



## Betty Joyce Vermeulen

August 22, 1938 - June 6, 2016

Betty Joyce (Granny) Vermeulen, age 77 of Orlando died Monday June 6th, 2016. Joyce was born in Crossville, TN on August 22, 1938 to Robert and Willie Dykes.

She is survived by her husband Arthur, Daughter Valerie (Thomas), and Brother Roger Dykes, 4 Grandchildren, Arthur, Patrick, Joshua and Kellie. 5 Great Grandchildren, Casey, Dion, Lani, Kadie and soon to be Kenslie. Joyce was predeceased by three of children Tina, Robert and Arthur Jr.

Joyce & Art were married on September 24, 1960, where Joyce entered into marriage and military life. Joyce loved to travel and always embraced each new assignment. She taught her children what diversity, understanding and acceptance meant. One of the many Certificates of Appreciation she received was for working and mentoring with the Children's Youth Center at Reese Air Force. Upon retirement, she was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for her unselfish, faithful and devoted service as a military wife and where her unflinching support and understanding made a lasting contribution to the nation.

She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Her family was her everything! Joyce was well known as an awesome cook and has shared many great recipes over the years. She loved her beloved cat Ike. She liked to crochet, paint, play piano, needlepoint and fishing off the dock in

Homossa Springs with a Corona Light by her side.

She was a devoted Christian and member of St Mary of the Angels.

She will be forever missed and was loved beyond words by all who knew her.

# Cemetery Details

## Greenwood Cemetery

1603 Greenwood Street  
Orlando, FL 32801

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JUN 9. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

A Community Funeral Home & Sunset Cremations  
910 W. Michigan Street  
Orlando, FL 32805  
(407) 841-4424  
<https://www.acommunityfuneralhome.com/>

## Memorial Service

JUN 12. 3:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary of the Angels Episcopal Church  
6316 Matchett Road  
Orlando, FL 32809

# Tribute Wall

FW

“ *Frances Wright lit a candle in memory of Betty Joyce Vermeulen*



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**Frances Wright** - June 12, 2016 at 10:24 AM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty Joyce Vermeulen.*



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June 11, 2016 at 12:40 PM

OH

“ *It is so hard to say goodbye to a friend of over 50 yrs .She was family to us and we shared a lot of fun ,good times and some sorrows as well .She loved her family above all else ,was a good friend to most everyone who knew her We did not visit as much in our later years due to distance and circumstance ,but when we talked it was as if time faded away and we could still talk about everything .I know she is with J R now and i am sure she has given Aubrey a hug for me .Rest in peace my friend and I will never forget*

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**Orene Holt** - June 10, 2016 at 09:19 PM

TW

“ Tina Wright sent a virtual gift in memory of Betty Joyce Vermeulen



Tina Wright - June 10, 2016 at 01:56 PM

TW

“ I have so many sweet memories of my Aunt Joyce. When we were kids, we looked so forward to having Aunt Joyce, Uncle Art, Val and Art Jr. visit us in Florida on their vacations. As a kid, I was just amazed at all the different places the military took them. Aunt Joyce would always bring us unusual and amazing gifts from those places. That made her the "Super Coolest Aunt" ever to us kids! I still have the little turquoise fish necklace that she gave me from way back then. Another treasured memory that I have is the artwork that she painted and gave me years later. It hangs in my home and is a blessed reminder of my sweet Aunt Joyce. I quietly admired and will forever remember the grace and ease that she had about her. I'm thankful to have shared this life with her and am blessed in knowing that we will meet again. I pray that God's grace bless and keep all of her family. Tina Wright & J Doyle

Tina Wright - June 10, 2016 at 01:53 PM

SF

“ I was born with knowing Joyce and Art since birth my parents already had a friendship with them and I always enjoyed hearing stories about those early years .. We have not only lost a wonderful woman, mother, wife, sister but part of our own family a 52 year old friendship got my parents, and beloved memories for us all .. She was sweet and sassy and that is what I will always remember..my heart goes out to Val, Art and the whole family - We Love you!!

