



Joy Charlotte Kraus Pray

January 7, 1945 - April 10, 2017

Joy Charlotte Kraus Pray went to be with our Lord on Monday, April 10, 2017 at the age of 72. Joy was born in Columbia, TN and was a resident of LaPlace, LA for the past 35 years. She attended Acadia Baptist Academy for High School then she went to Louisiana College to obtain her Bachelor's Degree in Education. She was a devoted educator for over 30 years.

Throughout her life she maintained a sweet and simple demeanor that won the trust and hearts of many, who even now are being changed by her witness of constant nurturing, love, and faith. Her signature gift of joy shown through her constant smiling, laughter, and prayer will never be forgotten.

Married for 36 years, Joy and Frank raised their sons, Charles and Brian. Possessing a true servant's heart, Joy faithfully cared for her family and friends. Her love and constant prayer for all that she encountered will live on forever. She has shaped her families spirituality by her tireless Christian example. She enjoyed volunteering in any capacity in order to further God's word.

Joy was a devoted and loving mother. She was very proud of her family and absolutely adored her grandchildren. They were her everything. She loved holidays and family gatherings; any chance to spend time with family was important to her.

She is survived by her her husband, Frank Pray. Sons, Charles and wife Brandy Pray, Brian and wife Angelle Pray; grandchildren, Caine, Brianna, Patience, Gracie and Dawson Pray; and brother, Tommy Kraus. She is also

survived by many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Louise Kraus; father, Reverend Charles Kraus; and beloved sister, Judy K. Morris.

Joy was an active member of First Baptist Church of LaPlace for the past 35 years. She was a member of Campers on Mission and Louisiana Disaster Relief.

Relatives, friends, members and co-workers of the School Board and former students are invited to attend the Funeral Service at First Baptist Church of LaPlace, 120 Ormond Blvd., LaPlace on Saturday, April 15, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. Visitation will begin in church at 10:00 a.m.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church of LaPlace
120 Ormond Blvd.
LaPlace, LA 70068

Service

APR 15. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Joy Charlotte Kraus Pray

October 05, 2023 at 08:59 AM



Michelle Courville

“ Mrs. Joy's smile could light up a room. She had such a sweet spirit, but she also wasn't afraid to tell you what was on her mind (always in a loving way). I remember Mrs. Joy asking me if I was a teacher one year while I was working VBS at First Baptist. I told her no, that I had just taken the week off so that I could help out. Her response to me was "That's a shame, you missed your calling!" Little did she know that I was fighting a call to teach at that time. I hadn't told anyone, not even my husband. God used her to confirm that call for me. Shortly after that I started school. I am teaching today because of that conversation. I know she will be missed by all, but she is home now and I bet she is so excited to be with her Lord and Savior. We'll see you again one day!

Michelle Courville - April 12, 2017 at 11:41 PM



Angelle Weber

She certainly loved your family Michelle. So happy that God spoke through her to help you confirm that calling. She was so proud of you for that. ❤️

Angelle Weber Pray - April 14, 2017 at 08:35 AM



“ *The memory that stands out for me in our time of knowing Joy in our Campers on Mission organization is that at each camp she attended she would want us to sing Holy Ground at the end of our Wednesday prayer services. What a great reminder to our COM'ers that each and every one of our state Baptist camps are truly Holy Ground.*

Keith Brown - April 12, 2017 at 08:02 PM

SG

“ *What an amazing women who loved the Lord and all those around her! She always had an encouraging word for me, and was tireless when it came to caring for her family and church family. She will be missed by all, but we will see each other again; and what a celebration that will be! Love you Mrs. Joy.*
Sharon Gilmore

Sharon Gilmore - April 12, 2017 at 03:24 PM

TF

“ *Ms. Pray was my daughter's favorite teacher at The Glade because of her compassion and understanding. Rest in Peace servant of God. Heaven has a new angel.*

"Those we love don't go away, they walk besides us everyday unseen, unheard, but always near still loved, still missed, and very dear."

