



## Joyce Ann Goodwin Lightner

October 31, 1947 - June 1, 2021

Joyce Ann Lightner (Goodwin) passed away in her home in Manassas on Tuesday, June 1, 2021, at age 73. She is preceded in death by her mother Betty Jean Lockhart, grandmother Rosa Folds Shackelford, and former husband and friend, Hughie Lightner, Jr. She is survived by her children Eric Lightner (Kay) of Haymarket, VA, Aliza Brown of Burke, VA, and Rochelle Walker (Robert) of Frederick, MD, and four grandchildren: Tarryn Brown, Terrence Brown, Jr., Rihaana Stephens, and Hannah Walker.

Joyce was born and raised in Chattanooga, TN. She was a graduate of Riverside High School in Chattanooga, TN, class of 1966. She raised her family with her husband, Hughie Lightner, Jr. in Chattanooga and later in northern Virginia. Always striving to further her education, she went back to college later in life and earned her Associates degree from Northern Virginia Community College. She went on to earn a Bachelor of Liberal Studies from Mary Washington College, and a Master of Education from George Mason University, becoming the first in her family to graduate from college. She retired as a junior high school teacher with the Manassas City Public School System. In retirement, she worked for the City of Manassas Voter Registration Office.

In addition to her educational pursuits, Joyce loved to coach and play sports. She coached everything from girl's little league softball to middle school girl's

track and field and basketball. She played for several years on a women's softball team in her 30's and 40's as well as women's volleyball. She was affectionately known to her grandchildren as Nina and spent most mornings on video chats or phone calls catching up with family. If you were fortunate to call Joyce your friend, then you were truly a friend for life. Regardless of whether the friendship was decades long or a more recent relationship, you could always count on Joyce for advice, assistance, and frankness anytime day or night. She was sincere, serious, and passionate with an amazing tenacity for accomplishing what was important to her. Joyce also had incredible wit and a fun spirited prankster personality. There are so many happy memories to recall. Joyce's deep love for her family and friends was always evident and something that will be cherished in our hearts forever.

A viewing will take place on June 18, 2021, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM followed by a funeral service from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM at the Pierce Funeral Home 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA 20110. Interment will be held on July 9, 2021, at 10:00 AM at Highland Memorial Gardens 2116 Shepherd Road, Chattanooga, TN 37421.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Educational and Charitable Foundation in the spirit of Joyce's love for continued education. <https://ec-foundation.networkforgood.com/projects/50116-ecf-general-giving-campaign?fbclid=IwAR1I1zaixIPPLPg-1G4gcGjlpONzNYeAJIpTRWFS0rUTcirp4NiWXmbdFpc>

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JUN 18. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
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pfh@piercefh.com  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry to the family for your loss. Joyce was my partner in Graduate School at GMU. I will never forget her smile and her strength to complete our Final Paper together. She was brilliant and a beautiful teacher that I looked up to as a role model for her professionalism. Thinking of you all during this difficult time.  
Sincerely, Georgina Bergeron

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**Georgina Bergeron** - June 19, 2021 at 09:47 PM

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**Susan Reed** - June 14, 2021 at 11:51 AM