



Joyce Ledford Cox

October 22, 1934 - March 14, 2025

Joyce Ledford Cox, 90 of Marietta, SC, wife of the late Gene Guest Cox, passed away on Friday, March 14, 2025, at her home.

Born in Macon County, NC, she was a daughter of the late Carmi M. Ledford, Sr. and the late Lela Thompson Ledford. Mrs. Cox was the owner of the Travelers Restaurant in Travelers Rest for 51 Years and she was a member of Marietta First Baptist Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Debbie Holtzclaw (Scott) and Donna Harbin (Russ): six grandchildren, Joey Holtzclaw (Kristie), Allison Plyler (Stuart), Amy Pittman (Perry), Burton Harbin (Casey), Cameron Harbin and Danielle Payne; eight great grandchildren, two great great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by six brothers, Carmi M. Ledford, Jr., Charlie Ledford, Nelson Ledford, Horace Ledford, D.J. Ledford and Jack Ledford along with four sisters, Oma Callahan, Leona Tate, Nekoda Crider and Alma Laws.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon in The Howze Mortuary Chapel with burial to follow in Mountain View Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 1 PM until 1:50 PM at the Howze Mortuary prior to the service.

Memorials may be made to the Building Fund at Marietta First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 337, Marietta SC 29661, North Greenville Food Crisis Ministry, 864 N. Hwy 25 Bypass, Greenville SC 29617 or Prisma Hospice, 701 Grove Road,

Greenville SC 29605.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 20. 1:00 PM - 1:50 PM (ET)

The Howze Mortuary
6714 State Park Rd./P.O. Box 369
Travelers Rest, SC

Funeral Service

MAR 20. 2:00 PM (ET)

The Howze Mortuary Chapel
6714 State Park Rd.
Travelers Rest
Travelers Rest, SC 29690
thehowzemortuary@yahoo.com

Tribute Wall

MK

“ *Such a great lady. Kept my spirits up when i ate there. Always knew exactly what to say. She was like a mama to everyone.*
Melonie k
Greenville SC



Melonie Keith - April 07, 2025 at 05:30 PM

LG

“ *Linda & John Galloway lit a candle in memory of Joyce Cox*



Linda & John Galloway - March 21, 2025 at 06:28 PM

TF

“ *I first started eating at the Travelers Restaurant 45 years ago, when Joyce was half her eventual age. What a lovely lady filled with grace, politeness and an easy smile. She will truly be missed but I'm so happy to have made her acquaintance. My condolences to the entire family.*

Tim Forseman - March 21, 2025 at 07:55 AM

MI

“ *Missy lit a candle in memory of Joyce Cox*



Missy - March 20, 2025 at 11:05 AM

MI

“ Joyce will be missed greatly. Prayers for all of the family. Missy, Jimbo & Campbell

Missy - March 20, 2025 at 11:04 AM

PH

“ Pat Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Joyce Cox



Pat Hawkins - March 20, 2025 at 07:42 AM

RL

“ Rex & Geraldine Lance lit a candle in memory of Joyce Cox



Rex & Geraldine Lance - March 19, 2025 at 09:36 PM



“ A grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joyce Ledford Cox.

March 19, 2025 at 02:14 PM

EG

“ Ellen G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce Ledford Cox.

Ellen G. - March 19, 2025 at 12:54 PM

DP

“ My mother and I always enjoyed eating at the Travelers Restaurant and having Donna wait on us I am so sorry for your loss and will be praying for all of her family.



Daria Reynolds Pittman - March 19, 2025 at 10:54 AM

JY

“ Joyce was always a sweet lady my parents loved her. So sorry for your loss. Joanne Yearwood Family Parents Alvin & Betty Ward



Joanne yearwood - March 19, 2025 at 01:59 AM

LP

“ Miss Joyce was a sweet lady. Loved seeing her sit their drinking her coffee. She will be missed by all.



Larry&Joretta Pena - March 18, 2025 at 09:24 PM

DW

“ Donna We are so sorry for the loss of your Sweet Loveing Mother our thoughts and Prayers are with all of you, We Loved Miss Joyce and we will miss Her.



David & Barbara Wright - March 18, 2025 at 08:52 PM

CH

“ *Country Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Joyce Cox*



Country Hawkins - March 18, 2025 at 06:28 PM

RG

“ *Ruby Goldsmith lit a candle in memory of Joyce Cox*



Ruby Goldsmith - March 18, 2025 at 04:57 PM

BW

“ *Blake and Lori Wyatt purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Joyce Ledford Cox.*



Blake and Lori Wyatt - March 18, 2025 at 02:03 PM

GB

“ *Gaynell & Nathan Bayne lit a candle in memory of Joyce Cox*



Gaynell & Nathan Bayne - March 18, 2025 at 01:32 PM

AB

“ *Annie M Blackburn lit a candle in memory of Joyce Cox*



Annie M Blackburn - March 18, 2025 at 12:43 PM

CP

“ *Joyce was one of the most lovely persons that I have met.*



Carolyn Pierce - March 18, 2025 at 12:12 PM

LM

“ *Lesha Morgan lit a candle in memory of Joyce Cox*



Lesha Morgan - March 18, 2025 at 11:36 AM

DH

“ *I am so sorry for your loss,prayers for all the family. Joyce will be missed by so many.*

Deborah Haley - March 18, 2025 at 11:00 AM

RB

“ So sorry for your loss. (Debbie, I went to Slater-Marietta Elementary and High School with you). Praying for you and your family during this time of grief. May God comfort you and give you peace. Curtis and Rachel Atkins Branch.

Rachel Atkins Branch - March 18, 2025 at 10:37 AM

DH

Hey Rachel,
I have never forgotten you and often wondered if you still lived in the Greenville area. Sure hope you and your family are doing well. You were always so sweet! Thank you for reaching out - it's wonderful hearing from you. Your precious prayers are greatly needed and appreciated. Love, Debbie

Debbie Holtzclaw - March 24, 2025 at 11:27 AM

JG

“ Janet Buchanan Gravely lit a candle in memory of Joyce Cox



Janet Buchanan Gravely - March 18, 2025 at 10:12 AM



“ Thoughts and prayers are with your family. So very sorry for your loss, Debbie and Donna.

Debbie White - March 18, 2025 at 09:43 AM

DG

“ So sorry to hear of Miss Joyce's passing. I always loved seeing her at the restaurant. Donna, my prayers are with you all.

Donna Greene - March 18, 2025 at 09:42 AM

MF

“ *Mary, Sally, BB Watson and families purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Joyce Ledford Cox.*



Mary, Sally, BB Watson and families - March 18, 2025 at 09:12 AM

NL

“ *Nancy and Arthur Lance lit a candle in memory of Joyce Cox*



Nancy and Arthur Lance - March 18, 2025 at 08:57 AM

JA

“ *My deepest condolences to each family member. She leaves behind a wonderful legacy to be honored. She will be missed. Prayers for you in the days ahead.*

joyce arledge - March 18, 2025 at 08:42 AM