



Joyce Kellebrew Bagwell

January 18, 1940 - September 23, 2023

Joyce Kellebrew Bagwell passed away Saturday, September 23, 2023, at Queen of the Valley Hospital in Napa, California at the age of 83. She was the youngest of 10 Brothers and Sisters, born to Clifton Reed and Maude Griffith Kellebrew in Arkansas on January 18, 1940.

She is survived by two of her three sons, Christopher Bagwell of Napa, CA, and Michael Bagwell of Colorado Springs, CO. Her Daughter-in-law Jessie Bagwell also of Colorado Springs. Seven Grandchildren, Elizabeth (Liz), Sarah, Christine, Brittany, Thomas, Katherine (Kitty), and Emily, and six Great-Grandchildren.

Preceding her in death are her husband of 56 years Thomas (T.W) Bagwell (2018), her son Todd Bagwell (2006), and all of her brothers and sisters (Sue, Ben, Fagan, Ray, Modelle, Buddy, Boots), the last of the Kellebrews who were born in Arkansas and moved to California in the 1950s.

After her marriage to Tom, she moved with her family to Lebanon, KY in 1966 where she lived until his death in 2018. She raised a family, taught 7th grade at St. Augustine Catholic School for Girls, was a substitute teacher in the Marion County School System, and ran small businesses as a Manager and later as an Owner.

She was very active at Lebanon Baptist Church, where she participated with the Youth group, Vacation Bible School, made meals, visited homebound friends, and taught Sunday School.

She loved to wear hats (BIG hats) every day. Joyce livened up any place she went, she loved to meet new friends, old friends, and she loved to talk and laugh loudly. She loved talking to her brothers and sisters on the phone often, also very loudly with lots of laughter. She understood what it was like to have hard times, she would always help people in need with a little money, food, or a place to stay.

The last 3 years of her life were sadly marked by dementia, but even through those times she was always happy with a big smile, every day was a great day, and every “new” fact was met with joy. Finally, on September 23, 2023, she succumbed to heart failure. She will be missed.

Cemetery Details

Lebanon National Cemetery

20 State Hwy 208
Lebanon, KY 40033

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **28**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (PT)

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