



Dr. Joyce Burris Bagwell

July 6, 1932 - March 8, 2021

Dr. Joyce Burris Bagwell, 88, of Summerville South Carolina, wife of the late William Howard Bagwell passed away peacefully with her family at her side on Monday, March 8, 2021.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, March 13, 2021 at 1 o'clock at Summerville Baptist Church, 417 Central Ave., Summerville, SC 29483. Burial will follow at Dorchester Memorial Gardens, 11000 Dorchester Rd., Summerville, SC 29485.

Joyce was born in Charleston, South Carolina on July 6, 1932. She is survived by her son William Howard Bagwell, Jr. and daughter-in-law Linda Bagwell of Summerville, SC and sister Barbara Weeks of Savannah, GA. She had three grandchildren, Billy (wife Amanda) Bagwell, Kayla (husband David) Kincaid and Cierra (husband Austin) Cartee and four great-grandchildren Brantley and William Bagwell; Addison and Lily Kincaid. In addition to her husband William and parents, she was predeceased by: son, John Bagwell; and brother, Chalmers Eugene Burris, Jr.

Joyce was the daughter of the late Chalmers and Jennie Burris of Charleston, South Carolina along with her sister Barbara. She was active in ADK Honorary Teachers Sorority, the Charleston Woman's Club, a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and an active member of Summerville

Baptist Church for over 50 years.

She graduated from Meminger High School in Charleston then received her degree from Furman University in 1954. In 1982, she received her master's degree from Clemson University and her Doctorate Degree from the University of South Carolina in 1992. Most of her 44-year teaching career was at Charleston Southern University and was awarded the Distinguished Professor of Geology. She was bestowed The South Carolina Order of The Palmetto, South Carolina's highest civilian award, in 1997.

Affectionately known as the "Earthquake Lady," Joyce headed the Earthquake Preparedness Department at Charleston Southern University, writing and publishing numerous publications about earthquake safety in the Southeast. She monitored seismic activity in South Carolina for the United States Geological Survey for more than 20 years.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Summerville Baptist Church - Music Designated Funds.

Cemetery Details

Dorchester Memory Gardens

11000 Dorchester Road
Summerville, SC 29485
<http://www.dorchestermemorygardens.com>

Previous Events

Service

MAR 13. 1:00 PM (ET)

Summerville Baptist Church
417 Central Avenue
Summerville, SC 29483

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Joyce Burris Bagwell*

September 29, 2022 at 10:11 AM



“ *Joyce was a beloved friend. We met when she came to Memminger where we became fast friends*

Joyce was always kind and caring living her Christian values even as a teenager. She had unmatched energy and gave 100% to every thing she did. We laughed together often. A silly thing we did was we had plaid skirts alike and nubby yellow sweaters. She'd call me and we'd decide to wear them on the same day like twin dies she'd quip. It was always a treat when I got a surprise phone call from Joyce while she was at the Presbyterian home. I'll always remember her as a good friend, extremely smart and with boundless energy. She was the epitome of a Memminger girl and a Christian. I was glad to call her my friend. But the class of 1950 Memminger grads are more than good friends we are sisters by choice forever. I will miss you my sweet wonderful friend but I'll always have your memories in my heart. RIP my friend now that you're reunited with your husband and your son. We will miss you here on earth but we will always be happy that our paths crossed and that you were a part of our life. Rip Joyce. Your tasks on earth are done now God has His special plan for you. So good bye until we meet again at the great bye and bye. You loved and you were well loved by everyone you touched and each of us were better off for having you in part of our lives. My condolences to your family and friends who will miss your smile, your touch, your loving spirit but know they are better just by having had you in their lives. With love, Anne Welling Knox

Anne Welling Knox - April 07, 2021 at 11:52 AM

TS

“ God Bless your family during this time. I loved Dr. Bagwell, she was a wonderful person and professor. She will be greatly missed.

Theresa Strobel - March 17, 2021 at 07:15 PM

JP

“ I will always remember that voice and that smile. She was such a great Christian woman and a true role model. And always remember her nickname of the "Earthquake Lady". Blessing to all of her family...Bob and Judy Poindexter

Judy Poindexter - March 13, 2021 at 08:08 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Joyce Burris Bagwell.



March 12, 2021 at 01:31 PM

RF

“ Roger & Cindy Powell and family purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Dr. Joyce Burris Bagwell.



Roger & Cindy Powell and family - March 12, 2021 at 10:30 AM

WS

“ *Wilsonart/Alpine Sales purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dr. Joyce Burris Bagwell.*



Wilsonart/Alpine Sales - March 12, 2021 at 10:05 AM

JB

“ *Howie, Becky & I have so many fond memories of the Bagwell Family over the last 50+ years! Joyce & Howard were among the first to welcome us to the Baptist College Family in 1970. I remember Joyce as an excellent, and enthusiastic Geology Professor as well as the acclaimed "Earthquake Lady of the Lowcountry"! In recent years I was honored to share Joyce's company to several CSU Emeritus meetings and Retirement celebrations. On these great trips Joyce was always expressing her love, pride, and appreciation for you, Linda, the Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren! A life well-lived!*

Jim & Rebecca Barrier

Jim Barrier - March 11, 2021 at 10:40 PM



“ *My family and the Bagwells were friends for many years. I worked at CSU when Coach Bagwell and Miss Joyce were there. Both were gems. Miss Joyce always had time for a visit, was incredibly well respected and was a class act and I also loved seeing her around town years later. Prayers for the family.*

Linda W. Frier (Ann Lewis' niece)

Linda Frier - March 11, 2021 at 10:38 PM

TG

“ Tommy Waitt, Richard Waitt and Becky W Goretzka purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Dr. Joyce Burris Bagwell.



Tommy Waitt, Richard Waitt and Becky W Goretzka - March 11, 2021 at 09:28 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Joyce Burris Bagwell.



March 11, 2021 at 05:59 PM

IS

“ Dr. Bagwell was a wonderful teacher of the earth sciences. Her influence on the knowledge of the Lowcountry was outstanding. Her legacy is spread throughout the Tri-County areas as she helped educate thousands of school children as well as college students for so many years. May God give the Bagwell family comfort as they mourn her loss. Ina Stevens

Ina Stevens - March 11, 2021 at 11:14 AM

CP

“ Dr. Joyce Bagwell was a wonderful, gracious Christian woman. She was a wonderful professor and community resource person. May God bless her family at this time. You have our sympathies.

Cynthia M Putman - March 10, 2021 at 08:33 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Joyce Burris Bagwell.*



March 10, 2021 at 05:39 PM



“ *Howie,
Wanda and I extend heartfelt condolences at the passing of your mom. Ms. Bagwell, as she was known to me, was a “class act” and always had a moment to talk. I worked with her for five years while working for the USGS maintaining the seismic network here in South Carolina. We did earthquake assessments after many of the local quakes and helped with others that were closer to Columbia. We were even “encouraged” to leave some property in the Ravenel area by the business-end of a shotgun! We laughed about that for quite a while afterwards. I know you will miss her. Never did I see her that she didn’t have a smile and “how are you” after I moved on to my next job. I admired “Ms. Bagwell” and your dad greatly. We lift you and your family up in prayer during this time.*

Bob & Wanda Collins

Bob Collins - March 10, 2021 at 12:42 AM



“ *I’m so sorry to hear about Dr. Bagwell’s passing! She was a wonderful person, extremely dedicated to her family. She was also a dedicated friend and faculty member at CSU. My deepest sympathy to her family as we mourn her passing and celebrate a life well lived!*

Dr. Mary Gene Ryan - March 09, 2021 at 09:28 PM