



Joyce Marion Bibbs

July 15, 1953 - August 30, 2020

Joyce Marion Bibbs was born in Chicago, Illinois on July 16, 1953 to William and Nellie Seay. She was the fifth child of eleven girls and one boy.

While attending Harlan High School, Joyce dedicated her life to Jehovah and was baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses in 1968. She met the love of her life, Thaddeus "Ted" Bibbs, in 1969. Many times, Ted would walk over railroad tracks and many miles to visit Joyce at home under the watchful eyes of her mother, her stepfather Jerry Baker, her brother Vernon and her ten sisters.

Ted and Joyce married on October 7, 1972, and started their lives together in Hyde Park, IL, attending a congregation of that same name. Often times, in talking to Ted or about him, she would call him Bae. He, in turn, would call her Lil' Dahlin. In September 1973, Joyce gave birth to their only child, a beautiful daughter. Teresa was Ted's & Joyce's joy from the time she was born. Joyce and Teresa were inseparable!

When they moved to the Kensington Park Congregation, Joyce enjoyed the privilege of pioneering. While in the ministry, she formed strong friendships that continued throughout her life. Joyce was unable to continue in the full-time service, but her zeal for the ministry never wavered. She continued to draw close to Jehovah and relied on him for strength to continue in his service. When she lost her sight, you would still find Joyce out in the ministry

and very rarely missing a meeting, never allowing her circumstances to define her.

Joyce enjoyed many other privileges of service such as hosting meals with Ted for some of the circuit overseers and their wives, accompanying him to various congregations when he gave talks, and being interviewed with her proud husband, at a district convention on coping with her illnesses while continuing to serve Jehovah. Joyce loved to sew and even made beautiful costumes for one of the dramas. While others appreciated her sewing talent, Teresa was not one of them. Her mother would “drag her” to the fabric store to pick out patterns and material. Teresa preferred to shop and buy clothes that had tags on them, until she had four girls of her own.

Despite her struggles, Joyce never complained and you could always see her smiling and hear her laugh. She loved spending time with her granddaughters and they loved being with her. When she would get together with her sisters, they would talk, joke and laugh with each other, at heightened volume, all at the same time. Joyce’s laugh might not have been the loudest, but you could always pick out that distinct laugh. When they started singing and dancing, Ted would just close the door and let them have at it. When the comment was made to him that he set a good example for husbands in showing love and care through good and challenging times, he said “Joyce made it easy for me to love her.”

Joyce fell asleep in death on August 30, 2020. She was preceded in death by her father, William Henry Seay and her stepfather, Jerry Baker.

She is survived by her loving and devoted husband of 48 years, Thaddeus Bibbs; her caring and affectionate daughter Teresa (Eddie) Sanders; her mother Nellie Seay Baker; her mother-in-law Annette Bibbs; her siblings: Margie Edwards, Loretta Seay, Vernon (Wanda) Seay, Patricia Seay, Gloria

Woods, Cathy (John) Burrage, Billie Seay, Terrie (Earl) Hopkins, Carolyn (Michael) Thomas, Sandra Baker and Sylvia (Brian) Hall; four granddaughters: Janyqua (Justin) Yobbka, Shannon Cunnigan, Shanean (Jarett) Jones and Kendra (Demonte) Halliburton; three great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends, all of whom Joyce said she wants to see in paradise.

Tribute Wall



“ *Joyce Marion Bibbs*

October 04, 2023 at 06:11 PM



“ *Cynthia and I hope we are there to greet you in the Paradise. We know it's just around the corner. We'll be wanting you to build another beautiful fence for our home. Cynthia will have plenty of fresh baked chocolate chip cookies and ice cold lemonade to serve you.*

Stanley - September 12, 2020 at 08:56 PM



Thanks Stan, for those encouraging words. We all look forward to that time where we will have Welcome Back parties. It sounds like Chocolate Chip cookies and lemonade will be a big hit when Joyce returns!

Thaddeus - September 14, 2020 at 03:07 PM



Yes, indeed!

Stanley - October 04, 2020 at 02:30 PM



“ *Tate Mckinney lit a candle in memory of Joyce Marion Bibbs*



Tate Mckinney - September 12, 2020 at 03:49 PM

TM

May Jehovah strength you Ted and your family all you are my Pray sorry for you lose of Joyce

Tate Mckinney - September 13, 2020 at 04:47 PM

TH

Thanks, Tate! We have known one another for half a century, and I am glad that you were able to take a moment to be encouraging to my family.

Thaddeus - September 14, 2020 at 03:11 PM

SB

I look to see you wake up in the new system my sis and have a long conversation with you about many things. I know you did your best to love Jehovah and my love for him started with you. You taught me to always tell the truth and that Jehovah as my closest friend. Also you taught me how to read his word. I never forgot anything and I will always remember. Love you can't wait to wake you up with out being hindered.

