



## Rev. Joyce Marie Adkins Connolly Th. D.

October 31, 1940 - August 4, 2024

Rev. Joyce M. Adkins (Connolly)Th. D. left this earthly world August 4, 2024 and now is dancing, singing and shouting praises to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords on the streets of gold. She lived a life devoted to Jesus, evangelizing and witnessing to everyone she met. She asked that if you have not placed your full faith and trust in God, do it now because a time will come when it is too late.

Joyce was born October 31, 1940 to the late Troy Lee and Stella Brown Adkins on Mud Fork in Logan County, WV. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her loving husbands: Ed Hartman, Bob Connolly, Gary Adkins and Richard Thomas. She has also gone on to meet her children in Heaven: Kim Hartman and Eddie Hartman; her sister: Bobbie Ann Markham; and brother: Mark Kisamore.

A coal miner's daughter, her father said on the day she was born, "I rejoice that my wife and baby girl are alive - we will name her Joyce!" Moving from coal camps to the big city, she graduated from Charleston High School in 1958. She was strikingly beautiful. She won several beauty contests in the Kanawha Valley and the State. She was featured in a few early 1970's movies - one of which was called "Little Laura and Big John."

Joyce became a lifelong ordained minister having preached in England,

Belgium, Martinique, and more than a dozen States. She was so proud to have earned her Doctorate of Theology, Master of Christian Psychology and Bachelor of Biblical Studies from Jacksonville Theological Seminary. She also studied at Liberty University and Broward Community College. Joyce had a host of lifelong friends and relatives which she called frequently until the day she passed.

Her greatest pride and joy was her family. She is survived by her Daughter: Sabrina (Jack) Fauver; Son: Steve Connolly; along with 9 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and dozens of nephews, nieces and cousins. Joyce is also survived by her loving Sister: Linda (Gary) Robinson.

Funeral Service for Miss Joyce will be 1:00pm Saturday August 10, 2024 at Chapman Funeral Home Hurricane, WV with Rev. Chris Kilbert officiating. Burial will follow in Sunset Memorial Park South Charleston, WV.

All are welcome to visit from 11:00am-1:00pm prior to the service.

Anyone wishing to leave an online memory may do so by visiting Joyce's tribute page at: [www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com](http://www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com).

Chapman Funeral Home 3941 Teays Valley Road Hurricane, WV is honored to serve the Connolly again.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Memorial Park

4301 MacCorkle Avenue  
South Charleston, WV 25309

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 10. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Chapman Funeral Home  
3941 Teays Valley Road  
Hurricane, WV 25526

## Funeral Service

AUG 10. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

MG

“ I will never forget how warm and welcoming my aunt Joyce was to me as a young boy. She will be missed but never forgotten.

Michael Govich - August 12, 2024 at 08:44 PM

RR

“ Rob, Deisy, Christian andd Ryan purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Rev. Joyce Marie Adkins Connolly Th. D..



Rob, Deisy, Christian andd Ryan - August 10, 2024 at 08:31 AM

RR

“ Rob, Deisy, Christian andd Ryan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. Joyce Marie Adkins Connolly Th. D..

Rob, Deisy, Christian andd Ryan - August 10, 2024 at 08:31 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Joyce Marie Adkins Connolly Th. D..



August 09, 2024 at 12:28 PM

TT

“ Taylor’s, Espey’s, & Thornbury’s planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. Joyce Marie Adkins Connolly Th. D..

Taylor’s, Espey’s, & Thornbury’s - August 09, 2024 at 12:28 PM

TB

“ The Browns purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Rev. Joyce Marie Adkins Connolly Th. D..



The Browns - August 09, 2024 at 10:45 AM

LS

“ Love Jason, Christine and Abigail Spiker purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Rev. Joyce Marie Adkins Connolly Th. D..



Love Jason, Christine and Abigail Spiker - August 08, 2024 at 06:35 PM

LS

“ Love Jason, Christine and Abigail Spiker planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. Joyce Marie Adkins Connolly Th. D..

Love Jason, Christine and Abigail Spiker - August 08, 2024 at 06:35 PM

JH

“ I will miss your phone calls my sweet cousin. I know you are rejoicing in the Lord now and surely happier than ever and if I know you, you are still interceding for the lost. That was your calling here on earth and I'm sure your reward is great! Bittersweet tears here for me, I'll miss your visits and frequent phone calls. Love you, until we meet again. ❤️💔 Joyce Ann Browning Hill, your namesake.

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**Joyce Hill** - August 08, 2024 at 06:14 PM

PM

“ Dr. Connolly was a true woman of God, her love for Jesus was unmatched. Dr. Connolly came to New Creations Worship Center in Southport NC several times. She always had a true word from the Lord. I will miss the calls of prophesy and words of encouragement, well done Dr. Joyce, well done.

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**Pastor David Mammay** - August 08, 2024 at 05:29 PM

MG

“ Steven, I'm sorry for your loss, I know the hurt and what goes through your mind with the million things you wanted to do for your mom; but she was very pleased and happy with you and all that you did with Joyce your mom there are many memories you have some sad, but many wonderful memories,  
I always enjoy the calls we had together talking about the Lord and praying for each other and those in on our hearts for a Godly break thought  
I will truly miss your mom (Joyce)  
A brother in the Lord Mark Garson (Dine'e)

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**Mark Garson** - August 08, 2024 at 03:40 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Rev. Joyce Marie Adkins Connolly Th. D..



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August 08, 2024 at 02:20 PM



“ Steven, I'm so sorry for the loss of your beloved mother. Joyce was a friend, as well as she and I sharing a grandson. We would talk about how blessed we were to have such a loving grandson as Patrick. I remember we would each want to babysit him and we would have to compromise as to when each of us could keep him. She was so very proud of you, and loved you fiercely. She was a great woman of God, and as you said, she would witness to everyone she came in contact with. We know she's having a great reunion now, and celebrating with Jesus.

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Debbie Westfall - August 08, 2024 at 12:54 PM



“ Joyce, it was always a pleasure whenever we spoke. I Cherish the photos that you returned to me that belong to my mommy I always loved to visit your mom Stella. She was one of my favorite aunts. Now I know you're in heaven, rejoicing singing, and meeting Everyone there, including my parents, quite possibly my husband I believe he met you also Here on earth, you will be missed. Here on earth, but we'll see you someday. Love you your cousin loretta

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Loretta mullens - August 08, 2024 at 12:46 PM