



Joyce Wingo

June 25, 1937 - July 4, 2026

Sarah Joyce Wingo 88 of Empire, Alabama passed away Saturday July 4, 2026. She was the strongest and most loving woman! She was born in Dora in 1937 into a loving family of four (she was the second child with Betty, Nila Kay and Larry as her siblings) and Rufus and Nell Glover as her amazing parents. She graduated Dora High School and went to work in Birmingham shortly afterward marrying the love of her life, Jimmy Wingo. They were married for 47 years before he passed away in 2004. She worked for many years in the school system at both Empire and Sumiton Elementary Schools and in the summer at the Dora Bank. She became the primary caregiver for her mother Nell until Nell passed at age 101.

She is survived by her loving daughter Kathy Monroe, her devoted son-in-law Donald Monroe and her beloved nieces (Jane, Jimmie Nell, Anita, Cindy, Crystal, Lisa, Pam) and nephews (Terrell, Alan, Eddie, Ronnie and Richie).

Joyce was blessed by her amazing church family (New Canaan Baptist Church); her best friends of the Autumn Club, her close group at the Fitness Factory, her loving group at Monday night Yoga class, her remaining high school classmates who routinely still meet for lunch, her fantastic neighbors, and her former work colleagues from the Walker County School system.

She was a devoted Christian and felt the key to a happy long life was to pray and keep moving! Many thanks to all who prayed and supported her and her family through this recent illness and to all who have made her time on earth so full of joy and love.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, July 8, 26 at 2:00 PM in the New Horizon Memorial Chapel. Burial will follow in New Horizon Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends from 12:30- 2:00 PM in the chapel.

In lieu of flowers, make donations to the New Canaan Baptist Church on venmo (@NewCanaanEmpire) or cash app (\$NewCanaanEmpire) or mail a check to New Canaan Baptist Church 4140 Coon Creek Road Empire AL 35063

New Horizon Memorial Funeral Home 205-648-2323

Cemetery Details

New Horizon Memorial Gardens

5203 Hollis Goodwin Rd.
Dora, AL 35062
(205) 648-8749
<http://www.newhorizonmemorial.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 8. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Chapel Service

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Tribute Wall



“ A grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joyce Wingo.

July 09 at 08:46 AM



“ 55 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



New Horizon Memorial Funeral Home - July 07 at 01:06 PM



Dr Monroe and Family I'm so sorry for your loss!

Yulanda Wallace - July 08 at 08:58 AM



Dr. Monroe my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Marquette Hall

Marquette Hall - July 09 at 10:28 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Joyce Wingo.*



July 07 at 11:29 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joyce Wingo.

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“ *Joyce was like another mother to me. Kathy and I were friends in school. I would spend the night with her and her parents were so sweet to me. Kathy I'm praying for you and all your family 🙏💕. I love you.*

Melissa Brock - July 06 at 11:05 PM



“ *Joyce was a great friend. But, most of all she was my prayer warrior. I could call her with any kind of request. She was so kind and loving to my mother and dad. Her and dad would always talk before an Alabama football game. Her devotion to New Canaan baptist church and the church family. Kathy was her pride and joy. The two of them were devoted to each other. Heaven is your home. I'm so thankful for the memories I have of you and I.*
Kaul Walker



Kaul Walker - July 06 at 07:34 AM

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“ Mrs Wingo was a loving kind lady. She worked at Sumiton Middle School, when my son's attended there. She was a Band Chaperone when I was in the high school band. She was always so kind, to everyone. Love & Prayers for you Kathy.

Lana Vinson - July 05 at 09:53 PM

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“ From her nephew and his wife we have had the pleasure of being a close part of her life. We always knew she could lift you up and pray the prayers you know God is going to hear.
Oh my how we will miss her but we also know she served and will be rewarded greatly in heaven.

My prayers are for her sweet daughter and all the family close and extended. Kathy and Don thank you for making her life great and all the good memories.

We love you
Terrell and Gloria Turner

Gloria - July 05 at 07:34 PM

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“ Ronnie and Valerie Sharpe lit a candle in memory of Joyce Wingo



Ronnie and Valerie Sharpe - July 05 at 07:57 AM