



Joyce Carole Ray

July 24, 1944 - March 10, 2020

Joyce Carole Ray, affectionately known as Sissy, daughter of the late James E. Ray Sr. and the late Clara Robinson Ray, was born July 24, 1944, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

On Tuesday, March 10, 2020, in her 75th year, she peacefully passed from life. Joyce received her formal education at William Penn High School and went on to achieve a Master of Arts, American Studies, from Penn State University, a Bachelor of Arts from Wilson College in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, and an Associate in Arts from Harrisburg Area Community College.

Joyce's career took her from a key punch operator in the mid 70's to a systems analyst at retirement. Throughout her career, she was employed by Amp Inc. (now Tyco), Wachovia Bank (now Wells Fargo), Dauphin Deposit Bank & Trust Company and the City of Harrisburg where she retired in 2010. Joyce had a passion for literature, classical music, education/learning and her family. She provided support and resources to countless family members at many times of need. One of many fond memories was when she baked cakes for many of her great-nieces and great-nephews to let them know how much she cared and had time for them. She spent time volunteering to help people learn to read because she firmly believed in the power of an education and the value and importance of literacy. Joyce was also quite the handy-woman and had a knack for purchasing disrepair properties and revitalizing them in the Harrisburg area. Joyce was such an inspiration and always made time for

everyone.

Along with her parents, Joyce was also preceded in death by five brothers, James E. Ray Jr., Quentin R. Ray, Jerome O. Ray, Warren W. Ray, Arthur E. Ray; and three sisters, Betty J. Maynard, Vivian J. Pittman and Clara J. Tate. Joyce will be missed and always cherished by her daughters, Yvette C. Washington of Columbia, Maryland, Yvonne (Darrel) C. Evans of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; son, Kirk C. Walker Jr. of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; grandchildren, Jazmyn S. Evans of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Paige E. Walker of Atlanta, Georgia, Tristan N. Washington of College Park, Maryland, Tyler N. Washington of Columbia, Maryland, Jarrel C. Evans of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; great-grandson, Amore M. Evans-Barnes of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; sister, Kathlyn J. Herring of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; other family members and friends.

Loving memories will forever be cherished in the hearts of Joyce's loved ones!
Memorial donations may be made to Tri-County OIC, 500 Maclay Street,
Harrisburg, PA 17110

Tribute Wall

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“ *Frances Waters lit a candle in memory of
Joyce Carole Ray* ”



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