



Alice Joy Locke

April 7, 1929 - May 9, 2012

Alice Joy Locke entered her home in Heaven Wednesday morning, May 9, 2012. She had been residing at Parkview Healthcare Facility in Bolivar while recovering from a broken hip and heart failure.

The daughter of Walter F. and Veva (Porter) Berry, she was born on April 7, 1929 in Detroit, Michigan. After spending most of her childhood in Detroit and Cleveland, Ohio, the family returned to Polk County Missouri and settled on a farm within walking distance of Halfway. Alice loved animals and through the years took pleasure in caring for her pets.

Alice had a zest for life and made friends easily wherever she was. She genuinely cared about people, delighting in the connections she made. Her childhood in Halfway was carefree and she enjoyed her school years where she made life-long friends. In recent years, she spent many hours reminiscing with her friends and sharing stories with family. She has been the go-to person for many questions and is affectionately known to her family as the Historian of Halfway. Her keen memory has been a blessing.

Alice was an avid reader and loved gospel music. She was saved as a young girl, was a member of Halfway Baptist Church for many years and most recently was a member of Bible Baptist Church, Buffalo, Mo. Alice helped with church dinners, vacation bible school, and the nursery as long as her health

permitted.

Alice and William H. (Bill) Locke were married in 1947 and are the parents of four children, Jim, John, Jane, and Jerry. The family lived in California and Colorado before making a permanent home on a dairy farm north of Halfway, Mo.

Alice was a homemaker, school and senior center volunteer, school bus driver, Teters Floral Products employee, and over-the-road truck driver. She loved to travel and had been to 48 of the 50 states. Some trips were long hauls and others were day trips just to get a coke.

Alice was preceded in death by her parents, husband Bill, son John and son-in-law Mike McKinney. She is survived by her children Jim and Janet Locke of Bois D Arc, Jane McKinney of Eldorado Springs, Jerry and Terri Locke of Halfway, and Debra and Carl Coppage of Bolivar, 11 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, a sister-in-law Veda Locke of Springfield, many nieces, nephews, cousins, and special friends. She was affectionately known as Grandma Toots by her great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 12, 2012 at Bible Baptist Church in Buffalo with burial to follow in Reed Cemetery at Halfway, under the care and direction of Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar. Visitation will be 1-2 p.m. Saturday at the church prior to service time. Pallbearers will be Ben Locke, Bryce Locke, Jason Locke, Andrew McKinney, Rob McKinney and Jim Pipkin. Honorary Pallbearers will be Brandon Locke, Steve Gallivan, Nick Bland, Jake Stubbs, Morgan Wrinkle, Ben Andrews and Bill Lane.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Gideons International c/o Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar.

Friends and family may sign the guest book or send private condolences at www.butlerfuneralhome.com

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Tribute Wall



“ *Alice Joy Locke*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Alice Joy Locke*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *I am so very sorry to hear about your mother. My thoughts and prayers are with you. My your memories of her be a comfort to you.
Patty*

Patty Breshears Warren - May 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jerry and family, we are very sorry for your loss & will be thinking of you.*

Jerry & Liz Bowman - May 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Janet & Jim, My prayers are with you and your families in this difficult time.*

Sherry Gezel - May 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry for your lost .My thoughts and prayers are with you . I will be unable to be at the funeral.*

Rosemary Benitz - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ So sorry for your loss. She was a fabulous woman and made the days brighter with her presence.

Rosi (Houghkirk) Meinershagen - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ Sorry for your loss. Our prayers and thoughts are with your family.

Estal & Bonnie

Estal & Bonnie Stewart - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ I was so sorry to hear of the passing of your Mother. I had known her about as long as I can recall knowing anyone. She was always so kind to me. Know you are in my thoughts and prayers during this time of sorrow.

Jerald Andrews - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ So sorry to hear of the loss of Alice Joy. She truly was delightful and I so enjoyed knowing her over the years! She made me smile and I will think of her often with fondness. Many condolences to your family at this very sad time. I hope it helps to know others are thinking of you and sharing some of your sadness.

Billie Baldwin - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ My heart goes out to Jane and the rest of her family at the loss of their mother and grandmother. May God give you peace and comfort at this sad time in your lives. May you cherish your memories always.

Joyce Wallace - May 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ Alice Joy's smile is a fond memory for me. Her laugh was contagious! Prayers for you all as you walk through the sadness.
Sincerely,
Paula Abel

Paula Abel - May 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Sorry to learn of your mother passing away. Janie, although I have not seen you since we graduated school, I still have pleasant memories from those days. Once again, I would like to extend my sympathies to the family on the passing of Alice.

David and Donna (Greer) Sikes - May 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM