



Joyce Ann Coutlakis

June 2, 1935 - July 27, 2024

Joyce Coutlakis, 89, of Asheville passed away peacefully after a long battle with cancer on Saturday, July 27, 2024, at her residence surrounded by her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John Henry Russell and Edna Mae Thomas Russell; two brothers, Richard and Thomas Russell; and a son, James Coutlakis.

Joyce was a social activist who was involved in civil rights and the labor movement. She played an integral part in the integration of the Montford community. She was also involved in the early years of Bele Chere.

Joyce is survived by two children, Angeline Dora Coutlakis Fulmer (Michael) and John Emanuel Coutlakis; several grandchildren, nieces, and nephews; and her special cat, Abby.

The family will celebrate her life from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Saturday, August 3, 2024, at her residence, 174 Pearson Drive, Asheville, NC.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests that memorial contributions be made to ABCCM, 1845 Brevard Road, Arden, NC 28704.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG 3. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Coutlakis Residence
174 Pearson Drive
Asheville, NC 28801

Tribute Wall



“ *Morris Funeral & Cremation Care created a Tribute Video in memory of Joyce Ann Coutlakis*



Morris Funeral Home - July 30, 2024 at 07:52 PM

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“ *I am heartbroken to have just discovered Joyce's passing. I regret getting losing touch over the years and will forever remember the wonderful soul that she was and how much my mother and I loved her. God bless you all.*

Cathy Lynn Sando - October 10, 2024 at 10:21 AM

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“ *Deepest condolences to the family. We have been grateful to have Joyce as a neighbor for many moons.*

From Ken Richards: "You have been a worthy son, John, to have cared for your mother all these years. Your love for her endeared her to you in extending her longevity.

Joyce's legacy, along with your dad Manny, was to see Montford restored as a beautiful and desirable community. The played a dynamic role in that transition.

*She certainly has earned her march with the Saints.
Love from family Dillingham-Richards (Ken and daughter Constance)"*

Constance Richards - August 03, 2024 at 11:06 AM



“ *Joyce, You will be missed. So glad we came for your birthday last month. So glad to have gotten several hugs, and hand squeezes. To hear your voice, your glee at having a house full of family and friends. Your warnings for the future and your push to motivate us to keep it going for the good of all. Your wit, history and love will be missed, but will go on in your Grandkids. Now you will see all those you have missed. They will lovingly welcome you. I love you Joyce.*

Gina

Gina Coutlakis - July 29, 2024 at 05:58 PM