



## Marilyn Joyce Chavis

July 27, 1941 - April 30, 2021

Marilyn Joyce Chavis, 79, of Umatilla, Florida passed away on April 30, 2021.

She was born July 27, 1941 in Eustis, Florida to Edward and Alvie (Frier) Gandy. Marilyn had several careers, but enjoyed her time as a cafeteria assistant at local schools. She was a member of the Umatilla Church of God. Marilyn loved Bingo, playing Rummy and garbage with friends and family and the Lifetime TV series. She loved butterflies, reading romance novels and family outings to Alexander Springs and the beach. Few things gave her greater joy than her family, especially her grand and great-grandchildren. Her most favorite pastime of all was being the "Night Rider".

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband Billy David Chavis, Sr. earlier this year and is survived by her daughters: Shelby Chavis, Wanda J. (Victor) Chavis Lyons; sons: Billy David (Deborah) Chavis Jr.; Jeffery Monroe Chavis; grandchildren: Michelle Givens Jefferies, Michael Ramey (Emily Oeehslin) Givens, Shane Jacob (Rachel) Lyons, Phillip David (Tammara) Thomas, Jennifer Reed Chavis, Casey David Chavis; great-grandchildren: Mackenzie Fawn Givens, Madison Elizabeth Givens, Sadie Jean Lyons; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. We all love you.

She was preceded in death by her brothers: John Edward Gandy and James Monroe Gandy and her sister Irene Gandy Smith.

Marilyn dedicated herself to the Lord and kept her faith to the end.

A Celebration of her Life will be held Saturday, May 8, 2021, at 2PM at Beyers Funeral Home in Umatilla, Florida with Pastor Darryl Reynolds officiating. Interment will follow at Higley Cemetery. Donations in memory of Marilyn and Billy Chavis, Sr. may be made to Cornerstone Hospice 2445 Lane Park Road Tavares, FL 32778.

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home of Umatilla, Florida. Online remembrances may be made at [www.beyersfuneralhome.com](http://www.beyersfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beyers Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Marilyn Joyce Chavis*



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May 11, 2022 at 07:15 PM



“ *Dear Cousins, I regret that a health issue prevented me from attending Billy's and now Joyce's funeral. Joyce, Billy and their son Jeff and I spent happy hours working at the Higley Cemetery over the years. We shared common ancestors. Our people settled what is now the area North of Lake Yale. I gave to Joyce, the title records of the Higley Cemetery; I hope her family will guard those records. Attached is a picture of many of the "cousins" at a reunion about ten years ago. Much love from Bill Milton.*

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**William Milton** - May 08, 2021 at 11:21 AM



“ *Memories of such a beautiful, kind and loving woman. I have so many happy memories of her at their home in Umatilla while I spent so much time with Shelby. Miss Joyce was always so sweet and always smiling, I just loved her. I pray for peace at this time for the family and send my love to all. I am so sorry for her loss 🙏*

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**Christa Hill** - May 05, 2021 at 12:40 AM

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“ My heart is broken at the loss of Aunt Joyce. She was the last of our family elders and that is really hard to swallow. I pray you kids all wrap your arms full of love around one another as I know that's what she wanted and so did Uncle Billy. She was loved by so many and will be missed by many. Love and prayers to each of my Chavis cousins, I love you

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**Sherry Gandy Nelson** - May 04, 2021 at 11:55 PM

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“ Im Gonna Miss Aunt Joyce And Uncle Billy I Know In My Heart They Are Together Again.Aunt Joyce Love The Lord And Never Missed Church.She Loved All Her Family Nieces And Nephews.Aunt Joyce Always Had A smile On Her Face Everytime I See Her And Uncle Billy.I Know They Are Having A Wonderful Time With Her Family And Mine.They Will Always Be A Memory In My Heart.She Loved All The Family Reunions When We Have Them.She Love To Hear Me And Grace And Janice Singing.I Love You Aunt joyce And Uncle Billy.I Will Meet All Again. Your Nephew Tommy L Creamer

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**Thomas L Creamer** - May 03, 2021 at 04:48 PM