



V. Joyce Grosvenor

January 14, 1939 - January 9, 2022

Violet Joyce Hopkins McElderry Grosvenor, 82, of Moravia, Iowa, passed away on Sunday, January 9, 2022 at her home.

She was born the daughter of William M. and Zelma (Smith) Hopkins on January 14, 1939 in rural Davis County. She was educated in the Black Hawk rural school in Davis County and graduated from Udell High School as salutatorian in 1956. Joyce married Stanley Irelan McElderry in 1961. She later married Arthur Grosvenor, who preceded her in death. She worked for the State of Iowa as a Job Service interviewer for over 25 years before retiring in 1998.

Joyce is survived by her four sons, Stanley Ray McElderry and his wife Laura of Ottumwa, Bradley Irelan McElderry and his wife Jeong Nan of Ottumwa, Kenneth Lee McElderry of Houston, Texas, and Ralph Leslie McElderry of Moravia; five sisters, Miriam Hougland of Ottumwa, Marlene Frich of Morgantown, West Virginia, Patricia Hubbartt of Arroyo Grande, California, Lois Houser of Elkhart, Indiana, and Linda Holm of Humeston, Iowa; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three siblings in infancy; brothers, Robert, Stephen, John, and George Hopkins; sisters, Evelyn Scott, Mary Thomas; and a grandson, Sean Patrick McElderry.

Due to the pandemic, private family services will be held at the Wagler Funeral Home in Bloomfield. Burial will follow at the Taylor Cemetery east of Unionville, Iowa.

Cemetery Details

Taylor Cemetery

Appanoose County, IA

Tribute Wall



“ V. Joyce Grosvenor

January 28, 2023 at 10:57 AM



“ Aunt Joyce, I have missed seeing you. You have had to overcome alot in your life, but you kept going and did your best for your family. I have always admired you. I am sorry you are no longer here, but at peace that you are no longer in pain. Stanley Ray, Brad, Kenny and Les, I am so sorry for your loss and my prayers are out there for you and your families. Love you all, your cousin Debbie.

Debbie Cossolotto - January 11, 2022 at 01:48 PM



So sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you all. Mary Elizabeth Thomas.

Mary Elizabeth Thomas - January 11, 2022 at 05:00 PM



Loved Aunt Joyce's kindness! She overcame many obstacles in her life. Your large family of sisters and brothers loved you so much and very proud of you and your four sons. What a great cook you were. I have enjoyed making your cheesecake and meatloaf. Thank You for being such an inspiration in my life. Love always!!

Kathy Hatfield - January 11, 2022 at 05:29 PM

BH

*Dear Aunt Joyce,
I have missed you for a very long time as you have been in incapacitated by your poor health.
I miss your visits that were always welcome. You were quite an intellectual and source of endless information.
You loved flowers and gardening almost as much as me. You had great admiration for your siblings and sometimes felt inferior to them. But I told you that you were just as smart and pretty as the rest of them.
I always looked up to you and respected you. You were a single mother that worked hard to provide for your four boys. You stood behind them always. They were the four loves of your life always putting them first. You provided well for them and loved them fiercely. You were alone without a husband most of your life. I'm glad that you and Arthur found each other and made each other happy until his death. There is doubt in my mind that you are in Heaven and the happiest you have ever been. Tell everyone hello for us. We miss them all! We will continue to miss you too.
My deepest sympathies and condolences to my Cousins Stan, Brad, Kenny and Les.*

Brenda (Hopkins) Hewitt - January 12, 2022 at 05:36 AM

BH

Oops made an omission of the word no. In the sentence There is no doubt in my mind that you are in Heaven..... Leave it to me! So sorry.

Brenda (Hopkins) Hewitt - January 12, 2022 at 05:39 AM

LB

*Aunt Joyce,
I will never forget you and your boys visits to my childhood home in Unionville. We all love you and your boys so much. Very sad we have not seen each other in so long. I appreciate even after Dad went into the nursing home you continued to visit my Dad and my Mom which I know Dad appreciated it also. It showed the love you had for you family. Robert was always so proud of you and what you had to go through as a single mom and raising your 4 boys. Your love for your boys shined through. You had the biggest kind heart. I will always remember the passion you and your siblings had for our country and politics. Can remember many (sometimes heated lol) discussions of about politics and day to day events. I will always love you and it gives me peace knowing you re out of pain now and in Heaven. I am thinking of you Stan,Brad,Kenny and Les! I hate that we don't get to see and visit with you all. Been to many years. Please know that we are thinking of you all and your family and praying for you all!
Love Laura Brown*

Laura Brown - January 12, 2022 at 11:42 AM

DM

So sorry for your loss. My thoughts are with the families of Stanley Ray, Brad, Kenny and Les

Dawn (McElderry) McCarty

Dawn McCarty - January 15, 2022 at 07:11 PM