



## Jean Overby Joyner

November 15, 2019

Jean Overby Joyner, 82, of Portsmouth passed away November 15, 2019 after an extended illness. She was predeceased by her husband of 53 years, Dr. David I. Joyner, as well as by her parents, Larry and Birdie Overby. She is survived by her son Michael, his wife Christian, and beloved grandchildren Iris and Graydon; her son Jeff and his husband, Ron; her sister, Carolyn Parrish; her cousin, Wayne Blythe and his wife, Cheryl; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She had retired after many years as an executive secretary in the personnel department at Virginia Chemical, later Hoeschst Celanese, and held a degree in secretarial science from Elon College. A former church organist, Jean instilled in her children the love of music which has been a life-long gift. Her commitment to and care for her husband during his 9-year incapacitation after a massive stroke was exemplary to the point of self-sacrifice, and her love for her children and grandchildren was the main focus of her existence.

The family wishes to thank the many friends, relatives, and caregivers who have supported us throughout her period of decline; we have been truly overwhelmed by your love and thoughtfulness.

A funeral service will be held 11 am Tuesday, November 19th at Churchland Baptist Church, Chesapeake.

# Cemetery

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## Churchland Baptist Church Cemetery

3031 Churchland Blvd.  
Chesapeake, VA,

# Events

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**NOV 19** **Celebration of Life** 11:00AM

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Churchland Baptist Church  
3031 Churchland Blvd, Chesapeake, VA, US,  
23321

# Comments

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“ Near a shady wall a rose once grew,  
Budded and blossomed in God's free light,  
Watered and fed by the morning dew,  
Shedding its sweetness day and night.

As it grew and blossomed fair and tall,  
Slowly rising to loftier height,  
It came to a crevice in the wall  
Through which there shone a beam of light.

Onward it crept with added strength  
With never a thought of fear or pride,  
It followed the light through the crevice's length  
And unfolded itself on the other side.

The light, the dew, the broadening view  
Were found the same as they were before,  
And it lost itself in beauties new,  
Breathing it's fragrance more and more.

Shall claim of death cause us to grieve  
And make our courage faint and fall?  
Nay! Let us faith and hope receive--  
The rose still grows beyond the wall,

Scattering fragrance far and wide  
Just as it did in days of yore,  
Just as it did on the other side,  
Just as it will forever-more.  
(A. L.Frink)

Our deepest condolences to the family from those of us who share memories of both David and Jean at Churchland Baptist Church. From Elizabeth Harris

Elizabeth Harris - November 18, 2019 at 11:41 PM

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“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Jean Overby Joyner.





“ Deepest sympathies and condolences to the Joyner Family from Scott and Lynn Rollins.

**Charles Scott Rollins** - November 17, 2019 at 11:29 AM



“ Michael and family, Mom and I want you to know that we are keeping ya'll in our prayers.  
Bettie Jo and Jeff Rowland

**Jeff Rowland** - November 20, 2019 at 07:07 PM

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“ Our deepest sympathies to Michael and Jeff. Your Mom must have been perfect to raise two such wonderful sons. Lynn and Bill Ruehlmann



**lynn ruehlmann** - November 17, 2019 at 10:22 AM

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“ Condolences to the Joyner family and all who knew and loved Jean Joyner. Eileen Engel

**Eileen A. Engel** - November 16, 2019 at 09:34 PM

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“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jean Overby Joyner.



November 16, 2019 at 07:01 PM

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“ Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jean Overby Joyner.



November 16, 2019 at 06:57 PM

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“ We are praying for the family as you grief the loss of an amazing woman.... With much love, Jill and Grace



**Jill Spielberger** - November 16, 2019 at 06:29 PM