



## Joyce Elston

July 1, 1954 - April 6, 2025

Born on July 1, 1954, in Talladega, Alabama, Joyce was the cherished daughter of Lee Curtis Truss and Gladys Beavers Truss. Her journey on this earth has left an indelible mark on the lives of those who were blessed to know her.

Joyce's unwavering faith was the cornerstone of her life. She united with Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church at a young age, where she faithfully served her congregation as a testament to her devout Christian spirit. Joyce received her education in the Talladega County School System where she attended Talladega County Training School and was a proud graduate of the Lincoln High School Class of 1972. Joyce dedicated her professional career to serving her community. As a mechanic with the government and later in the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) office, she exemplified hard work and commitment, retiring to embrace her role as a devoted caregiver in the healthcare industry.

Joyce was more than her accomplishments; she was a radiant beacon of joy and kindness. Known for her warm smile, she touched the hearts of many through her compassion and generosity, leaving a legacy of love in her wake. Her vibrant spirit found comfort in nurturing her beloved garden and she delighted in planting flowers wherever she could, showcasing her undeniable green thumb. Joyce also treasured her quiet moments by the riverbanks,

casting her line and sharing laughter with her loved ones.

Vacationing played a vital part in Joyce's life. She loved traveling with her husband and family.

In her personal life, Joyce was blessed to marry her soulmate and high school sweetheart, Mr. Henry Elston, on July 24, 1972. Their nearly 53 years of marriage were filled with love, respect, and cherished memories, as they raised two wonderful children together. Joyce was a devoted mother and an adoring grandmother, relishing in the joy brought by her grandchildren and great-grandchild, and creating countless joyful moments that will forever remain in their hearts.

Mrs. Joyce Elston was called to her eternal home on Sunday, April 6, 2025 while under the compassionate care of St. Vincent's East Hospital in Birmingham, Alabama with her beloved family at her side. Joyce is now reunited with her parents, Lee Curtis and Gladys Truss, brothers, Louis McCargo and Willie Lee Williams, sisters, Betty Warren, Curley Brewer, and Mary Green, brothers-in-law, George Cameron, Willie Hall, Alonzo Cochran, Jr., Frank Cunningham, Cleveland Cunningham, and Robert Elston.

Joyce leaves a legacy of love and fun memories to forever be cherished by her loving and devoted husband, Henry Elston; son, Dexter (Denise) Elston; daughter, Carla (Dimitric) McCluney; grandchildren, Dr. Amaris (Cordero) Little, Morgan Elston, Madison Elston, Dominique Elston, Donovan Elston, Zion McCluney, Zavion McCluney, and Mason McCluney; great-grandson, Cairo Little; brother, Leo Truss; sisters, Marilyn Cameron, Brenda Hall, Vanessa (Kenneth) Reed, and Annie Mae Cochran; sisters-in-law, Pearline Williams, Willie Lee Vertreese, Corene (Johnnie) Jordan, and Melody Dickerson; brothers-in-law, Larry Green, Stanley (Muriel) Elston, Willie P. (Sharon) Elston, Joel Elston, and Clay Dickerson; and a host of nieces,

nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends.

May we all find comfort in the memories shared and the love that Joyce brought into our lives. She will forever be remembered for her kind heart and gentle spirit, leaving an unforgettable mark on all who knew her. Joyce Elston's memory will continue to inspire and uplift all who had the honor of knowing her. Let us gather to celebrate a life well-lived, a love deeply felt, and a spirit that will forever shine brightly in our hearts. Rest in eternal peace, Joyce Elston.

# Cemetery Details

## Truss- Beavers Family Cemetery

Glade Road  
Talladega, AL 35160

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

APR 11. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

S.M. Goodson Funeral Home Chapel  
217 Coosa St. East  
Talladega, AL 35160

## Celebration of Life

APR 12. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Macedonia Baptist Church  
AL-34 / Stemley Bridge Rd.  
Talladega, AL 35160

# Tribute Wall

GS

“Joyce was a dear and kind friend. We started the first grade together and graduated as seniors twelve years later. I feel privileged to have known her. May the peace of God be with her loved ones.

Gail Embry Smith - April 24, 2025 at 12:40 PM

SH

“Condolences to the Truss and Elston family. May all your sweet memories of Joyce comfort you always. She's an angel now 🕊️🕊️🙏🙏  
Alonzo and Shernevelyne Draper Hill



Shernevelyne Draper Hill - April 12, 2025 at 02:35 PM

PP

“I will cherish my 'lemon tree' memories and friendship shared with Joyce. My sincere prayers are for the Elston family's comfort and peace knowing their LOVELY one is resting with her God and Savior. Sincerely, Phenis Palmer 🙏

Phenis Palmer - April 11, 2025 at 10:39 AM

FJ

“Fresenius Kidney Care: Angela and John purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Joyce Elston.



Fresenius Kidney Care: Angela and John - April 10, 2025 at 08:37 PM

FJ

“ *Fresenius Kidney Care: Angela and John planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce Elston.*

Fresenius Kidney Care: Angela and John - April 10, 2025 at 08:37 PM

RT

“ *Regina TrussBriskey lit a candle in memory of Joyce Elston*



Regina TrussBriskey - April 10, 2025 at 12:07 PM

FJ

“ *From : TONYA and ALAN JONES purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joyce Elston.*



From : TONYA and ALAN JONES - April 10, 2025 at 09:41 AM

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“ *Lincoln High Class of 1997 purchased the Laven der Reflections Spray for the family of Joyce Elston.*



Lincoln High Class of 1997 - April 09, 2025 at 12:15 PM

FB

“ Brother Henry and other family members of Sis. Joyce, you all have our condolences and prayers. May you have renewed peace and strength each day. God Bless!!! Love, Minister Carl and Fannie Barnes.



Fannie Barnes - April 09, 2025 at 08:07 AM

TB

“ The family of Mary Branch purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Joyce Elston.



The family of Mary Branch - April 08, 2025 at 10:44 PM

MM

“ I am really gonna miss communicating with Sis. Joyce, sending hugs, love and condolences to her family. I pray for strength for you guys at this difficult time. Blessings in the name of Jesus.



Minister Z Moore - April 08, 2025 at 08:08 PM

JR

Sending love to you and your family Elaine Reynolds and family

Joy Reynolds - April 13, 2025 at 08:03 PM

KS

“ *Kathy Embry Spell lit a candle in memory of Joyce Elston*



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**kathy Embry Spell** - April 08, 2025 at 01:47 PM

VS

“ *Valerie K Stockdale lit a candle in memory of Joyce Elston*



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**Valerie K Stockdale** - April 08, 2025 at 10:44 AM

VS

“ *My Deepest Sympathy and Condolences to the Family. Joyce was a Beautiful Soul and She left a Beautiful Legacy. She Fought a Good Fight and She Persevered. Take Your Rest. 💪💜*

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**Valerie K Stockdale** - April 08, 2025 at 10:43 AM

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“ *Tina Dickerson lit a candle in memory of Joyce Elston*



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**Tina Dickerson** - April 07, 2025 at 07:31 PM