



Joyce Elaine Shepard

August 28, 1957 - February 11, 2021

She went into the arms of the Lord surrounded by her family on February 11, 2021.

Joyce E. Shepard affectionately known as “Fruity” was born August 28, 1957, to the late Mary Jean and Sonnie Johnson, in Andalusia, Alabama.

Joyce was a strong-willed person. In turn made her love even stronger. She was so beautiful; words cannot fully describe her. She loved the Lord, and she loved her whole family even stronger no matter what. She was one of the best cooks. She was a wonderful mother and homemaker who worked just as hard outside of the home. She frequently enjoyed sitting on a bank to fish. She was a die-hard University of Alabama supporter "Roll Tide". She was a softball champion and an avid bowler. She enjoyed playing cards, bingo, gardening, listening to music, laughing and having fun with family and friends. She was unapologetic about enjoying her life.

Her life and memory will forever be cherished by her loving and devoted husband, Aubrey Shepard who she was united in Holy Matrimony on August 1, 1977. To this union two children were born, Antonio Shepard and LaToya Shepard; sisters, Sonya (Oscar) McAdory and Brenda (Marshall) Johnson; brothers, Robert (Pat) Shakespeare and Bernard (Mary) Stallworth; seven grandchildren; a great grandchild; a host of uncle's, aunt's, nieces, nephews,

cousins, classmates, childhood friends and special friends, Iris Dillion, Mardell Davison, and George Crawford.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Mary Jean Johnson; father, Sonny Johnson; brother, Bobby Ray Johnson; sisters, Diane and Mamie Lou Johnson.

Special thanks, to the DaVita Mid-Ohio Dialysis Center, Timberland Ridge Skilled Nursing Rehabilitation, Cleveland Clinic-Justin T. Rogers Hospice Care Center, Barry Lawrence, Edward Small of Small's Funeral Services, and all the medical professionals who provided compassionate care skilled to our loved one.

The services will be held Saturday, February 20, 2021, at 11 a.m., with one-hour prior calling to the services at Small's Funeral Services, 326 Park Ave. W., with Elder Barry Lawrence officiating, Social Distancing will be hereto.

Send all condolences to Latoya Shepard, PO Box 83014, Columbus, Ohio 43203

The family has entrusted Small's Funeral Services with the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **20**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SM

“ *Take Your Rest My Sister, Sending Prayers for Shep and Family.*

Sonya Johnson McAdory - February 20, 2021 at 10:04 AM

SO

“ *Jocye was a kind and loving person we use to have good times on Arthur Ave when we was neighbor rest in paradise my friend*



Sonya Osborne - February 18, 2021 at 12:27 AM

LS

“ *Latoya Shepard lit a candle in memory of Joyce Elaine Shepard*



Latoya Shepard - February 17, 2021 at 12:41 PM

LS

“ *Latoya Shepard sent a virtual gift in memory of Joyce Elaine Shepard*



Latoya Shepard - February 17, 2021 at 12:40 PM

TS

“ *The Class of 71' Andalusia, AL Robert Shakespeare purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joyce Elaine Shepard.*



The Class of 71' Andalusia, AL Robert Shakespeare -
February 17, 2021 at 11:12 AM

SN

“ *R.I.P. Cousin Always in my Heart* ❤️

Sue Norton - February 16, 2021 at 09:53 PM

LS

Thank you.

Latoya Shepard - February 17, 2021 at 09:09 AM

TH

Will surely miss ur crazy laugh. tina-tamla

tina hawkins - February 19, 2021 at 01:16 PM

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“ *To Shepard and Johnson family. My deepest sympathy. Praying strength for family. Love you Aunt Debbie.*



Debbie Shoulders (Shepard) - February 16, 2021 at 06:35 PM

LS

Thank you.

Latoya Shepard - February 17, 2021 at 12:16 PM

WC

“ I'm going to miss you cousin Joyce, our long telephone conversations and all. Rest In Heavenly Peace. You will be missed by all. Always a place in my heart. Love Always cousin Gail. Wanda G. Thomas Campbell.

Wanda G. Campbell - February 16, 2021 at 06:18 PM

LS

Thank you for your condolences.

Latoya Shepard - February 17, 2021 at 08:47 AM

EP

“ I'm gonna miss u Aunt Joyce, but as I see u is in a better place tell everyone I said hello. R.I.H Patty Cake

Erika Powers - February 15, 2021 at 09:35 PM

LS

Thank you for your condolences cous.

Latoya Shepard - February 17, 2021 at 08:45 AM

BP

“ You have fought a good fight, aunt Joyce. I'm so grateful for the little bit of time we spent together. Rest well, Auntie!❤️



Bryson Powers - February 15, 2021 at 08:35 PM

LS

Thank you Bryson for your condolences.

Latoya Shepard - February 17, 2021 at 08:44 AM

GP

“ To the Shepard and Johnson Family I'm sorry for your loss. I'm praying for the family. I went to school with Joyce she was a sweet person. Keep praying and GOD will see each of you through this hard time.

Gloria Perry - February 15, 2021 at 01:43 AM

LS

Thank you Ms. Gloria Perry for your condolences.

Latoya Shepard - February 15, 2021 at 07:57 AM

CR

“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Joyce I grew up with her she was always smiling and a very pleasant person my condolences to the Shepherd family my God give you comfort



Charlotte Robertson - February 14, 2021 at 03:07 PM

LS

Thank you Ms Charlotte Robertson for your condolences.

Latoya Shepard - February 14, 2021 at 11:24 PM

GW

My beautiful dear friend I will miss you my road dog 🍷🍷🍷🍷

Gwen - February 16, 2021 at 05:25 PM



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Small's Funeral Services - February 14, 2021 at 10:17 AM