



## Joyce Stutts

April 5, 1940 - December 3, 2012

Funeral service for Joyce M. Stutts, age 72, of Decatur and Rogersville, will be Thursday, December 6, 2012, 1:00 p.m. at Springfield CP Church, 5356 Highway 101, Rogersville, AL 35652, with Rev. Kenny Morgan officiating and Shelton Funeral Home directing. Visitation will be from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Springfield Church prior to the service. Interment will be in Springfield Cemetery.

Mrs. Stutts died peacefully in her home surrounded by her family on Monday, December 3, 2012. She was born April 5, 1940, in Anderson, to William Middlebrooks and Roxie Word Middlebrooks.

She is survived by her loving husband, James F. Stutts of Decatur; two sons, James F. Stutts, Jr. (Kathy) of Athens, and Joel A. Stutts of Decatur; two daughters, Jennifer S. Barnett (Kenneth) and Julie Stutts, both of Decatur; two brothers, Bryce Middlebrooks of Jackson, TN, and Royce Middlebrooks of Guntersville; seven grandchildren, Blake Barnett, Brittany McComb, James Stutts, John Stutts, Kaitlin Stutts, Lindsey Stutts, and Cameron Stutts; and two great-grandchildren, Rhoda Lee McComb and Vander Fox McComb. She was loved by family and friends, and will be greatly missed.

Pallbearers will be family and friends. Honorary pallbearers will be her grandchildren.

The family would like to express their most sincere thanks and gratitude for all the love, prayers, and kindness shown to her and her family during this time and through her lifetime. They would also like to offer a special thanks to Hospice of North Alabama staff for their genuine concern and compassionate care of Mrs. Stutts.

In lieu of flowers the family respectfully requests memorial donations be made to Springfield Cemetery Fund.

# Tribute Wall

DC

“ So sorry to hear about Mrs. Stutts, did she teach at Stone Middle School back in the early 70's Sincerely, Debra



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**Debra Moon Crank** - September 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Aunt Joyce's Funeral was great. James made a wonderful talk that made everything come around full circle. In 1965, Joyce carried me to see ""the Swiss Family Robinson"" movie at a theatre. I thought it was the greatest thing because, at 12 years olds, I had never been to a theatre. Joyce was always smiling & loving no matter how she felt. I know Joyce is in a better place & is finally pain free but it doesn't keep me from missing her. I love you & James!



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**Coy Middlebrooks** - December 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ My deepest condolences to all of you during this sad time.



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**Rich Thigpen** - December 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WL

“ Brother James, Carolyn and I are so sorry to hear of sister Joyce's passing. We know she is in a better place and with our Lord. Our families have been close friends for many years. We treasure the time we served the Lord together. We will pray for you and your family. God bless,  
Wyman and Carolyn



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**Wyman and Carolyn Logan** - December 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ Julie I was saddened to learn of the death of your mother. Please know that you and your entire family are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. I will always remember how kind spirited and gracious your mother was to all of us when we all worked at Dillard's. Always remember you are not alone. Call me if you need to talk.  
Carolyn Reynolds



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**Carolyn Reynolds** - December 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ I remember when I first came to America from Taiwan and met Mrs. Stutts. Despite her difficulties she was so full of life, faithful to Jesus, faithful to church at Decatur Baptist. It was so encouraging to see her there always smiling and talking energetically to others. The love, care, kindness and tenderness of Mrs. Stutts toward my family and especially to me cannot be expressed with adequate or proper emphasis. When I first came to America she met my needs as a mother would for a daughter. After her knee surgery she frequently walked the path from her house to mine next door to talk and drink coffee. Other times I would sit and drank coffee with her on her patio as we talked. She was always there for me, calling me, checking on me, watching over me as well as caring for me while pregnant with Christopher and showing so much care for him after he was born. To Christopher she was always Granny Stutts, she loved and he loved her. Despite the difficulties she had she went out of her way more than any other person to see that I, a stranger in a new country, was helped. When my husband had to travel at the time she called me daily to check on me. She loved me and my family and showed it. Her Christianity was real and was expressed by both her words and her actions. Despite her arthritis she wrote a letter on my behalf as I applied for my permanent residence card, discussing my involvement in home, my family life, and church. That letter took considerable effort on her part due to the difficulties caused by the arthritis from which she suffered, but she did it eagerly even happily. But that is the way she was, thinking of others. My family will miss her Robert spoke so often of how God placed Mr and Mrs. Stutts right there as our neighbors and Christopher so often talked about Granny Stutts. Words will never express what she has done in our lives and how we are all the better for her presence in our lives. Thank you Mr. Stutts for sharing her with me and my family; she has been such an inspiration and blessing. We love you, Lillian, Robert, Christopher, Christian Couey and Mary Couey



Lillian, Robert, Christopher, Christian Couey and Mary Couey - December 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

FW

“ *I am so sorry for your loss, she fought a good fight. She always had a smile when I'm sure she was in pain. My prayers are with the family.*



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**Faye Warren** - December 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ *My sincere sympathy and prayers to Joyce's family. She and my dear sister, Martha King-Henson were close friends and neighbors. May God bless this family with peace and comfort. Areeda*



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**areeda schneider-stampley** - December 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM