



Joyce Cross

April 6, 1924 - July 16, 2025

Joyce Cross

Age 101

Of Lawrence

Went home to be with her Lord and Savior, Wednesday, July 16, 2025 at Alamo Cove Rehab and Nursing Home in Alamo, MI. Miriam Joyce Cross was born April 6, 1924, in Ganges, MI, the daughter of Fredrick and Leora (Marelius) Peterson and has lived the majority of her life in the Lawrence area. Joyce was the oldest member of the East Arlington Baptist Church. She grew up and graduated from South Haven High School. She met the love of her life on a blind date, Meryl Cross, whom she married April 30, 1955, and moved to the family farm in Lawrence. She enjoyed cooking, canning, mushroom hunting, and rock hunting on Lake Superior. She loved spending the summers in the Upper Peninsula. Surviving are 2 children, Debbie (Michael) Parker of Hartford, Kevin Cross of Lawrence; 9 grandchildren, Michael (Jenny) Parker, Ben (Kim) Chambers, Brad (Kim) Parker, Jeremy (Janell) Parker, Sarah (Phil) Cutshaw, Khris (Stephany) Harrington, Josh (Amanda) Harrington, Ashlee (Collin) Kuitic, Tyler Terpstra; 10 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-grandson; many nieces, nephews; and special friends, Jackie, Jeri, Judi. She was preceded in death by her husband, Meryl; grandson, Andy Chambers; 2

brothers, Bill and Phil. The family will meet friends from 11-12 noon Monday, July 21, 2025, at the East Arlington Baptist Church, Lawrence, where the funeral will be at 12:00 with Pastor Glen Cowles officiating. Interment will follow in Hicks Cemetery, Arlington Township.

Cemetery Details

Hicks Cemetery

48th Street
Lawrence, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 21. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

East Arlington Baptist Church
40040 48th Street
Lawrence, MI

Funeral Service

JUL 21. 12:00 PM (ET)

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40040 48th Street
Lawrence, MI

Tribute Wall

KC

“ Kim Conner purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joyce Cross.



Kim Conner - July 20, 2025 at 11:31 AM

LS

“ Love, Michael, Jenny, Evan and Savannah purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Joyce Cross.



Love, Michael, Jenny, Evan and Savannah - July 18, 2025 at 10:02 PM

CB

“ Joyce was a family friend, neighbor and beloved child of God. Joyce was small in stature but had a big heart! She was a good friend to my mom as they were both widows and enjoyed talking on the phone. Joyce will be missed but is reunited with Merle!
Carmelita Beeching

Carmelita Beeching - July 18, 2025 at 05:58 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joyce Cross.



July 17, 2025 at 08:05 PM



“ *Debbie- Your mom was amazing and always the very kindest to me. I'm sorry for your loss.*

Patti Paas - July 17, 2025 at 02:54 PM

JP

“ *This was my Dad's younger sister....our Aunt Joyce. An amazing woman we grew to love over the years as she hosted many family events out on the "farm" for Easter....Christmas....Thanksgiving,.. etc. Our family has lost a wonderful lady. Rest In Peace Aunt Joyce....(your nephew, John Peterson)*

John Philip Peterson - July 17, 2025 at 01:09 PM

SK

Pretty Lady I will miss our phone calls however I know you are once again with your beloved Meryl....till we meet again my friend.
Sue Krall

sue krall - July 17, 2025 at 02:47 PM

RN

My mother (Helen Janco Nuccio) introduced me to Joyce as her high school friend at one of the South Haven High School reunions. I think it was the one in 2002. She was very complementary about my mom from their school days. My mom passed at 90 in 2015. It was so nice to talk to someone who wasn't a relative, and knew my mom from HS and could talk about their school age friendship and what they did back in the 1940's. I am sorry for your loss.

Ross Nuccio from Chicago IL

Ross L Nuccio - July 28, 2025 at 10:49 PM