



Marilyn Cross

February 20, 1954 - September 30, 2023

Marilyn Cross, 69, of Chattanooga, beloved mother, grandmother, and sister, peacefully passed away on Saturday, September 30, 2023, in Chattanooga, Tennessee. She was born February 20, 1954, to Melvin and Mattie Jenkins in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Marilyn graduated from Riverside High School, where she was a cheerleader and majorette. She was a member of Orchard Knob Baptist Church, where she served on the Usher board. Marilyn was known for her beautiful smile, lighting up any room she walked in. She also enjoyed spending time with her family and laughing and dancing. With a laugh, capable of infecting everyone around her, she was the light you never knew you needed. She had the ability to get in the kitchen and prepare a delicious meal. Never have there been a soul with such kindness, joy, and grace. Marilyn was preceded in death by her father, Melvin Jenkins; mother, Mattie Jenkins; sister, Katherine Easley; and nephew, Tony Talley. Those left to cherish her memory are her children, Toree (Lovest) Carter, Corey (Leeah) Cross, Lorri Cross, and Myracle Cross (Robert); grandchildren, Lovlee Carter, Lovest Carter, Jr., Lawonte Carter, Demetrius Carter, Ra'Myr Morris, and Loryn Talley; great-grandchildren, Byntlee Bradley, Bralyn Carter, and Derrick Bradley, Jr.; siblings, Judy (Clemmie) Benjamin, Melvin (Lisa) Jenkins, Jr., and Deonna Richardson; 9 nieces and nephews; a host of cousins; other relatives and friends. Marilyn will lie-in-state on Monday, October 9, 2023, at 10 a.m. at Orchard Knob Missionary Baptist Church. Funeral service will follow at 12 noon with Pastor William Washington as the eulogist. Burial in Lakewood

Memory Gardens, East. Arrangements are by Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc.

Cemetery Details

Lakewood Memory Gardens East

4621 Shallowford Road
Chattanooga, TN 37411

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

OCT **9**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Orchard Knob Baptist Church
1734 E 3rd St
Chattanooga, TN 37404-2556
(423) 624-0950

Service

OCT **9**. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DF

“ *Diane Ellison & Family lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Cross*



Diane Ellison & Family - October 10, 2023 at 06:41 PM

RM

“ *Remon Talley McGee lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Cross*



Remon Talley McGee - October 09, 2023 at 11:09 AM

FJ

“ *Fred And Annette Jinks lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Cross*



Fred and Annette Jinks - October 09, 2023 at 10:05 AM

MP

“ *Monica Preston lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Cross*



Monica Preston - October 09, 2023 at 05:32 AM

DS

“ Reat in peace our dear sister. Our hearts are broken but we know you are in the arms of our father and that gives us comfort. We will always remember your beautiful smile and charming personality. Our years as tiny twirlers and cheerleaders together from junior high through high school will always be a beautiful memory. Sending deepest and sincere condolences to the family. We love you Marilyn.

Take your rest my Friend. ❤️
From All the Cheerleaders of RHS
and The BGW Society. 🙏❤️

Denise Sales - October 08, 2023 at 01:46 PM

CD

“ Carolyn Dozier lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Cross



Carolyn Dozier - October 07, 2023 at 02:19 PM

BS

“ My deepest condolences to the family! I was sad to hear that my Orchard knob and Riverside classmate had transitioned! My prayer is that the Lord, give you comfort during this difficult time.



Beverly Harris Silva - October 06, 2023 at 12:22 PM

WW

“ *Willa Williams lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Cross*



Willa Williams - October 06, 2023 at 11:18 AM

CC

“ *Cardella F Cummings lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Cross*



Cardella F Cummings - October 06, 2023 at 07:06 AM

MT

“ *Marva Brown Taylor lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Cross*



Marva Brown Taylor - October 05, 2023 at 07:00 AM

DC

“ *Remember when we we use to share the same little round medal tub! Cross your legs Marilyn! Talk about way back!*

Deatrice Craddock - October 04, 2023 at 03:28 PM

RW

“ Rick Walsh lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Cross



Rick Walsh - October 03, 2023 at 07:16 PM

MW

“ I worked with Marilyn and she was smart as a whip. She was pretty, well dressed and had a million dollar smile. She loved her family and she liked to have fun. She taught me how to have fun. She will truly be missed!! I will always remember her!!

Mary Washington - October 02, 2023 at 10:24 PM

MW

“ Mary Washington lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Cross



Mary Washington - October 02, 2023 at 10:15 PM

LW

“ LaGrand Worthy Wright lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Cross



LaGrand Worthy Wright - October 02, 2023 at 07:45 PM

LW

“ *La Grand Worthy Wright lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Cross*



La Grand Worthy Wright - October 02, 2023 at 07:44 PM

GG

“ *Gloria Patton Griffin lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Cross*



Gloria Patton Griffin - October 02, 2023 at 12:24 PM