



Joyce Marie Black

May 25, 1941 - November 8, 2016

Joyce Marie (Jessell) Black, age 75, of Drummond Island, Michigan, died on November 8, 2016 at Ball Hospice House in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. She was born on May 25, 1941 in Berlin Township, Michigan to Carl William and Pauline Winifred (Nutting) Jessell.

Joyce grew up in the Capac, Michigan area and lived on her parent's farm. She graduated from Utica High School. After high school, she met Gerald Black Jr. and they married on the family farm in Oxford, Michigan. Jerry was in the U.S. Air Force, so they lived in Clinton, Oklahoma and in Oscoda, Michigan. After the Air Force, they lived in Port Huron and then back to Oxford, Michigan where they raised their three sons. She worked as a home care aide. After the boys were grown they moved to Holmes Beach, Florida for 14 years, and then moved back to retire on Drummond Island, Michigan.

Joyce was a member of the United Methodist Church.

Joyce enjoyed flower gardening, planting, and being outside in nature. She liked to help people and loved to spend time with her children and grandchildren.

Joyce is survived by her husband, Gerald Black Jr. of Drummond Island; sons, James Dean (Julie) Black of Allen Park, Michigan and Jeffery Allen (Laurie)

Black of Drummond Island; grandchildren, Andrew James Black, Kate Elizabeth Black and Mitchell Allen Black; sisters, Phyllis Jarrett, Lois Donnelly, Shirley Meeker; brother, Larry Forton. Sister-in-law, Lana Jessell

Joyce was preceded in death by her son, Jonathon M. Black; parents, Pauline & Frank Forton; father & mother-in-law, Gerald & Loraine Black Sr.; sister, Vivian (Jim) Boik; brothers, Jerry Paul Jessell and Carl (Ruth) Jessell; brothers-in-law, John Donnelly, Ted Jarret, and Mark Meeker.

A Memorial Gathering will be held on November 19, 2016 from 11:00 A.M to 12:00 Noon at Lighthouse Christian Church on Drummond Island. Memorial Service will begin at 12:00 Noon.

Interment will be at Drummond Island Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice of the E.U.P, 308 W. 12th Ave., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Previous Events

Gathering Time

NOV 19. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Lighthouse Christian Church
29898 S. Pine Street
Drummond Island, MI 49726

Memorial Service

NOV 19. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Joyce Marie Black*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Joyce Marie Black*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Joyce Marie Black*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *The death of Mrs. Joyce Marie (Jessel) Black is the most devastating experiences a family can face. At times, the loss may seem unbearable. Please know that there are those who care and more importantly Psalm 34:18 tells us that "God is near to those that are broken at heart. Jehovah is the God of all comfort. My prayers are with you and your family.*

Mrs. Williams - November 18, 2016 at 12:59 PM