Sandra Baker - September 16, 2020 at 05:11 AM

LT

“ Yes, Joyce loved to sew. But her sewing tools were not just for sewing. I'll tell you why. One early morning, I arrived at the Bibbs house with my son, Rodney, because Joyce was babysitting my son while Alicia and I went to work. Joyce also babysat Alicia's son Steven. I jumped out of the driver's seat and ran around to get Rodney out of his car seat. When I got to the back door of the passengers' side, the door was not unlocked. No problem, I ran back around to the driver's side to unlock the back door. To my dismay, the driver's door was also locked. I looked in at my son, with the car still running, looking at me without a care in the world. I ran up stairs in a panic to tell Joyce what happened. She handed me, not a hanger to try to unlock the door, but her sewing yard stick. That did the trick. It was sturdy and yet slim enough to fit through the window, I was able to stick the yard stick through the window and hit the switch and viola, the car was unlocked. That was only one of Joyce's hidden talents. Yes! Joyce is only taking a "short" nap. It's only for a short while as we are deep in the end of this system. I will see you all again when we are celebrating her resurrection. That day is just around the corner.

Sending my condolences to the family and friends of Joyce, Ted and Teresa Bibbs.

Lynne Trask

Lynne Trask - September 12, 2020 at 03:40 PM

TH

Thank you, Lynne! I found your experience with Joyce quite interesting, in fact I have learned a few things about her that even I did not know. everything that I learned has made me more fascinated with her and will make for some interesting conversation when she returns.

Thaddeus - September 14, 2020 at 03:19 PM

MW

“ Dear Ted And all the family,
I am very pleased that Joyce passed through my life.
You two made a beautiful couple, as well as a beautiful family.
Joyce always was so mild tempered, soft, kind & always
smiling & pleasant. I have to say Ted, all those qualities,
you also have. Joyce will be dearly missed. But we have the
most wonderful, beautiful & sure hope for the future. We will
be together again. “JUST A LITTLE WHILE LONGER “

Love, May Williams

May Williams - September 12, 2020 at 02:50 PM

TH

May, it is certainly nice to hear from you. thank you for your support.
The way you feel about her is the way she felt about you. We are all
looking forward to seeing our dear loved ones returning, and it is just
around the corner. She's taking a short nap and I must keep my focus
on Jehovah so that I can see her again.

Thaddeus - September 14, 2020 at 03:28 PM

NJ

“ Our deepest sympathy and condolences go out to you Ted and your
family in the loss of our dear Sister Joyce. May the God of all
comfort Jehovah continue to strengthen you in your time of need.
Dave & Norma Jackson

Norma Jackson - September 12, 2020 at 11:58 AM

HB

“ I never met you Mrs. Bibbs but just listening to Teddy talk about you when we were younger on the job made me feel as though I knew you. What a beautiful love story that isn't ending now because I know you all will meet again in Paradise. What a beautiful motivational life you both have led. Praying for comfort and strength to you Thadeus Bibbs and the entire family 🙏

Homer B - September 12, 2020 at 09:06 AM

TH

Hey, Homer, my friend! Thank you so very much for these heartfelt expressions of both sympathy and comfort. You know, I have on occasion seen pictures of you and your wife together and each time, you both had smiles on your faces that says that you have a deep love for each other. Continue to cherish her. I tried to keep that in front of me always when it came to Joyce and that relationship helped her thru many problems.

Thaddeus - September 14, 2020 at 03:41 PM

TM

“ I remember Joyce was a very loving sister and nice person

Tate Mckinneu - September 12, 2020 at 06:07 AM

TM

“ Sending my condolences

Tate Mckinneu - September 11, 2020 at 06:35 PM

FH

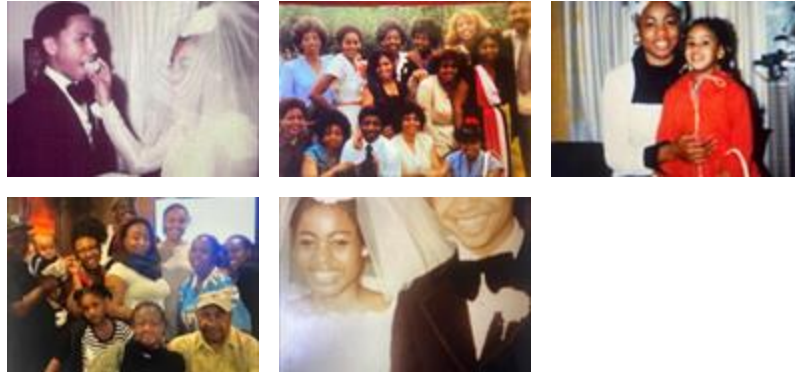
Bro. Bibbs, Teresa & Family, so very sorry for your great loss. Sis Bibbs was always so loving & kind. She always had a pleasant disposition. Even in the face of adversities she always remained positive. U took such good care of her Bro. Bibbs & we all could see the Love You had for her. Teresa, she loved U so very much & U were a great daughter to her. She will be sleep only for a little while. Take comfort that her absence will not be long. May Jehovah the God of All comfort help U all to cope @ this time.

*Love Always,
Felicia "Fortson" Hines & Family*

Felicia Fortson Hines - September 12, 2020 at 12:56 AM



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McCullough Funeral & Cremation Services - September 09, 2020 at 04:45 PM

JD

May Jehovah give your family the comfort and strength needed today and the ones ahead.

Jeremiah 29:11,12

*Joe and Dorothy Davis
& family*

Joe and Dorothy Davis - September 11, 2020 at 10:03 AM

TM

Joyce was a beautiful loving person

Tate Mckinney - September 12, 2020 at 03:50 PM

RT

*Sending heartfelt sympathy to the Bibbs family for your temporary loss.
The new world is imminent!*

Randy and Brenda Washington-Memphis, TN - September 21, 2020 at
01:40 PM