- The Belletto Family

The Belletto Family - April 12, 2017 at 01:37 PM

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The Belletto Family - April 12, 2017 at 01:36 PM



“ Frank,

Steve and I are deeply saddened by the passing of Miss Joy. Both you and her were so encouraging to us while we served at the maritime center. Always a hug; always an encouraging word. We loved her so much. You and your family will be prayed for in the coming days as you adjust to your loss of a wonderful lady. We love you!

Ann Corbin - April 12, 2017 at 05:55 AM

LV

So sorry for your loss. Your family are in my prayers.

Lou Vaughn - April 12, 2017 at 10:58 PM

LW

“ My heart goes out to the Prey family. What little bit of time I got to know of you Joy I will always treasure that time . I'm going to miss seeing you on Sunday mornings and walking in Wednesday night Bible study. You were a wonderful Christian lady I'm truly going to miss you Joy. Until we meet again in heaven I will never forget you. My love always.
Linda Wilcox.

Linda Wilcox - April 11, 2017 at 08:52 PM

IM

“ I want to say goodbye to a very special friend .Joy I've know her since I was 6 years old. We grew up together. My brother Jimmie and I spent hours at their home and we even vacationed together. She even was one of my bride maids. And she would come visit us when we moved to North Louisiana. We called ourselves family. She will always be in my heart . My prayers go to each of the family . My God give each of you peace.

Ida Manning - April 11, 2017 at 07:54 PM

LA

“ my mom started to love me and call me her daughter at the age of 5. i had the joy of her love till today. my christmas cards always read love mom and dad. i miss my mom so bad. i know she is giving me a hug right now. RIP my beautiful mom

Lisa Abbott - April 11, 2017 at 07:18 PM

RH

“ My condolences to Mr. Frank and the rest of the Pray family. Mrs. Joy watched my brother and I grow up in the church and was always happy to see my son Emile when we came to church. She was a great lady and will be very much missed. We love you.

Rachael Herrle - April 11, 2017 at 07:09 PM

DR

“ I first met Joy at Louisiana College. Even though she was an upperclassman she made us Freshmen feel accepted. Years later our paths crossed again at Campers on Mission. She was not only a hard worker but she also worked hard at keeping prayer concerns in front of our group. Love you Joy and will always remember your sweet smile. You will be missed so much.

Donna Caskey Rhymes - April 11, 2017 at 06:05 PM

RH

“ I am so sadden to hear about the passing of Joy. I have always considered her my friend. I sat near her in church and she and Frank always greeted me with a smile an hug. Joy will be missed so much.

Rosalind Hutson - April 11, 2017 at 06:02 PM

RS

“ My condolences to Joys family, Myself being a native of Bayou Dularge , I met Joy as her parents were School teachers at an indian school back in the late 40's early 50's, We grew up together being 1 yr apart, ,Joy never failed to stop for a visit each time she went for a visit in Houma la, Yes, she loved to show off those grandchildren. I live in Raceland now, Surely will miss her cards at Christmas. but we all know She is with her Parents and dear sister Judy, Looking down on her Children/ grand children ,RIP!

Rosamae Sampey - April 11, 2017 at 05:09 PM

SW

“ So sadden by this news...will never forget her,till we meet again in Heaven

Shirley Wactor - April 11, 2017 at 04:25 PM

AM

Praying for Pray family we loved MS Joy Wayne and Aberdeen Mccarty

ABERDEAN MCCARTY - April 11, 2017 at 07:57 PM

FJ

I loving memory of Joy. Such a loving person and caring friend; I will miss her. Prayers for the family.

FRANCES JOLLEY - April 13, 2017 at 09:19 PM

MP

“ *Praying for all of Joy's family.*

Modie Hocking Phillips - April 11, 2017 at 03:19 PM

BP

“ *We love you mawmaw*

brianna pray - April 11, 2017 at 02:52 PM