



Joyce Brunkow Kubitz

April 6, 1929 - February 2, 2026

Joyce Brunkow Kubitz departed this life for her forever home in Heaven on Monday, February 2. She was 96 years old. Her first love in life was the Lord Jesus Christ whom she served faithfully in her church and in life.

Joyce was born on April 6, 1929, in Chicago, IL, to Norman F. and Wanda Ross Brunkow. She graduated from high school in Oak Park, IL, began her college career at Iowa State and received her B.A. in Home Economics from Northwestern University. She followed with a Master's Degree in Library Science from Rosary College in River Forest, IL.

Joyce married Ralph E. Kubitz in Chicago in 1958. Together they raised 2 sons and 4 daughters. Soon afterwards they moved to Pittsburgh, PA, and later to Fairfax, VA, where she lived for the remainder of her life.

As a college student and young adult, Joyce traveled extensively and continued to do so throughout her whole life. She was quick to learn languages, loved sewing, and enjoyed teaching children in her church.

Joyce was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph, her sister, Suzanne Walker (Dennis), and her 2 daughters, Leslie Stewart and Wendy Kubitz.

She is survived by 2 sons and 2 daughters: Walter Kubitz, Dan Kubitz

(Debra), Donna Worsham (Joe), and Carol Henderson (Mike); 12 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at Pierce Funeral Home in Manassas, Virginia, on Friday, February 13, at 4 PM.

Visitation will be on Thursday, February 12, from 7-9 PM, and also on Friday, February 13, from 3-4 PM at the funeral home.

The burial will be in Chicago, Illinois.

Condolences may be sent to the family at <https://www.piercefh.com/obituaries/>.

Cemetery Details

Chapel Hill Gardens West

17W201 Roosevelt Rd.
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 12. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
pfh@piercefh.com
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Visitation

FEB 13. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

FEB 13. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MJ

“Joyce was a dear friend and we became friends from years of serving The Lord at Bethlehem Baptist Church, Fairfax, Virginia. On a lighter note one of my best memories is the time my daughter in law and I were going to her home for our monthly sewing group. I pulled into her neighbors driveway instead of Joyce's. When we knocked on her door a very friendly woman invited us in to her home. We thought she was one of Joyce's friends that she invited so we walked in and sat down. After several minutes I noticed this didn't look like Joyce's home and thinking Joyce was back in the kitchen getting things ready I asked where is Joyce and the nice lady replied, "she lives next door" .Needless to say, we quite surprised!

Mardell Johnson - February 13 at 01:50 PM

CK

Just a clarification. It wasn't Mrs. Kubitz's house. It was the lady who moved away and had a great number of sea shells. (I don't remember her name) She gave me a bunch of them. Mrs. Kubitz lived in a spilt level house and didn't have neighbors right on top of her that the three of us would have mistaken for her house.

Christina Klooster - February 17 at 09:49 PM

CK

**Mrs. Maxwell. I remembered her name.*

Christina Klooster - February 18 at 07:18 AM

SL

“ Ms. Kubitz was a wonderful Christian, lady and teacher. Since my first day in her French class and her "ninny box" (for talking in class), she has always been in my thoughts as I try to keep up with my French to this day. She will be missed, and I am thankful for the opportunity to have known her.

Stephanie Lee - February 13 at 06:16 AM

CK

Mrs. Kubitz made me a great number of very beautiful doll clothes over the course of my childhood. She gave me my very first "big girl" doll when I turned 9.

Her daughter Wendy was very good friends with my mom and would come over often to sew my mom late at night. I owned a great number of beautiful dresses made/ helped made, by Kubitz hands.

I also remember telling my mom that I loved listening to Mrs. Kubitz speak because she made my brain tickle, she had the most soothing voice I'd ever heard.

I'm saddened to hear of her passing, but I know how much she longed to be reunited with her loved ones. Especially her husband, but also her beautiful daughters.

May she rest in peace. Until we meet again Mrs. Kubitz.

Christina

Christina Klooster - February 17 at 09:46 PM

CK

**with my mom*

Christina Klooster - February 17 at 09:51 PM

VJ

“ *Vince and Gayle Jones purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Joyce Brunkow Kubitz.*



Vince and Gayle Jones - February 12 at 05:32 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joyce Brunkow Kubitz.*



February 12 at 12:44 PM

WH

“ *I haven't had the privilege of knowing Mrs. Kubitz, but I know Wally very well and what a legacy she left behind with him and the rest of his dear family. Our prayers are with you and as Dr Vance Havner said when his wife passed away and someone told him they were sorry for his loss, he replied, "You haven't lost anything when you know where it is!" Indeed we know where your mother is. Our prayers are with you all! God bless*

Love in Christ

Willie and Carol Heflin

Calgary, Alberta, Canada 🇨🇦

Willie Heflin - February 12 at 11:03 AM

LW

“ Love, Jeff & Gina Whetzel purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Joyce Brunkow Kubitz.



Love, Jeff & Gina Whetzel - February 11 at 04:47 PM

LB

“ Love the Colorado Besties purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Joyce Brunkow Kubitz.



Love the Colorado Besties - February 10 at 05:08 PM

TF

“ The Sammarone Families purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Joyce Brunkow Kubitz.



The Sammarone Families - February 10 at 12:23 PM

PJ

“ Miss Joyce was a tremendous blessing to all who knew her. I had the unique privilege of being her Pastor for 14 1/2 years. Her love for the Lord and faithfulness to His work was a constant encouragement to me, my family and to our church family. She faithfully attended and served in the Sunday School ministry for years. Her heart for missions was unique and the Lord used her to encourage so many of God's choice servants. Each missionary child that visited FBC would receive thoughtful gifts from Miss Joyce. We praise the Lord for her testimony and that she is now in the presence of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Please know that we are praying for your family and trust the Lord to give grace and comfort during these days.

Pastor Chris Mann, Jr. - February 09 at 04:00 PM

PL

“ *To The Kubitz Family*
Your Mom was instrumental in leading us to Swissvale Baptist. She and your dad exemplified stalwart Christian faith and were always a voice of encouragement in the early years of our work at Faith Bible Baptist . She was a humble witness to the Jewish community in Squirrel Hill. A gentle but firm witness to all she came to know. She is enjoying the rewards of a good and faithful servant. Blessings and peace to you and the family as you endure this loss. Pastor Gary and Cynthia LaPietra

Pastor Gary LaPietra - February 07 at 02:14 PM