



Joyce Curtis

August 20, 1953 - January 1, 2025

Joyce Kay Curtis, 71, passed away surrounded by her loving family on January 1st, 2025, in Lubbock, Texas. Joyce was born in Roswell, New Mexico, on August 20th, 1953, to Claude and Elzadie Hasler. As the baby of the family, she was more of a "daddy's girl" and was considered a tomboy as a child. Joyce raised dogie sheep for 4H and was always outside with her daddy and the horses; she loved to ride. After graduating from Goddard High School in 1971, she then went on to attend the University of Texas at El Paso for 2 years. After attending UTEP, she moved back to Roswell, where she obtained a business diploma from the Roswell Business College.

She met her husband Larry Curtis the summer after she graduated high school, "dragging main" in Roswell, New Mexico. They dated for 2 ½ years as he finished college and married on April 6th, 1974. They welcomed their first and only child, Lori, in March 1976. Joyce was a huge supporter of her daughter's extracurricular activities, such as dance and cheerleading. She could always be found with a VHS recorder to record Lori's dance recitals. She later would happily tote around Lori and her cheerleader friends to away games. Lori will tell you that her mother helped wrangle the man who would become her husband into marriage. Dan will tell you how he was Joyce's favorite because she always baked him goodies and bought him whiskey. In 2001, Joyce became a grandmother to her only granddaughter, Kylee. She would only be called "Honey" from the moment she became a grandmother; she would quickly correct you if you referred to her as anything else. In 2003,

her grandson, Curt, was welcomed into the world, and from there on out, she lived chasing around her two grandkids, especially after retirement. She hardly ever missed Kylee's volleyball or Curt's basketball games, traveling to away games and tournaments all across the state. She was a huge supporter when Kylee competed in pageants, and she loved to watch her sing and make appearances. Probably one of her favorite things, though, was watching Curt race motocross. It was loud and dirty, extremely long weekends, and usually very hot, but she was always there with a smile. Curt's moto weekends became one of the most anticipated weekends of the month and the best family gatherings.

If you had talked to her, you probably heard about her days as a dispatcher; Joyce began her dispatch career in 1977, filling in at the Clayton Police Department. In 1978, Joyce was hired at the Roswell Police Department and worked there for 18 years. If you ask her daughter, Lori, she will tell you how she could never get away with anything growing up because her mom always had her officers keeping an eye on her. Joyce and Larry moved to Texas in 1997 where she worked for Denton County Sherriff's Office, where she met the woman who would become her best friend. Joyce and Lisa created a friendship that many people dream of; they became sisters to one another, and their families blended and became one through the years. In 2002, Joyce and Larry moved back to Roswell as grandchildren had made their appearance, where she started working for the New Mexico State Police Department until her retirement in 2010. Joyce took her work as a dispatcher very seriously and took such pride in her ability to help the people she spoke with. Joyce cared for her officers as if they were her own children, referring to them as "her boys," they equally cared for her, making sure they brought her treats to stay on her good side. If you ask any of Joyce's family, they will tell you how stressed she was about retiring; she worried about who would take care of all her officers if she wasn't there. In 2010, she won New Mexico State Police Civilian of the Year, a true testament to her hard work and dedication. After retirement, aside from attending her grandchildren's events, she

discovered how much she loved to paint. Oil painting became her favorite and she created beautiful pieces that she passed out to her family. She also joined a tap class for a period of time, where she even performed with her fellow classmates once or twice. Reading was also one of her favorite pastimes; she would read any books she could get her hands on. She was a spectacular cook and made many dishes that became her family's favorites. Her fours were to die for, and you can ask almost anyone! Around 2014, Joyce and Larry became deeply involved in the New Mexico Elks Association, which involved extensive travel throughout the state. She supported her husband during their adventures with the Elks, and from 2016 to 2017, she served as the First Lady of the New Mexico Elks Association. One of Joyce's favorite things to collect was Santa figures. During her reign as First Lady, she was gifted numerous Santas from lodges across the state. Even helping her decorate for this past Christmas, we saw how she had labeled every Santa she was gifted.

Joyce is survived by her husband Larry Curtis; daughter, Lori Coupland and husband, Dan; granddaughter, Kylee Mydock and husband, Ky; grandson, Curt Coupland; brother, Kenneth Hasler and wife, Joan; sister, Rose Ann Lair; sister, Sherry Lewis and husband Pat; uncle David Lewis; aunt Geri Walton; cousin Sharon Walton-Gillespie and husband Mike; sister-in-law Sharon Perry; sister-in-law Patricia Popovich and partner John Paul; niece Christa Ashley and husband Darin and kids; niece Jamie Popovich and kids; nephew Michael Hasler and wife Lisbet; niece Chelsea Hasler; niece Stacy Santilli and kids; nephew Nathan Handlin and wife and kids; nephew Terry Lewis and wife and kids; nephew Michael Lewis and wife and kids; nephew Eric Lair and wife Trish and kids; niece Ede Linterman and husband David and kids. Joyce is also survived by her close friends Lisa and Kevin Lunday; Ray and Gail Mounts; Linda and Larry Roush; Kathy Bayes; Mike and Joy Jurecek; John Wayne Davis; Larry Rogers and wife. Joyce also leaves her two beloved cats, Trixi and Lucy, whom she has loved snuggling with for the past couple of

years.

