



Joyce Mae Alley

August 19, 1928 - February 1, 2015

Joyce Mae Alley, age 86, of Pickford, Michigan, died at her home on Sunday, February 1, 2015. She was born August 19, 1928 in Pickford Township to Kenneth Merrill Hamilton and Florence Mae (Smith) Hamilton.

Joyce grew up in Pickford and graduated from Pickford High School. She met Miles Smith at Welch's Drug Store in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, and they were married in Sault Ste. Marie. Early in their marriage, they lived throughout the upper Midwest as Miles' worked building K-Mart buildings. They returned to Pickford when their children started school and later divorced. In 1971, Joyce married James Alley who was serving in the United States Air Force. They lived in Montana, Colorado, Turkey, and Oscoda, Michigan before retiring and eventually returning to Pickford. Over the years, Joyce worked in banks. Since 1985, she worked with her son, Dennis at his restaurant, The Sundown Lounge. Until recently, she baked all of the pies his customers enjoyed.

For many years, Joyce volunteered as an EMT and also for hospice.

Joyce enjoyed golfing, snowmobiling with Theresa Cryderman, baking, and vegetable gardening. She was looking forward to golfing again this coming summer.

Joyce is survived by her daughter, Pamela (Kenneth) Oberle of Tampa, Florida; son, Dennis Smith of Pickford; grandchildren, Crystal (Christopher) Ihrke, Lisa (James) Hatfield, Beth (Jerry Cunningham) Oberle, Eric (Rachel) Oberle, and Michael (Danielle) Smith; and great grandchildren, Camryn and Carson Ihrke, Laurelle Bandy, Jack, Lila, and Kate Oberle, Laci and Danni Smith, Ellie and Emma Bogacki, and Lennox Cunningham. Joyce is further survived by her brothers, Arvid (Theora) Hamilton of Sarasota, Florida, and Roy (Judy) Hamilton of Rudyard, Michigan; and her sisters-in-law, Lois Belcher of Prichard, West Virginia and Esther Kennedy of Chicago, Illinois; and her aunt Emily Hamilton of Sault Ste. Marie.

Joyce was preceded in death by her husband, Jim.

A memorial service will be held this coming summer.

Inurnment will be at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens in Bruce Township, Michigan.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Chapel Gardens

15264 S. M-129
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUL 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Joyce Mae Alley*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Joyce Mae Alley*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Joyce Mae Alley*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Being named after Joyce she always said I was spoiled but then she would say that's ok. She was a very neat lady and my Mom's best friend. I can see them up in heaven just talking away. God bless her. So sorry for your loss.*



sharon sadegh haronjsadegh - March 02, 2015 at 08:17 PM



“ *Denny, my dad used to LOOOOVE your moms peanut butter chocolate pie. He looked forward to that and the ribs. A memory I will always cherish. Sorry for your loss.*

nick huyck - February 11, 2015 at 09:12 AM

VT

“ My sincere condolences to the family of Joyce Mae Alley. May you find comfort in your loving memories, and in God's promise to soon "swallow up death forever" and "wipe away the tears from all faces." (Isaiah 25;8) With deepest sympathy,

v. thompson - February 09, 2015 at 06:56 PM

DS

“ Denny and Family, we are so sorry for your loss. Joyce was such a great person. Glenn and I always enjoyed seeing her at the Sundown. Her baked goodies were to die for. Joyce always had the touch when she baked for the customers. I know Glenn and Bill had a lot of memories when coming in to see you all at lunch. Joyce will be truly missed. We are thinking of all of you. Love, Glenn and Deborah Smale

Deb Smale - February 04, 2015 at 09:18 AM

NA

“ Pam, Denny ,losing your mom is so heartbreaking.May you find peace and comfort in the days to come.She was quite the Joyce, and will leave many memories to last forever.My sympathy goes out to you all!

Nancy - February 04, 2015 at 04:40 AM

JH

“ God our Father, we ask that you bless and keep Miss Joyce as she leaves this world and awaits her spirit's awakening in the next. May you bless and keep Denny, Pam and all Joyce's family and friends as we mourn her passing and remember good times. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ your son. With love, hugs and prayers from our family to yours. Jim & Jamie Harvey (McCoy)

Jamie Harvey - February 02, 2015 at 07:24 AM

CH

*Denny and Pam
Your Mom was dearly loved and will be sadly missed by all who knew her, my love and prayers go out to you and your family.
Cindy Harrison*

Cindy Harrison - February 02, 2015 at 10:36 AM

GK

*So nice to get to know her a little better the past couple years at the golf course--she will be missed---our love and prayers to all of you--
Judy and Gary Klop*

Gary Klop - February 02, 2015 at 12:16 PM

NS

So sorry to hear about Joyce's passing. Prayers for all

Nancy Stec - February 03, 2015 at 08:37 AM

LS

*Denny and Pam, I'm so sorry to hear about your mom. Prayers and hugs to you and your family... Cherish your many memories; they will help you get through this difficult time.
Lorrie Olmstead Skinner*

Lorrie Olmstead Skinner - February 03, 2015 at 08:57 AM

Cathy Smith

Pam and Denny and Families, I was so sorry to hear about your Moms passing. She was such a great person and will be missed by many. I can close my eyes and see her sitting at the "Family Table" at the Sundown, always happy to stop and visit with everyone and make people feel welcome. We will miss her.

Cathy Smith - February 03, 2015 at 04:32 PM



What a wonderful woman! My deepest sympathy to all of you.

Cherie Rosing-Rye - February 03, 2015 at 05:26 PM

KL

Pam and Denny and family's...know that our prayers are with all of you....always looked for Joyce when we were at the Sundown....will miss not seeing her...and visiting with her....God Bless ya thru this hard times...Love Kate

Kate Libby - February 03, 2015 at 05:28 PM