



## Joyce Miller Rector-Hayes

December 2, 1943 - August 27, 2025

Joyce Miller Rector-Hayes, 81, passed away peacefully at home Wednesday, August 27, 2025. Joyce was born in Greenville, KY and was preceded in death by her father, James Wilbur (Dake) Miller, mother, Cola Mae Paris Miller and sister, Ella Mae Steinbrinck. She is survived by her husband Steven Hayes and brothers-in-law Ray Steinbrinck, Andrew Rector, James Rector and numerous cousins.

Joyce grew up on a small farm in Greenville and graduated from Muilenburg Central High School. She earned her BS degree from the University of Alabama in Engineering Economics and Math. She was a dynamic woman rising quickly in a man's world at Bell South/AT&T. Joyce had many accomplishments, two of which she was most proud. Joyce had the first one-million-dollar project in Bell South history, taking fiber communications into the Medical College of Georgia where it was used for telemedicine in rural Georgia. From Augusta, she was called back to Atlanta to lead the PLRMS/WPG project for Intergraph and Bellsouth, a project developing digitalization of engineering drawings, ushering engineers into the digital age (Mind you this was in the late 80's and early 90's.) Joyce then traveled worldwide promoting their product. After retiring from Bellsouth, she made Frankfort her home as CEO of PlanGraphics, an international geographic information consulting firm.

Joyce was also involved in numerous professional organizations of which she was often Chairman—usually the only female Chair they had ever had. Joyce

was forthright with clear thinking backed by research, and her integrity was beyond reproach. She was a woman who excelled among men and women, often taking their jobs.

Joyce had a heart for others. She was deeply involved in Faith Lutheran Church serving on the church council and many committees. She was chair of the Mission Endowment Trust for several years and worked tirelessly to grow the endowment. Joyce has also been involved in the community since arriving in Frankfort—Past president of the Chamber of Commerce and a board member of the Y for several years.

Services will be held at Faith Lutheran Church 1000 Tates Creek Road, Lexington, KY on Saturday, September 6, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. with private interment at Frankfort Cemetery. A Celebration of life will be held at the Frankfort Country Club, Friday, September 12, 2025, from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Mission Endowment Trust Fund, Faith Lutheran Church or to the Y (YMCA).

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

SEP **12.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Frankfort Country Club  
101 Duntreath St.  
Frankfort, KY 40601

# Tribute Wall

ZE

“ I sadly found out the passing of Joyce. In the beginning of more than 20 years ago, I worked for her company in my professional capacity. As time went by, we found and built a friendship in which we both respect each other. We had many great conversations about family, traveling and cuisines. Professionally, she always worked in a co-operative manner to service the needs of Plangraphics. Socially, she was always a kind and compassionate woman who loved life. I had the privilege to meet Steve when they came to visit NY. It was only months ago that we had dinner together and shared a wonderful evening of good food and great conversation. I feel profoundly sad about her passing. I would like to send our deepest condolences to Steve and Joyce’s family. May you, my dear friend, Joyce, rest in peace. I shall always remember your smile and kindness. Zelda

Zelda - September 23, 2025 at 10:50 PM



“ Janette Lovely lit a candle in memory of Joyce Miller Rector-Hayes



Janette Lovely - September 11, 2025 at 08:24 PM

CS

“ When I went to Faith Lutheran for 4 years, Joyce included me in every after church dinner. I, too, came over from Frankfort, so she introduced me to her friends all around the church. She was an amazing woman. Thank you, Joyce.  
Carol Smith

Carol Smith - September 06, 2025 at 07:11 AM

TS

“ *Tammie Smith lit a candle in memory of Joyce Miller Rector-Hayes*



Tammie smith - September 04, 2025 at 04:38 PM

TE

“ *Joyce was certainly a blessing to my family, our church, Rosa and all of Rosa’s guardians. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you Steve and the rest of your family.*

Tracy Evitts - September 03, 2025 at 03:10 PM

DA

“ *To Steve and relatives of Joyce and Chuck — I will miss good friend Joyce, always the vibrant, forward-looking visionary. I will say a prayer this Saturday during the service asking the Lord to keep watch over his faithful servant. Dennis & Judy Allen, Greenville, SC*

Dennis K & Judy Allen - September 03, 2025 at 07:36 AM

RD

“ *Joyce was an amazing coworker, friend, and an inspiration. She "broke the mold" when it came to integrity and class. She will be forever missed. Prayers during this time for her family. -- Rona Dawson*

Rona Dawson - August 31, 2025 at 10:23 PM

MH

“ *On behalf of Sherry Beilies, the Beliles family expresses its most sincere condolences.*

Mike Hynes - August 31, 2025 at 03:07 PM

LK

“ Good friends, Joyce , Donna, Sharon and I would go South to shop. As you can imagine, we had so many great times. Shopping, good times and making memories. Joyce was one of the best. To everyone Joyce was extremely kind. She will not be forgotten!!!! Linda Nickel

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Linda Nickel, Frankfort, KY - August 30, 2025 at 02:38 PM

MM

“ (Ray Miller says Joyce was our Georgia Peach)! Our family would like to extend our deepest sympathies and prayers to the family and friends.

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M/M Ray Miller - August 29, 2025 at 05:34 PM

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Zelda - September 23, 2025 at 10:28 PM