Joyce is preceded in death by her parents, Claude W. Hasler and Elzadie Hasler, and her older sister, Melba Handlin.

Blessed to be chosen as Honorary Pallbearers are Dan Coupland, Curt Coupland, Ky Mydock, Ray Mounts, Mike Jurecek, and all the officers she served with.

Joyce's family wishes to sincerely thank the nurses and doctors in the MICU at the University Medical Center in Lubbock for treating her with love and dignity in her final days and caring for her and her family throughout the process.

A Celebration of Life will be held on January 18th, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. at the Roswell Elks Lodge in Roswell, New Mexico. The family asks that everyone wear her favorite color, red, to the celebration if they are able.

Instead of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Elks National Foundation in her honor.

She was Mom to many, and Honey to all. She will be missed forevermore.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 18. 2:00 PM (MT)

Roswell Elk's Lodge
1720 N. Montana Ave.
Roswell, NM

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Tribute Wall



“ *Linterman F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce Curtis.*

Linterman F. - January 19, 2025 at 05:14 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joyce Curtis.*



January 18, 2025 at 09:29 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joyce Curtis.*

January 18, 2025 at 09:29 AM



“ *Lewis & family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Joyce Curtis.*



Lewis & family - January 17, 2025 at 10:03 AM



“ *Lewis & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce Curtis.*

Lewis & family - January 17, 2025 at 10:03 AM

CM

“ Cassey M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce Curtis.

Cassey M. - January 16, 2025 at 04:18 PM

CF

“ Larry, while we didn't know Joyce for very long, we enjoyed every interaction we had with you and her. Our prayers and hugs go out to you and your entire family on your loss. Please try to concentrate on the many fond memories you have of Joyce, and may they bring you healing and comfort.

With love from Loretta and Chris Ferguson

Chris and Loretta Ferguson - January 13, 2025 at 01:48 PM

MJ

“ Marilyn J. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce Curtis.

Marilyn J. - January 12, 2025 at 02:12 PM

WA

“ With love from Ross and Andrea purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Joyce Curtis.



With love from Ross and Andrea - January 10, 2025 at 01:35 PM

WA

“ With love from Ross and Andrea planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce Curtis.

With love from Ross and Andrea - January 10, 2025 at 01:35 PM

SH

“ So sorry for your loss, Jimmy and Susan

Susan Hickman - January 08, 2025 at 04:28 PM

GH

“ Please accept my condolences on the loss of your wife, mom, Honey and friend. I first met Joyce when I worked for the Roswell Police Dept. and she was a Dispatcher there, then, when I was with County Fire Services, I had the pleasure to work with her again when she was with State Police. She was always such a joy to work and visit with! She had this amazing "can do" attitude about everything and she always came through! She was a true force of nature in all of the very best ways. She truly was as beautiful on the inside as she was on the outside. I will keep all of you in my thoughts and prayers.



Georgianna Hunt - January 06, 2025 at 11:20 AM



“ Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joyce Curtis.



January 05, 2025 at 09:39 PM

DG

“ We enjoyed the years we spent together in the NMEA. Joyce was a gracious, lovely First lady and friend. We’re so very sorry to hear of her passing and send our condolences to Larry and her family.



Dan & Connie Gerth - January 05, 2025 at 04:28 PM

TB

“ I have such wonderful memories of my dear friend. We would talk nonstop on our travels together. Even while she was in Texas, we would talk and meet up at meetings. Lots of adventures. My most treasured time with her is our time dancing together. I am blessed to have her in my life for so many years. Teresa Barncastle



Teresa E Barncastle - January 04, 2025 at 06:51 PM

PK

“ So sorry to hear of Joyce’s passing. We used to have so much fun during the “ELK” days of dinner and conventions. May the memories you share bring a smile to your hearts❤️

Peggy Kendrick - January 04, 2025 at 03:13 PM

BM

“Joyce was my 'go to' dispatcher. She was so smart and sweet and knew everything. Saw her many times since we both retired. What a wonderful woman and life she lived. My deepest condolences to her family!!

Brenda Morrow - January 04, 2025 at 03:05 PM



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