



Joyce Elberta Allen

August 18, 1947 - January 26, 2026

Joyce was born on August 18, 1947, in Cuyahoga Falls. She graduated from Lindsey Wilson University in Columbia, KY and went on to receive her Master's degree from University of Toledo.

Joyce worked as a real estate agent and with a home builder, where she was recognized for her dedication and talent. In 2006, she received the Sales & Marketing Excellence (SAM) Award from the Home Builders Association of Greater Toledo, as Sales & Marketing Council (SMC) New Home Salesperson of the Year. Joyce was active in Habitat for Humanity and her local Cornerstone Church community, giving generously of her time and energy.

Joyce was deeply religious and studied to become a minister. She also devoted much of her time to caring for her mother, Helen. This long period of caregiving required deep patience and sacrifice and shaped much of Joyce's life. Despite its challenges, she remained steadfast in her commitment.

Following Helen's death at age 103, Joyce was able to travel exuberantly, accompanying her brother Jim to Hawaii and Japan and gamely suiting up for multiple deer hunting excursions. She found joy in life's small wonders, including uplifting music, her cherished collection of ceramic frogs, and her many visits to lighthouses, places that brought her peace and inspiration.

Joyce was drawn to sweet sounds and symbols of movement and hope - the hope of spring coming and ships coming in. She will be remembered for her imagination, spirituality, enthusiasm, resilience, and quiet kindness. Her positive spirit will live on in the hearts of those who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Edward Allen and Helen Wightman Allen. She is survived by her brother, James Allen of Ira, Michigan, a niece, two nephews, six great-nieces, one great nephew, several close cousins, and many dear friends.

Visitation will be held at Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., Toledo, OH on Monday, May 4 from 11:00 a.m. until the time of the Celebration of Life at 1:00 p.m. Interment will be private in Geneva, OH.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

292 Eastwood Street
Geneva, OH 44041

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 4. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614

Funeral Ceremony

MAY 4. 1:00 PM (ET)

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