



Joyce Ann (Thompson) Ellis

June 1, 1947 - February 3, 2026

Joyce Ann (Thompson) Ellis, born June 1, 1947, in Ellsinore, Missouri, passed away February 3, 2026, in Washington, Missouri at the age of seventy-eight years.

Joyce was one of two daughters born to James and Lois (Riggins) Thompson. She grew up in Salem and graduated from Salem High School. On July 7, 1977, Joyce was united in marriage to Floyd Franklin Ellis. They shared forty-five years creating lasting memories together before his passing October 30, 2022.

Joyce was the proud mother of two sons: Richard and Michael. Her beloved grandsons: Rick, Cody, and Sam were her world and she adored her great-grandchildren: Xaiver, Zane, Avacyn, and Rayven. Some of her fondest memories were time spent with her family and friends. As of late, she enjoyed dressing up, going out on the town and eating out with her special friend, Dave.

Joyce was a pillar of strength, dedicating her life to working hard and providing for her family. She worked for many years at the Chrysler Plant in St. Louis and retired from the Von Weise Gear Company in St. Clair. In her spare time, she enjoyed sewing, quilting, and putting together puzzles.

Joyce was a precious lady who loved the Lord. She showed this love to her family and everyone she met. Joyce loved praising God, singing hymns, and was a member at the First Assembly of God Church in Owensville. For several years she taught a toddlers Sunday School Class and everyone in church called her grandma. Her favorite scripture was 2 Corinthians 5:8, "To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord."

Joyce is survived by her sons: Richard Christian of Rosebud, MO and Michael Christian and wife Cathy of Rosebud, MO; grandsons: Rick, Cody, and Sam Christian; great-grandchildren: Xaiver, Zane, Avacyn, and Rayven; other relatives and dear friends.

Preceding her in death were her husband: Floyd Ellis, parents: James and Lois (Riggins) Thompson; and her sister: Sue Cover.

Joyce was a spitfire, go getter, and full of love. Her memory will live on in the hearts of those who loved her dearly. She will be forever missed.

Funeral Services were held February 7, 2026, in the Wilson Mortuary Salem Chapel with Pastor Les Dority officiating. Serving as Pallbearers were Michael Christian, Cody Christian, Sam Christian, and Rick Christian. Burial was in the Stone Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions may be made in memory of Joyce to Stone Hill Cemetery and left with Wilson Mortuary. Memorial Envelopes will be available.

Condolences may be left online at her tribute page at www.wilsonmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

Stone Hill Cemetery

Salem, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Wilson Mortuary - Salem
1000 West Scenic Rivers Blvd.
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ Sister Joyce loved all the little children in our church. She cried when her doctor told her she could no longer teach Tiny Tots due to her health. Her radiant smile and "How are you Hun?" will be missed!
But, Praise God we will see her again some day when our time here is over.

Wanda Dority - February 06 at 10:37 AM

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“ Gen Riggins, James and Lydia Goucher purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Joyce Ann (Thompson) Ellis.



Gen Riggins, James and Lydia Goucher - February 05 at 03:29 PM

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“ Your family at INTEK Corporation purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joyce Ann (Thompson) Ellis.



Your family at INTEK Corporation - February 05 at 12:18 PM

PC

“ I didn't know Joyce very long, but what a wonderful Christian woman. May she rest in peace. Penny

Penny Crawford - February 05 at 11:53 AM