



Joyce Park NeSmith

February 10, 1943 - May 3, 2024

On Friday, May 3, 2024, Joyce NeSmith—a loving wife, mother of two, and grandmother of five, passed away unexpectedly, in Tallahassee. She was 81 years young.

Joyce Park NeSmith was born February 10, 1943, in Jacksonville, Florida to Mrs. Essie Carr Park and Mr. Fred Park. She attended Miami Jackson High School and Florida State University.

It was during a college ministry week at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, that Joyce began dating Wayne NeSmith. They wed on April 4, 1964, in Jacksonville, and remained happily married for 56 years, until Wayne's passing in 2020.

Immediately after moving to Tallahassee in 1969, the couple became members of First Baptist Church, serving faithfully for over 50 years. Joyce was beloved in her church and community for her gentle personality, servant's heart, and delicious baked beans and banana pudding.

“Nonni” as she is affectionately known by her family, is survived by her two sons Stephen (Stephanie) of Franklin, TN, and Brian (Amy) of Altamonte Springs, FL, and her five beautiful grandchildren Lindsey Nesmith Gothard (Xander), Will, Isaac, Zachary, and Garrett NeSmith.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made, in memory of Joyce, to the Ridgecrest Foundation in North Carolina. Learn more at ridgecrestfoundation.com.

On Friday, May 24, a public memorial service will be held at First Baptist Church in Tallahassee, the service begins at 11 am. Immediately following the service, the family will host a lunch reception for attendees. The reception will serve as an informal visitation.

Dayne Parker of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements.

Visit bevisfh.com for updates and family photos.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Tallahassee
108 West College Avenue
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Tribute Wall

MC

“ *Mr & Mrs Larry Caskey purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Joyce Park NeSmith.*



Mr & Mrs Larry Caskey - May 22, 2024 at 05:09 PM

MC

“ *Mr & Mrs Larry Caskey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce Park NeSmith.*

Mr & Mrs Larry Caskey - May 22, 2024 at 05:09 PM

SS

“ *What wonderful memories I have of your mom, a welcoming and loving hostess who allowed the Ridgecrest folks to visit so many times. She gave me my favorite pound cake recipe which I use often.. will never forget those fun times with her and your dad. Steve and Brian, your entire family is in my thoughts and prayers, and always in my heart... Love, Sinda*

Sinda Snead - May 10, 2024 at 01:21 PM