



## Patricia "Joyce" Young Tompkins

December 16, 1946 - December 7, 2023

Patricia "Joyce" Young Tompkins, 76 of St. Albans, passed away peacefully on December 7 at CAMC Memorial after a prolonged illness. Joyce was born on December 16, 1946 in Charleston to Jesse and Reba Young and was the oldest of three children.

She was preceded in death by her father & mother, Jesse & Reba Young, her sister, Teresa "Susie" Young and her beloved grandmother, Audra Young fondly referred to as "Bobo." Growing up, Joyce was involved in her family church where she developed an enduring love for the Lord. She enjoyed singing in church and school and participated in All-County and All-State choruses. She also developed an early-on passion for sewing and made many of her own clothes.

After graduating from St. Albans High School in 1965, Joyce worked at the Kanawha County public library in Charleston and then at the WV College of Graduate Studies. In 1969, she married Thomas B. Tompkins and became a homemaker at their residence in St. Albans. They went on to have three children, Jennifer, Rebecca and Amy. In 1983, she returned to work and became the Secretary of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in St. Albans where she worked until 1994.

Joyce was a loving and fun mother who taught her daughters the importance

of working hard, pursuing an education and becoming self-supporting women. She also emphasized the importance of having a life-long spiritual relationship with Jesus. Joyce and her family were active members of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in St. Albans where they faithfully attended each Sunday. She made sure her daughters were involved in the church through a myriad of activities including Acolytes, children's choir, Sunday school, Vacation Bible School and youth group.

She loved sharing her talent for sewing with her daughters and created many Easter, Homecoming, prom and bridesmaids dresses. She later designed and created wedding gowns for two of her daughters. When her first granddaughter was born, she designed a christening gown for her that was again worn by her second granddaughter. She lovingly made clothing, shoes, and accessories for her granddaughter's American Girl dolls.

After leaving St. Mark's in 1994, Joyce pursued her love for sewing by doing bridal and prom alterations at Pamela's Bridal in Teays Valley and Nandell's in Eleanor. During these years, she altered gowns for hundreds of girls and brides throughout the Kanawha Valley. Her talent was recognized by many, and she developed a reputation for being a top-notch seamstress. Joyce also did numerous alterations and helped design and alter uniforms and costumes for several schools across Kanawha County.

Joyce is survived by her husband Tom of 54 years, daughters Jennifer Matheney (Jeff), Rebecca Cservek (Kevin) and Amy Payne (Ray Burke). She has six grandchildren – Jacob, James, Hunter, Connor, Kaelin and Morgan. She is also survived by her brother Bill Young of Florida.

Visitation will be on Monday, December 11 from 6-8 PM at Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home in St. Albans. Services will be on Tuesday, December 12 at 11 AM at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in St. Albans followed by burial at

Cunningham Memorial Park in St. Albans. The family will host a brief reception back at St. Mark's following the burial service.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations be made to the following charity: Christ's Kitchen and Food Pantry, Inc., Box 248, St. Albans, WV 25177.

# Cemetery Details

## Cunningham Memorial Park

815 Cunningham Lane  
St. Albans, WV 25177

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 11. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home  
409 Sixth Avenue  
Saint Albans, WV 25177  
(304) 727-4325

## Funeral Service

DEC 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
405 B Street  
St. Albans, WV 25177

# Tribute Wall

VS

“ Valerie Shores lit a candle in memory of Patricia "Joyce" Young Tompkins



Valerie Shores - December 12, 2023 at 09:07 AM

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Prayers to the family in this time of sorrow.

Valerie Shores - December 12, 2023 at 09:08 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patricia "Joyce" Young Tompkins.



December 11, 2023 at 09:55 AM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Patricia "Joyce" Young Tompkins.



December 10, 2023 at 12:59 AM

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“ *My deepest condolences to the family! May the bless you all during this difficult time.*



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**Sarah Epling** - December 09, 2023 at 02:31 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Patricia "Joyce" Young Tompkins.*



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December 09, 2023 at 10:32 AM

DB

“ *You all are in my prayers So many fond memories of things we did while working together at St Mark's and with the car club. She will be missed. May the Lord comfort you and grant you his peace that passes all understanding. Love you all, Diane and Raymond.*

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**Diane Blake** - December 08, 2023 at 10:54 PM

JB

“ *My condolences to you and your loved ones during this difficult time.*  
*Jennifer Battlo*

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**Jennifer Battlo** - December 08, 2023 at 05:22 PM

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“ *Prayer And Love Going Out To Tommy And Family In Your Hour Of Sorrow .Love .The Waugh's Karen And Butch*

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