



## Joyce McDonald Layne

November 5, 1934 - January 5, 2024

Joyce McDonald Layne, 89 - wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and nurse - died on Jan. 5, 2024 at her family's Michigan home where she resided the last three years.

Professionally, Joyce was an emergency room nurse at Cookeville and Livingston Hospitals for more than three decades. Her care and compassion are reflected in the men and women who serve in similar capacities today. She was truly proud of what she did and where she worked. She considered Cookeville home.

Joyce was a longstanding member of the Westview Baptist Church and a lifelong contestant in games of chance. Her biggest wins were overcoming Lymphoma, being a stroke survivor, building a loving family, and now, being in God's presence.

Her cursive writing was impeccable, she preferred the color red, and she could drive a stick-shift or automatic with equal enthusiasm. She loved watching wildlife interacting at the feeders and enjoyed the snow, but disliked the Michigan cold. In their formative years, she privately laughed at some of her children's antics when, publicly, decorum and circumstance dictated a different response. Joyce felt blessed by each of her children's unique qualities, individuality, and families.

She is survived by her husband, Frank, of 69 years; three sons, Doak (Jackie), Danny (Patty), and Darren, and daughter and daily confidant, Denise. Other family includes a sister-in-law, Dainese Riggins, of

Chattanooga; a brother-in-law, John "Buck" Layne of Cassatt, S.C.; eight grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and multiple nieces and nephews. Joyce was the youngest of seven children born to Georgia and W.L. Martin of Chattanooga. Her siblings included three sisters, Adine, Katherine, and Billie; and three brothers, Dan, Don, and George. She was raised from infancy by an aunt and uncle, Sallie and Roger McDonald, who she loved as parents and her children knew as grandparents.

The family has chosen cremation; a memorial service will be held at a later time. Interment will eventually be at the Anderson Cemetery in Doyle.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Tri-County Office on Aging in Lansing, to your local Hospice Services, or just feed the birds. Memories of Joyce may be shared on her Tribute Page at [www.PrayFuneral.com](http://www.PrayFuneral.com). The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte, MI.

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**Danny Layne** - January 08, 2024 at 09:00 AM