



Joyce D. Ashby

February 1, 1924 - November 10, 2023

Joyce D. (White) Ashby, age 99 years, a resident of rural Golconda, Illinois, passed away Friday morning, November 10, 2023, at 1 AM at her home.

Joyce was born February 1, 1924 in the Cottage Grove community in Saline County Illinois. She was the daughter of Isaac E. and Anna (Rehm) White.

Joyce was united in marriage to Colonel Leland Ashby, Jr. in 1944 at the First United Methodist Church in Eldorado, Illinois. He preceded her in death on October 4, 2002.

Survivors include – several nieces and nephews; and a longtime dear friend, Barbara Studley, of Vienna.

In addition to her parents and husband, Joyce was preceded in death by: her son – Douglas Ashby; a grandson – Chad Ashby; as well as brothers and sisters.

Joyce was a member of the graduating class of 1942 from Equality (Illinois) High School. She earned a Masters Degree in Education from the University of Illinois. Joyce was a lifelong educator. She taught elementary education at Bunker Hill and Gillespie, Illinois until her retirement. Following her retirement, Joyce continued her love of education by serving as a volunteer tutor in the

Pope County School System.

Joyce was very community minded. She served as an American Red Cross volunteer. Joyce was a member of the Illinois Retired Teacher's Association and locally attended the meetings of the Pope County Retired Teacher's Association. She was also a member of the Red Hat society. Joyce, along with her husband, operated the Pine Meadows Christmas tree farm in rural Pope County for many years.

In her spare time, Joyce enjoyed reading, flower gardening, she particularly enjoyed raising daylilies, as well as watching classic western television programs and movies.

Joyce was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Golconda.

Visitation will be conducted Tuesday afternoon, November 14, 2023, from 3 PM until 5 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Following the time of visitation, there will be a prayer service led by Elder Janet Proctor.

Private interment will be held at a later date in Camp Butler Cemetery in Springfield, Illinois.

Memorials may be made to the Pope County Community High School (Scholarship Fund), 125 State Highway 146 West, Golconda, IL 62938.

Cemetery Details

Camp Butler National Cemetery

5063 Camp Butler Road
Springfield, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **14**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
PO Box 695
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Prayer Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ I have known the Ashby's since the early 1980's. I remember at age 16 driving my mother's 1977 Chrysler New Yorker down through those rocks. I was too scared to drive it back up, so Leland jumped in and took over while I walked it. While they were both very special and inspirational to me, each in their own way, Joyce was like a second mother. She relied on me to fix fences, replace roofs, and guide her finances, because I'm an accountant with an ability to do home repair, I suppose... Well, not for anyone, but for her I would do anything. It was mentioned in her service tonight that through a single scholarship fund she had provided over \$100,000 to graduating high school students in Pope County. Truth be known, I helped Joyce, many years ago, establish 4 scholarships beside that. I would put the total between them all at closer to \$800,000. She believed in higher education, promoted it as best she could. Another retired teacher she was very good friends with told me tonight that Joyce told her she loved teaching so much, she would've done it for free. And I believe she would have. That was Joyce.

David A. Edmister - November 14, 2023 at 11:36 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joyce D. Ashby.



November 13, 2023 at 02:16 PM

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“ Aunt Joyce was my mother's oldest sister. I have fond memories of Joyce and my visits to her lovely rural home. She was generous, kind, and a lot of fun. I loved the stories she told when we looked through family pictures. I also remember we enjoyed playing cards together and shared a fondness for reading mysteries.

Suzanne McIntosh - November 13, 2023 at 02:15 PM