



Joy Hayes

January 11, 1947 - January 12, 2026

Joy Hayes, 79, passed away in Sumterville, Florida on January 12, 2026. She was born in Homerville, Georgia on January 11, 1947 to B.G. and Anita James. Joy was a Christian and a member of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. She was bubbly, happy, classy, bossy, proper, but could have a good time. She was the owner of Joy Hayes Court Reporting until 2010, when her daughter took over. She enjoyed traveling, boating, cruising, family gatherings, entertaining, gifting, and cooking. Most of all, she loved her family. She is survived by her husband of 57 years: Arthur Hayes of Bushnell, Florida; daughters: Renee Hayes of Bushnell, Florida and Bridget Hayes (Kenny Green) of Bushnell, Florida; grandchildren: Carley LaDow, Nita Booher, and Broc Booher; step grandchildren: Korrina Green and Stephen Green (Kayla); sister: Judy Hypes of Leesburg, Florida. She is preceded in death by her parents, B.G. and Anita James and her sister, Jane Williams. A visitation will be held at Pleasant Hill Cemetery on January 15, 2026 from 11:30am-12:00pm with a graveside service to follow after at 12:00pm. In Lieu of flowers, please donate to <https://www.cancer.org/> (American Cancer Society) or <https://cornerstonehospice.org/support-services/hospice-houses/the-lane-purcell-house-sumterville/> (Lane Purcell Hospice House). Condolences may be sent to the family Arrangements have been entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home- Purcell Chapel, Bushnell, Florida.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 15. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Pleasant Hill Cemetery
5507 Co Rd 316A
Bushnell, FL 33513

Graveside Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Beyers Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joy Hayes*

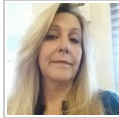


Beyers Funeral Home - January 13 at 09:19 AM

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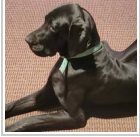
What a beautiful video for such a beautiful lady, both inside and out!! What a legacy Joy has left behind. My heart goes out to the entire family and everyone she has touched over these years.

Donna Dibble - January 14 at 04:01 PM



What a great video of such a lovely lady. There's a lot of very evident love in those pictures. I feel blessed to have known Joy and wish I could have spent more time with her. I loved listening to her stories!! My heart is broken for all of her family. May she rest in peace.

Trudy McClellan - January 14 at 10:59 PM



“ I was blessed to have known Ms. Joy my whole life. No matter what or where she saw me, she stopped to hug my neck and tell me how pretty she thought I was. She always had a smile on her face. And the happiness in her life was true. She lived her life by example. She is a woman, mother, and wife I will always look up to, respect and love. Most of the time when our loved one's pass, we pray they are with the Lord. Not with Ms. Joy - she lived and walked with God here..... I know she's with him now. You will be missed here. But we will see you soon.

Corey Arnetta Reed - January 14 at 11:16 AM

AM

“ Andrea Munson purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joy Hayes.



Andrea Munson - January 14 at 08:10 AM

AM

“ Andrea Munson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joy Hayes.

Andrea Munson - January 14 at 08:10 AM

MP

“ Joy was truly a "joy" to everyone who crossed her path. My heartfelt sympathy to Arthur and family for your loss. What a wonderful legacy she leaves behind. Joy touched my life and I shall never forget her.

Marsha W. Perkins - January 13 at 10:18 PM

PC

“ Peter C. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Joy Hayes.



Peter C. - January 13 at 06:56 PM

EM

“ Eleanor Massaro planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joy Hayes.

Eleanor Massaro - January 13 at 12:11 PM

EM

“ Eleanor Massaro purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Joy Hayes.



Eleanor Massaro - January 13 at 12:11 PM

KB

“ Thoughts and prayers to all.



Kari Bass - January 13 at 08:06 AM

SP

“ I’m so sorry to hear of Miss Joy’s passing. Her smile and kindness were infectious. My love to and prayers for all of you 🙏



Stacie Pixley - January 12 at 10:09 PM



“ I’m so sorry. I’m lifting all of her family up in prayer. 🙏



Pat Preyer - January 12 at 08:52 PM

JR

“ Jane Rabon lit a candle in memory of Joy Hayes



Jane Rabon - January 12 at 05:52 PM

JT

“ Joe Tillson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of Joy Hayes.



Joe Tillson - January 12 at 04:31 PM

JT

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KE

“ Kathy Gentry Elliott lit a candle in memory of Joy Hayes



Kathy Gentry Elliott - January 12 at 04:09 PM