



## Joyce Marie Alsup

February 7, 2014

Joyce Marie Sims Alsup, age 79, of Murfreesboro passed away February 7, 2014 at Vanderbilt Medical Center. She was a native of Sumner County but lived most of her life in Rutherford County. She had a passion for horses and was involved with the antique business. Joyce was a member of St Paul Episcopal Church.

Joyce was preceded in death by her husband, John K. Alsup, Sr.; parents Dudley and Gertrude Sims; and brother, Jerry Trolinger. She is survived by her sons, Steven McRae Alsup of Murfreesboro and John (Gail) Alsup, Jr. of Lascassas; grandchildren, John Alsup, III, Priscilla Douglas, and Alexis Casey; great-grandchildren, Shepherd, Samuel and South Douglas.

Visitation with the family will be Wednesday, February 12, 2014 from 12:00-1:00 PM at Jennings and Ayers. Chapel service will follow at 1:00 PM with Colin Ambrose officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Memorial Garden.

Jennings and Ayers Funeral Home; 820 South Church St., Murfreesboro, TN 37130; 615-893-2422. Please leave condolences at [www.jenningsandayers.com](http://www.jenningsandayers.com).

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# Comments

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“ Steve & John ~ We are so sorry to hear of Joyce's passing. She was more like a Mother to Billy and she always welcomed us into her home with open arms. Please know we think of you all often and are always in our hearts & prayers.

**Billy & Debbie Fiveash - Amarillo, TX - friends** - February 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Several of Joyce's classmates saw the obituary for her in the newspaper today. We wanted to convey to the family how much we all enjoyed having known Joyce, and counted her among us as a good friend and comrade.  
We are very sorry for your loss, and to know that she is at peace.

**J.G. Griggs, for the Gallatin High School graduating class of 195 - Gallatin, TN - Classmate(s), and** - February 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ My favorite memories with Gran are the simple ones. I would go over between classes and when I walked in the door she would say "Pris, get you a coke, there's a chocolate pie on the counter!" She was always trying to feed us. Everyone that knew her would agree with me. We would sit and talk for hours about anything and everything. She always wanted to know what new horse I had and she would tell me stories about her riding days. Animals meant the world to her and she loved them all. She also held family and friends very close to her heart. She would do anything for the ones she loved. I will miss you dearly Gran and I will never forget you....I couldn't have asked for a better Grandmother. Love, Prissy

**Priscilla Alsup Douglas - Murfreesboro, TN - Granddaughter** - February 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ "Granny Joyce", we will miss you, but we know that you are in Heaven with my sweet Mama, one of your life-long best friends. Thanks for all the sweet memories, and give my Mama a great big hug and kiss from me, my Daddy, and the kids. And don't get into trouble up there for laughing too much.

**Nicole Lester Russell - Murfreesboro, TN - close family friend** - February 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ So sorry to hear this. Joyce was a good friend to my mother. My condolences to her family.

Hiram Lester - Birmingham, AL - Friend - February 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ I loved you so much, my dear sister-in-law. You will be missed more than you could ever imagine! Tomorrow I give you back to your brother. I know y'all will take good care of each other until we see you again. Rest in Peace!

Linda Jo Trolinger - Paris, TN - sister-in-law - February 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ To: Steve and Family! Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time. God bless all of you!9

Janie Fox - Edinburg, TX - Friend - February 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ 'Gran' and my grandmother grew up riding horses together and when she brought her granddaughter Priscilla to our farm for lessons we became instant best friends. Gran was so full of life and such a generous person. Eating lunch at Gran's house was a weekly event and any broke college student will tell you that a home-cooked meal or a quick bologna sandwich means the world. But the stories she told about her horses and the riding days with my Nanny were priceless. You could see the passion in her eyes when she spoke about riding 'Cha Cha' and it reminds me that those precious memories with family and friends are truly a blessing.

Jody Pugh Fontanetta - Milton, TN - Close family friend - February 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Priscilla and family: So sorry to hear of the passing of your Gran. May all the great memories you have of her comfort you at this time.....Nancy Garner, Rock Hill

Nancy Garner - February 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM