



## Joyce Thall

November 24, 1934 - August 21, 2020

Joyce Thall passed away on August 21, 2020. Joyce was born to Nancy and Daniel Boone Barnett on November 24, 1934 in Menifee County, Kentucky. She was preceded in death by her husband John Thall who died in 1981, three sisters, Alberta Riffel, Juanita Pucket, Dixie Valentine and her grandson, Sterling Johnson. Joyce graduated from Hamilton High School in 1952. She also attended classes at the University of Cincinnati and Miami University. She worked for several law offices, and in 1981 was appointed as the Butler County Recorder by the County Republican Party. Thereafter, she was successful for reelection five times. Joyce was named as a Woman of Achievement by the YWCA in 1991. She was also acclaimed as Outstanding Lay Person by the YWCA in 1992. In March of 2000 she was presented an award of gratitude by the Butler County Township Association. In 2003 the Board of Trustees of the Butler County Historical Society recognized her as a Bicentennial Historian. In 2005 the O'Tucks recognized Joyce as an outstanding Kentuckian and also made her a Kentucky Colonel. Joyce spent untold hours working for the O'Tucks to secure scholarship funds for needy students to attend Miami University Hamilton. Joyce had a passion for this project and she worked diligently to raise money for these scholarships. In 2008 she was named Republican of the Year by the Butler County Republican Party. Joyce is survived by her daughter, Tracy Thall Johnson (Christopher), her one granddaughter, Ashli, and numerous nieces and nephews. She loved everyone in Butler County AND BELIEVED IT IS THE BEST PLACE IN THE WORLD TO LIVE. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorials may be directed to O'Tucks in care of Richard Hyde, 332 High Street, Hamilton Ohio 45011. Online condolences are available at [www.weigelfuneralhome.com](http://www.weigelfuneralhome.com)

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“ Joyce, may have left this earth, but she left us with an important lesson, to be kind to everyone you meet, listen with interest when someone is speaking with you and never let an opportunity to encourage someone pass you by. Even in these more recent years when pain would overwhelm many of us, Joyce never missed an opportunity to live that lesson every day. Joyce will be missed - her smile, her hugs, the encouraging word. We all can learn from her example. My deepest sympathies and prayer for the family. Joyce, I'll see you again, I'm sure.

**Roger Chamberlain** - August 26, 2020 at 12:15 PM

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“ You have my sympathy. Both my wife and I were good friends of Joyce. Anita knew her from working at Ohio Causality and Joyce and I worked together on the Republican candidates. Tom Barnes

**Tom** - August 25, 2020 at 10:07 AM

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“ As a reporter for the Hamilton Journal, I looked forward to my encounters with Joyce, whether it was running into her on High Street or calling for background on a story. She was always accessible, always personable, and always helpful. The world is a lesser place without her vibrant personality and infectious smile. My condolences to her family.

--Holly Wissing

**Holly Wissing** - August 24, 2020 at 03:15 PM

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“ Dear Tracy, I am so very sorry. Your mom was always such a special woman; I saw her at Hydes once in a while so looked for her every time I went in there. I will always miss her. Prayers for you. Love, Brenda Craft Barrett

**brenda barrett** - August 23, 2020 at 09:32 PM

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“ Just as earth was a better place while you were here, I’m sure you are now in an even better place. RIP dear friend until we meet again.

**Howard Wells** - August 23, 2020 at 07:39 PM

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“ Keep her memories close to your heart to get you through this difficult time! Hugs.  
Tamora Lyn Brashear (Dietrich)

**Tamora Lyn Brashear (Dietrich)** - August 23, 2020 at 11:18 AM

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“ Red was just one of those people “easy to love”. She was such a warm, loving, outgoing person. I’m sure when she left here, she was borne on the wings of angels. RIP, sweet friend.

**MaryRose Durbin** - August 22, 2020 at 07:55 PM