



Joyce Prather

September 10, 1925 - May 3, 2016

Joyce Mae Prather, 90, of Moulton, Iowa passed away May 3, 2016 at the Bloomfield Care Center. She was born September 10, 1925 in San Luis Obispo, California to Raymond Scott and Lottie Kimbrough Jespersen. She married Walter Lester Prather Jr. on November 18, 1943 in San Luis Obispo. He preceded her in death on April 14, 1986.

Joyce grew up in California, lived in Texas for a few years while Walter was in the military, and then moved back to California. She was a housewife and worked as a clerk for the State of California for many years, retiring in 1979. Soon after retirement, Walter and Joyce moved to Iowa to be close to grandchildren.

Joyce attended church at the Orleans Church of Christ near Moulton, and also The Church in Ottumwa. She enjoyed working in her yard, playing the piano, reading, doing crossword puzzles, and attending local sporting events.

She is survived by three daughters, Patricia (Susan Jacobs) Prather of Rohnert Park, California, Ruth (Marion) Payne of Marion, Iowa, Nancy (Ray) Fine of Moulton, Iowa; six grandchildren, Nathaniel (Angel) Payne of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Rachel (Rock) Powell of Marion, Iowa, Aaron (Joanna) Payne of Webb City, Missouri, Rebecca Payne of Waterloo, Iowa, Scott (Stasia) Fine of Cedar Rapids, Lynette (Todd) Van Scoy of West Burlington, Iowa; five

great-grandchildren, Isaac and AnnaLee Payne, Zoe, Katie, and Ethan Powell; and two step-great-grandchildren, Ethan and Austin Van Scoy.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, May 9, 2016 at the Wagler Funeral Home in Bloomfield with Pastor Gary Cradic officiating. Burial will be at the Sunset View Cemetery near Moulton, Iowa. Visitation will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday with the family present to greet friends from 5-7:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials have been established to the Davis County 1st Responders and the Shiloh Christian Children's Ranch.

Cemetery Details

Sunset View Cemetery

32000 565th St.
Moulton, IA 52572

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 8. 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wagler Funeral Home
304 West Jefferson Street
Bloomfield, IA 52537
(641) 664-3421
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Visitation

MAY 8. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Services

MAY 9. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wagler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joyce Prather*



Wagler Funeral Home - May 06, 2016 at 08:21 PM



“ *Joyce Prather*

January 28, 2023 at 10:57 AM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Joyce Prather.*



May 06, 2016 at 08:45 PM

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“Joyce was a beautiful face in my childhood memories of going to church with my Grandpa and Grandma Johnson--and to VBS-- where I remember her and MaryAnne Fine serving the cookies and Kool-Aid. I don't remember any of my teachers, but I certainly remembers the smiling ladies who served us cookies!

As an adult I was so touched to learn at the visitation for my Grandpa Johnson that Joyce had prayed for individual members of my grandparents' family by name, and for many years. She prayed for a lot of great-grandchildren she had never even met! I only found this out when she shared how delighted she was to see one of them (Garrett Park, I believe) who she hadn't seen previously. I hope to be more like Joyce--a faithful servant of Jesus interceding for others.

Jenny (Tyree) Knowles

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“Joyce and her smile was always something to remember. Many memories of Joyce shared through the years. Had missed her the last few years and often asked about her. This was a shock to me. May God comfort all of the family which He alone can provide in such a remarkable way. May the memories of Joyce stay with you together with her faithfulness to her Lord which she would want all of you to have. God bless all of you during this time of grief. Praying for you.

Marilyn Barber

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