



## Joyce Wright Burton

August 2, 1943 - March 26, 2023

Joyce Wright Burton, 79, of Delmar, passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 26, 2023, after a brief stay at Coastal Hospice at the Lake in Salisbury. She was born August 2, 1943, in Salisbury, a daughter of the late John Holliday Wright and Edith Rogers Wright.

Joyce graduated from Delmar High School with the class of 1961 and was active with the Delmar High School Alumni Association. After graduation she earned her bachelor's degree in home economics from the University of Delaware and her master's degree in secondary education and psychology from Salisbury University. Joyce's career started at James M Bennett High School as a home economics teacher before moving to Seaford High School. After 3 years in Seaford, she transferred to Mardela High School where she retired after 29 years of service. On June 12, 1965, she married her high school sweetheart, David A. Burton, Sr., and together they enjoyed almost 58 years of marriage together. She was a long-time member of First Baptist Church of Delmar where she served as a Sunday School teacher and happily did the children's message for many years. She was very active at Harvest Ministries in Delmar where she had volunteered for many years. She was also a member of the New Century Club. Joyce was an excellent cook who loved feeding family and friends and a gifted seamstress who enjoyed making clothes for herself and her family, loved to travel and taking pictures. Joyce loved her pets and will be sorely missed by her Shetland Sheep Dog, "Candy." She will be remembered as a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister,

teacher, and friend to many.

She is survived by her beloved husband, David. A. Burton, Sr.; son, David A. Burton, Jr. and wife, Jill; daughter, Kelly Burton Dryden and husband, Troy; grandchildren, Sarah Elizabeth Rogers, Laura Paige Rogers, Shelby Louise Burton, and Reid Burton Rogers; step-grandson, Colby Dean Cambron; sisters, Joan Wright Catlin and Eleanor Kay Schells; and a brother, John Holliday Wright, Jr. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Marvin Rogers Wright.

A visitation for family and friends will be held on Saturday, April 1, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 at Short Funeral Home in Delmar, followed by a funeral service, which begins at 11:00. The Reverend Dr. Jonathan Morris will officiate. Interment will follow at St. Stephen's Cemetery in Delmar.

Memorial contributions may be made in her memory to the Delmar Alumni Association, P.O. Box 184, Delmar, DE 19940.

Arrangements are in the care of Short Funeral Home in Delmar. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.shortfh.com](http://www.shortfh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Stephen's Cemetery

State Street  
Delmar, DE 19940

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Short Funeral Home  
13 East Grove St.  
Delmar, DE 19940

## Funeral Service

APR 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

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13 East Grove St.  
Delmar, DE 19940

# Tribute Wall



“ *Short Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joyce Wright Burton*



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**Short Funeral Home** - March 31, 2023 at 04:13 PM



“ *Short Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Joyce Wright Burton*



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**Short Funeral Home** - March 31, 2023 at 01:52 PM

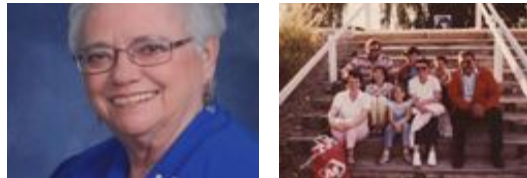
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“ Mrs. Burton was a sweet lady and always had a sincere, caring smile to offer everyone. She was first my Home Ec teacher who tried her best to teach me to sew, among other things. Bless her heart, she tried. Later, she was my guidance counselor and helped me apply for college and scholarships. Mrs. Burton was a consistently kind and was a quiet influence in my life and others. She will always be part of my fond memories of MHS. After having graduated many years ago, I happened to see her at the Sharptown Carnival last summer. She looked wonderful and it was nice catching up with her. She was so proud of her children and grandchildren. It was very evident in her conversation that she loved her family deeply. Mrs. Burton will be missed but not forgotten. ~ Fondly, Shelly Milligan Hall, Mardela High School class of 1988

Shelly Hall - April 01, 2023 at 10:49 AM



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Short Funeral Home - March 31, 2023 at 03:38 PM

DD

“ *David and Joyce have always been such a beautiful couple. She was always a beautiful lady inside and out. She could always find something good and everyone. As we started elementary school together, she always had such a beautiful smile on her face, whenever I seen he. She will surely be missed by so many people that love her and I'm sure by her beautiful family. She will always be with them in Spirit as they will have a beautiful guardian angel now that will be looking over them. God bless you, Joyce and rest in peace..*

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**Diana Deanl** - March 30, 2023 at 05:45 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Joyce Wright Burton.*



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March 30, 2023 at 04:07 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joyce Wright Burton.*



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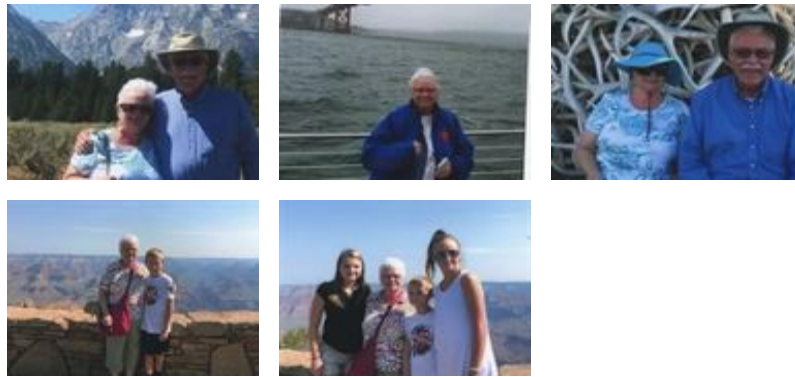
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“ I used to see her all the time and she always ask how my grandparents was and how everything was and I sometimes I would see her hubby at school and I ask how was wifey doing and she was like a momma to me I was say hey to her when I see her

taylor Alexine riley - March 30, 2023 at 12:26 PM



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Short Funeral Home - March 29, 2023 at 03:49 PM

BV

“ We are so sorry for your loss but also thankful to know you will be comforted knowing she is with Jesus continuing to spread her love and kindness.

Ben & Dru Vandrrwende - March 29, 2023 at 08:29 AM

HC

“ Joyce was a special angel here on earth. I will miss our phone calls and the time we shared with each other

Helen M Calhoun - March 28, 2023 at 06:42 PM

SM

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of your love one. Mrs. Joyce Burton was a wonderful lady inside and out she always had that beautiful smile and I no she will be missed by many. My thoughts and prayers are with you all and God Bless!!❤️🙏❤️ May you R.I.P. Mrs. Joyce Burton!!💔



Sylvia Bundick Milburn - March 28, 2023 at 03:21 PM

PT

Prayers are with all the Burton family.

Penni Truitt - March 28, 2023 at 04:16 PM

JF

So sad to see this. I loved Mrs. Burton, she was the best caring teacher. She left a mark on a lot of children.

JANET Lynn FOX - March 29, 2023 at 09:46 AM

MH

I am so sorry for your loss Mr Burton and family. Sending prayers hugs and God's comfort. Mary Jane Foskey Horseman

Mary Jane Horseman - March 29, 2023 at 08:45 PM

HW

I am so sorry for your loss.

Howard R West - March 29, 2023 at 10:46 PM

PC

So sorry to learn of Joyces passing. I know she will be missed.

Phyllis Twilley Crouch

Phyllis Crouch - March 30, 2023 at 05:55 PM