couple subsequently divorced, and several years later, Joyce met and married the “love of her life,” Basil Stricklin. The Stricklins settled in Crystal Springs where they savored life together in the company of friends and family.

Joyce was fiercely devoted to her community of friends, including Shirley

Lamar (Crystal Springs), who was with Ms. Stricklin the night of her passing. Inseparable since grade school, especially after losing both their husbands, the two frequently traveled together and enjoyed life to the fullest, earning nicknames “Wine” and “Dine” from close friends. “We all knew them as ‘the pretty ladies,’” remembered a local resident and family friend, who added the pair were likely to wear mink coats and full makeup to the gym. But Ms. Stricklin’s joie de vivre was equally matched by her tenderness toward others, spending countless Sunday afternoons visiting friends and delivering home-baked pies and cakes to people in difficult circumstances.

In addition to her decade-long career with Browning-Ferris Industries, Ms. Stricklin also partnered with her husband, Basil, in brokering residential real estate and regional land transactions. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Crystal Springs, active in the local garden club and Junior Auxiliary, and deeply involved in the activities of her children and their friends. She was also a gifted interior decorator and brightened many homes in central Mississippi with her distinctive southern style and fashion.

Known throughout her community as a beacon of love and kindness, Joyce will forever be remembered not just for the joy with which she conducted her own life, but also for the joy and light she brought to others.

A celebration of Ms. Stricklin’s life will be held Saturday, May 4, 2:00 p.m., at the Stringer Family Funeral Home in Crystal Springs, with interment following at Crystal Springs Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will take place prior to the service at the funeral home, beginning at 12:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Joyce Stricklin's memory to:

First Baptist Church of Crystal Springs
P. O. Box 609

Crystal Springs, MS 39059

OR

Crystal Springs Fire Department

c/o Crystal Springs City Hall

P. O. Box 473

Crystal Springs, MS 39059

Watch funeral service here: https://youtube.com/live/WK9_fZA2emg?feature=share

Cemetery Details

Crystal Springs Cemetery

Crystal Springs Cemetery
Crystal Springs, MS 39059

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 4. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Stringer Family Funeral Home - Crystal Springs
PO Box 431
26141 Hwy 27
Crystal Springs, MS 39059
(601) 892-1521
stringerfuneral@bellsouth.net

Funeral Service

MAY 4. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



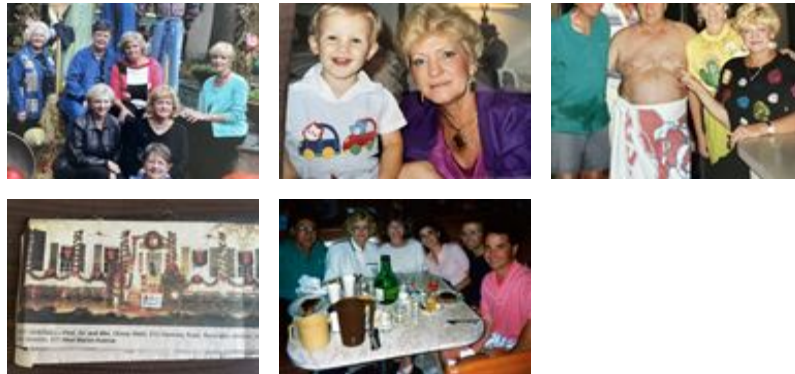
“ *Stringer Family Funeral Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Joyce Bankhead Stricklin*



Stringer Family Funeral Service - May 03, 2024 at 03:50 PM



“ *261 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Stringer Family Funeral Service - May 03, 2024 at 02:40 PM

AC

“ *Arlene C. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce Bankhead Stricklin.*

Arlene C. - May 03, 2024 at 10:05 AM

JB

“ Joshua B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce Bankhead Stricklin.

Joshua B. - May 02, 2024 at 08:38 PM

MT

“ Mike and Irina Tolbert purchased the Care and Compassion Spray for the family of Joyce Bankhead Stricklin.



Mike and Irina Tolbert - May 01, 2024 at 09:42 PM

MT

“ Mike and Irina Tolbert planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce Bankhead Stricklin.

Mike and Irina Tolbert - May 01, 2024 at 09:42 PM

FO

“ From your siblings, inlaws, and outlaws. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Joyce Bankhead Stricklin.



From your siblings, inlaws, and outlaws. - April 28, 2024 at 05:01 PM

JT

“ To big sister from little sister. I will always love you. Jeannette

JEANNETTE B TOLBERT - April 24, 2024 at 03:25 PM

TN

“ The Assistance League of Nashville purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Joyce Bankhead Stricklin.



The Assistance League of Nashville - April 24, 2024 at 10:14 AM

TN

“ The Assistance League of Nashville planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce Bankhead Stricklin.

The Assistance League of Nashville - April 24, 2024 at 10:14 AM

YF

“ Your Maplewood family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Joyce Bankhead Stricklin.



Your Maplewood family - April 19, 2024 at 11:42 PM

EP

“ Eileen Pramuk purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Joyce Bankhead Stricklin.



Eileen Pramuk - April 18, 2024 at 03:59 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joyce Bankhead Stricklin.*



April 12, 2024 at 01:09 AM



“ *Ron and Anna de la Vega planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce Bankhead Stricklin.*

Ron and Anna de la Vega - April 12, 2024 at 01:09 AM



“ *Christy and Mike Moberly purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joyce Bankhead Stricklin.*



Christy and Mike Moberly - April 11, 2024 at 03:00 PM



“ *Christy and Mike Moberly planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce Bankhead Stricklin.*

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