



## Joyce Ann Potter

January 11, 1941 - February 15, 2021

Joyce Ann Elizabeth (Cornell) Potter, age 80, passed away peacefully surrounded by family at her home in Haymarket, VA, on Monday, February 15, 2021 after a protracted battle with Progressive Supranuclear Palsy.

She was predeceased by her husband Thomas Phelps Potter, her parents, Claude Carter Cornell and Elizabeth Nora (Herring) Cornell. He is survived by her sons, Timothy E. (Kathryn) Potter of Warrenton, VA and Thomas Phelps (Connie) Potter, Jr. of Lovettsville, VA, and six grandchildren: Bryan Potter of Warrenton, VA, Brenna Potter of Joppa, MD, Nicholas, Virginia, Andrew and Klara Potter of Lovettsville, VA. Joyce is also survived by her sisters, Claudia (Cornell) Ekhard, Shirley (Cornell) Cozad, Brenda (Cornell) Anderson and Carolyn (Cornell) Del Giudice, and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Joyce was born on January 11, 1941 in the Columbia Women's Hospital in Washington, D.C. She graduated from Eastern High School in 1958 after which she attended Strayer College and studied secretarial skills. When she completed those studies, she went to work on Capitol Hill for a Senate office. A few years after beginning her civil service career, she became a librarian for the Law Library of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board (FHLBB). She tirelessly worked to make the library a useful tool for the legal staff she and her employees supported. She was asked to speak at a National Convention of Legal Librarians in the late 80's. Joyce retired in the early 90's and focused her attentions on her soon to be growing family. In the fall of 1992, her son Tim married his wife Kathy and the following October her son Tom married his wife Connie. In 1994, Joyce became a Grandmother for the first time. Her grandchildren and caring for her husband, Tom, became her single largest passion. After moving to Haymarket in the early 2000's, she and Tom traveled the world with friends and family. Simply put, they had a wonderful life full of family and friends.

Joyce was also active in their church, Grace Episcopal Church in the Plains, VA where she served on the Alter Guild. She and Tom loved their beautiful little church in the country. Her health began to turn in 2014, and in 2018 was diagnosed with PSP. She fought valiantly with courage and grace. She had fierce pride in her family, and combined with a respect for her humble beginnings, Joyce was not only compassionate with her family, but she and her husband were quiet philanthropists. Her loss will be felt by many.

The family wishes to extend our sincerest gratitude to Father Weston Mathews and the Grace Episcopal Church family for their continued love, prayers and support. You will be forever in our hearts and we cannot thank you enough for your kindness and compassion. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, funeral and internment services have been postponed. A joint Celebration of Life in Joyce and Tom's honor will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Cure PSP: <http://www.psp.org>

Condolences may be sent to: <http://www.piercefh.com>

# Comments

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“ Aunt Joyce was a wonderful woman. Always positive and upbeat and completely devoted to her husband, children, and grandchildren. She has left a tremendous legacy, and will be sorely missed. Love you, Aunt Joyce, and my most sincere condolences to her children (my cousins) and grandchildren. Jennifer

**Jennifer Dutton** - May 18, 2021 at 10:57 AM

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“ Joyce was as nice a person that I ever met. I hope she rests in peace.

David Feldman

**david feldman** - May 10, 2021 at 07:05 PM

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**Connie Potter** - February 18, 2021 at 08:12 PM



“ My condolences to the Potter family for the passing of Joyce recently. We knew Milly and Tom Potter from our days in Taiwan together, the many fond memories as we lived near them in Northern Virginia. As Tom and Joyce lived their lives in Baileys Crossroads we grew a friendship together. One of our favorite gatherings was to have Chinese food out together. Joyce was always so welcoming, warm, and full of conversation. We will miss her dearly and send our deepest sympathy.

**Marit Anderson** - May 12, 2021 at 11:00 PM

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“ Mom & Dad at their niece Lauren Zulandi's wedding reception.



**Tom Potter** - February 18, 2021 at 01:43 PM

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**Tim Potter** - February 18, 2021 at 01:32 PM

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“ Whenever I had the opportunity to see Joyce, she always greeted me with a huge smile and a tight hug and then we would share a laugh. She loved her family and friends fiercely and graciously.

**Juliette deCarteret** - February 18, 2021 at 01:01 PM