Sherry Ferrell - June 09, 2016 at 09:13 PM

LL

“ *I was blessed enough to have you in my life and for that I will always be grateful. You have helped me thru all my trials and tribulations. You always gave me hope. You were and are an angel and I will miss you so much. Thanks for making me a part of your family and you being a part of mine. I will continue to talk to you and ask advice because I know you will still be listening. I love you. We love you!*



*Lisa, Scott & Steven*

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**Lisa LaPlaca** - June 09, 2016 at 08:51 AM

DT

“ *Dale Talbert lit a candle in memory of Betty Joyce Vermeulen*



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**Dale Talbert** - June 09, 2016 at 05:37 AM

RT

“ *My heart is just broken for all of Mama Joyce's family. She was the matriarch of the family, and everyone went to her for compassion, comfort, a hug, or her delicious food.*



*I will miss her being just a phone call away.*

*Mama Joyce was such a comfort to myself when I lost my own child.*

*I will truly miss all the great times I was blessed to spend with this exceptional lady. Mama Joyce gave me a gift a long time ago and for that I will always cherish her for.*

*The gift was "her love and her Family". Love to you Art & Val.*

*"The adopted child"*

*Robin Talbert*

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**Robin Talbert** - June 09, 2016 at 05:36 AM

 Vera  
van der  
Linden

“ *Vera Van Der Linden lit a candle in memory of Betty Joyce Vermeulen*



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**Vera van der Linden** - June 09, 2016 at 04:19 AM



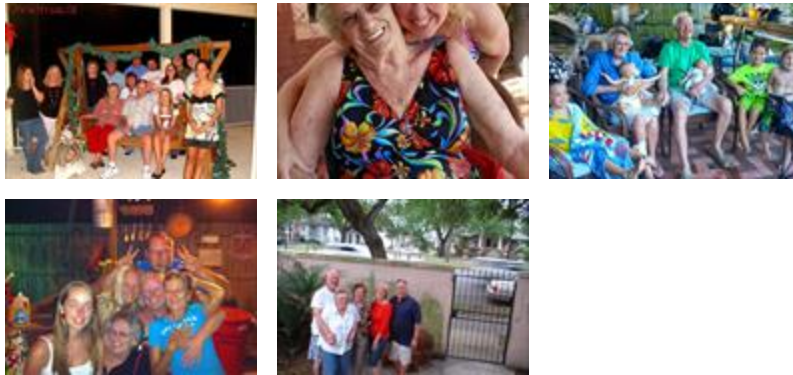
“ *I always loved going to Aunt Joyce's house when I was little. She would go shopping with me and Me-Ma and it was always fun. Loved sitting on the porch and just talking to her. I also loved eating anything she cooked. She told it like it was, as most the women in our family and would do anything for someone. She had a beautiful smile that I wish I had seen more recently. I love you Aunt Joyce and you will be very missed. May God bless your soul.*

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**Danielle Wright** - June 08, 2016 at 06:34 PM

VA

“ 8 files added to the album Mom



Val - June 08, 2016 at 05:48 PM

BM

“ Joyce and I would meet at SeaWorld Social Events and she was always in a good mood with a big smile on her face. She was a lovely person who cared deeply for family values and her wonderful husband and children. She will always be missed and she can now join her other family members in Heaven. God Bless Her Soul!



Brenda Maggard  
Apopka, FL

brenda maggard - June 08, 2016 at 05:40 PM



“ Listening to Aunt Joyce talk about kicking MeMa when they grew up sharing a bed and MeMa would get to close to Aunt Joyce. Good times :)



Cody Wright - June 08, 2016 at 04:40 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty Joyce Vermeulen.*



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June 08, 2016 at 04:32 PM



“ *Audrey Freeman (Fred's sister) and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Betty Joyce Vermeulen.*



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**Audrey Freeman (Fred's sister) and family** - June 08, 2016 at 03:14 PM



“ *Val lit a candle in memory of Betty Joyce Vermeulen*



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**Val** - June 08, 2016 at 11:32 AM



“ *Joyce was a sweet friend here on the net. We lived in the same state and she was sweet and I think her legs were not doing well. she liked to go out to eat!! we would talk about a lot of things and never really about any one!! She always agreed with me in things of God!! and just a sweet person and we stayed friends for a long time! She is the first long time friend on the net I lost. and it is a loss!!*

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**Rene Murphy** - June 07, 2016 at 09:38 PM

RT

“Joyce was a wonderful women. Rande and I are sending our deepest sympathy to the family. I know that Arthur, Bobbie and Denise are thrilled to have her join them in heaven. I can just picture them all laughing and having fun.

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**Rande and Lisa Thompson** - June 07, 2016 at 07:32 PM

DN

“I will never forget her laugh and smile. I was actually thinking about it this morning and it made me giggle. She was an amazing women and ex-mother in law, she had a way of always making me feel at home no matter where we were. She has finally made it to see Arthur and all I can vision is her grabbing on to him and smiling. I'm sure she gave him a kiss from all of us! My prayers go out to the whole Vermeulen family and the heart break you all are feeling. I love you all!



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**Diane Norair** - June 07, 2016 at 01:55 PM

TS

“Our prayers go out to Art and the entire family.



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**Tommy and Sue Smothers** - June 07, 2016 at 01:33 PM

SD

“ Art and Val...I am sitting here reading all these condolences and crying. I do not want to believe this is true. We will be leaving in the a.m. I am asking God to hold you both in the palm of His hands and give you some measure of peace.



Sister- in- law and friend, Doris - June 07, 2016 at 01:32 PM

AN

“ I remember fondly of when I was a young girl living next door,our families had great times.Joyce will always be in my heart,she was always there when you needed her.Art,I am so sorry for your loss,I know it is difficult but you have friends and family to help comfort you.If there is anything you need from me please don't hesitate to ask.Your daughter Valerie is a blessing and I know Joyce was very proud.Thinking of you and your family during this difficult time

Audrey Noll - June 07, 2016 at 01:18 PM

UB

“ Uncle Bud lit a candle in memory of Betty Joyce Vermeulen



Uncle Bud - June 07, 2016 at 11:28 AM

UB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you, she was a beautiful woman and had a beautiful heart she will never be forgotten love Uncle Bud and Joan

Uncle Bud - June 07, 2016 at 11:26 AM

HL

“ Art, my prayers are with you. You and Joyce were so close and happy. She was a beautiful lady and always so kind. We will miss her.  
*Hazel Long*

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**Hazel Long** - June 07, 2016 at 10:05 AM

CP

“ My heart goes out to all the family. Mama Joyce was a sweet woman with a heart of gold. I will miss you dearly. We have a guardian angel who will watch over us. Love u mama Joyce.



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**Christie Plumb** - June 07, 2016 at 04:40 AM

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“ Ken Olsen lit a candle in memory of Betty Joyce Vermeulen



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**Ken Olsen** - June 07, 2016 at 03:25 AM

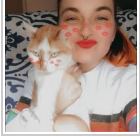
MM

“ Melinda Mccabe lit a candle in memory of Betty Joyce Vermeulen



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**melinda Mccabe** - June 06, 2016 at 09:39 PM



“ *Brookelynn Fu lit a candle in memory of Betty Joyce Vermeulen*



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**Brookelynn Fu** - June 06, 2016 at 08:23 PM



“ *Meagan Seago lit a candle in memory of Betty Joyce Vermeulen*



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**Meagan Seago** - June 06, 2016 at 07:30 PM



“ *Barry & Sandy Oliver lit a candle in memory of Betty Joyce Vermeulen*



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**Barry & Sandy Oliver** - June 06, 2016 at 07:18 PM



*Art & Joyce have been very close friends since the early 1960's and have shared so very many special memories. We love them both very much and will truly miss being with Joyce. Our hearts go out to Art, Val, and the family and pray that God will guide and be with them in their sorrow. They can take comfort in knowing that Joyce is in a better place and will never suffer in pain again, and they will always have their beautiful memories of her.*

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**Barry** - June 06, 2016 at 07:26 PM

Rachel  
Forrest

“ Rachel Forrest lit a candle in memory of Betty  
Joyce Vermeulen



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**Rachel Forrest** - June 06, 2016 at 07:08 PM

Rachel  
Forrest

“ Rachel Forrest lit a candle in memory of Betty  
Joyce Vermeulen



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**Rachel Forrest** - June 06, 2016 at 07:07 PM

LG

“ Just wanted to send out condolences from the  
Gargis Family. Joyce was such a very special  
person in our lives and we will miss her  
tremendously!! She had a heart of gold!!  
Always concerned about others!! She will  
always be our "Granny". Much love and prayers to Senior and Val.



*She will always be in our hearts!!*

*Laurie*

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**Laurie Gargis** - June 06, 2016 at 07:05 PM



Sabrina  
Lorenzo

“ Sabrina Lorenzo lit a candle in memory of  
Betty Joyce Vermeulen



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Sabrina Lorenzo - June 06, 2016 at 07:01 PM



“ Kellie McCormick sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Betty Joyce Vermeulen



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Kellie McCormick - June 06, 2016 at 06:54 PM

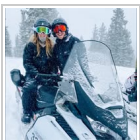


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Kellie McCormick - June 06, 2016 at 06:53 PM



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Betty Joyce Vermeulen



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Kellie McCormick - June 06, 2016 at 06:51 PM

KE

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



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**Kellie** - June 06, 2016 at 06:42 PM

SH

“ Scott Hora lit a candle in memory of Betty Joyce Vermeulen



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**Scott Hora** - June 06, 2016 at 02:03 PM

RO

*To my brother n law Art In times like these,it is good to remember the good times that will always be with you; love Roger*

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**roger** - June 07, 2016 at 05:27 PM