



## Joyce M. Atkinson

December 19, 1957 - September 3, 2025

Joyce Marie Atkinson (Hope), born to William Oliver Hope and Gloria Elaine Hope (Barney).

Born December 19, 1957. Joyce was born in Point Pleasant, NJ, and has resided in Wall Township, NJ, for most of her life. Joyce worked at the Regent Diner for almost 30 years, where she made the most incredible lifelong friendships and connections. She later worked for a non-profit organization, taking care of people for 15 years. She started as a residential specialist, and she continually moved up from there. Holding the positions of assistant group home manager, Group home manager, Residential coordinator, and, most recently, QA coordinator. She was recognized in 2017 as employee of the year, and even created cooking classes at work, known as "cooking with Joyce", which was a favorite for client and staff alike. She retired on August 31st, 2025, as a QA Coordinator. She loved her job and the clients she helped to take care of. She was an extremely hard worker, a dedicated employee, and a terrific caregiver.

Joyce was married to Phillip Atkinson for 46 years. They had three children, Jason, Casey, and Gloria Atkinson. She had four grandchildren, Heather Ferro, Jade and Jonathan Irons, and Maddison Atkinson. She was an amazing, loving wife, mother and cherished grandmother, and beloved sister. Joyce was preceded by her parents, William and Gloria. Her sisters, Gloria Ward, Alice Yakubisin, and Dale Martin. She is survived by her sister Betty Strollo, her brother-in-law Robert Strollo and her brother

William Hope, and her sister in-law Rose Hope. Her brother-in-law, Allen Martin. Her husband, children, grandchildren, and multiple nieces and nephews.

Joyce passed away on September 3, 2025, at her daughter's home in Forked River. Joyce had battled cancer for the previous nine months. She was a strong and brave woman, never complained, and worried about her family. She will truly be missed and always loved, and remembered. Her loss is tragic, but her strength and love will always remain.

Viewing services will be held on September 10, 2025, from 4 pm to 8 pm at the Bongarzone Funeral Home, 2400 Shafto Rd, Tinton Falls, NJ. All are welcome. Please come to celebrate her life and memories with us as we send our final goodbyes.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **10**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bongarzone Funeral Home  
2400 Shafto Road  
Tinton Falls, NJ 07712  
(732) 918-6200

# Tribute Wall

LW

“ Love Dorothy and Willie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce M. Atkinson.

Love Dorothy and Willie - September 09, 2025 at 04:07 PM

LW

“ Love Dorothy and Willie purchased the A Full Life for the family of Joyce M. Atkinson.



Love Dorothy and Willie - September 09, 2025 at 04:07 PM

LJ

“ My friend you spent most of your life taking care of people all around you, now you can take your rest. To be absent from this world is to be present with the lord. A life well lived. I'll never forget our good times!



Lena Johnson - September 09, 2025 at 11:24 AM

JE

*Joyce and I spent a great deal of time together during high school; including the night of graduation..celebratory meal at Country Squire Diner then Pat's 30 Acres. I spent a great deal of time at Joyce's house. I recall her father sharing his leather crafts and mom , Gloria, working at Fitkin.*

*Joyce sat next to me in typing class...and I will forever hold her responsible for my marginal grade!*

*I am deeply saddened to hear of her passing. May you rest in heavenly peace, dear Joyce.*

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**Jeanne Eckman** - September 09, 2025 at 04:26 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joyce M. Atkinson.*



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September 08, 2025 at 10:04 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Joyce M. Atkinson.*



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September 08, 2025 at 04:58 PM

MF

“ *McBride Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce M. Atkinson.*

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**McBride Family** - September 08, 2025 at 10:16 AM

MF

“ McBride Family purchased the Treasured Lilies S  
pray for the family of Joyce M. Atkinson.



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**McBride Family** - September 08, 2025 at 10:16 AM

TM

“ Joyce and I grew close through work. We were each others  
sounding board and would meet up for a meal and wine. She was  
always supportive professionally and personally. She will be missed.

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**Theopia Moore** - September 08, 2025 at 05:42 AM

KP

“ "Cooking with Joyce" was a great time for Milestone men's  
residence! Joyce had remarkable compassion and dedication for  
every client she served. I remember qhen her daughter was getting  
married and they finally found the dress. She was so excited! Joyce  
loved her family and was so proud of all 3 of her children. She loved  
sharing her pictures with me.  
My thoughts and prayers are with you all. My prayer is that you find  
comfort in knowing that she will always be with you.  
God bless you all! Kayte

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**Kayte Perez** - September 06, 2025 at 08:48 AM

JS

“ I met Joyce in 2011 at NJADB she was a good friend and became a great confidante, we could talk for hours at any time of the day. I will never forget the time Joyce commandeered six passenger vans of consumers from Lakewood, NJ to Niagara Falls, NY a seven-hour drive took well over 12 hours, but Joyce ensured that all was a spectacular experience for all consumers and staff, because Joyce always had the consumers and all involved best interest in mind. Rest in Eternal Peace, My Dear Joyce... till we meet again

John Suarez - September 06, 2025 at 08:33 AM

QS

“ Queyenda Sally planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce M. Atkinson.

Queyenda Sally - September 05, 2025 at 09:21 PM

QS

“ Queyenda Sally purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joyce M. Atkinson.



Queyenda Sally - September 05, 2025 at 09:21 PM

BH

“ Bongarzone Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Joyce M. Atkinson



Bongarzone Funeral Home - September 05, 2025 at 08:27 AM

RA

“ *I will miss you Joyce.*”



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**Renita Alford** - September 03, 2025 at 10:59 PM