



## Joyce Hartis O'Keefe

March 9, 1940 - May 23, 2021

Joyce Hartis O'Keefe, 81, of Charlotte, died May 23, 2021.

Born in Charlotte, NC, on March 9, 1940, Joyce was the daughter of Wilma and James Everett Hartis. She grew up there and graduated from high school. She then chose to serve in the United States Army and did so from April of 1958 to April of 1960. While stationed at Fort McClellan, Alabama, she met Mr. Raymond Dennis O'Keefe. They were married on November 12, 1960, after they were both honorably discharged from the Army. They moved to his homeplace of New Jersey where they resided several years before returning to Charlotte where they remained. They were married 56 years, and Raymond passed away in 2017.

Joyce lived a life of service. Not only serving her country in the military, she served those around her in many other ways. She volunteered at Crisis Ministries and practiced her faith with her church family at Our Lady of Assumption. A devout Catholic, she belonged to a Rosary making guild and made and donated Rosaries for many years. Wherever there was a need, she served in any way she could. Most of all, however, she loved to serve her family, and enjoyed caring for her husband and her home.

Joyce is survived by a daughter Eileen (husband Wade) Jarvis and two sons, Ray (wife Sonya) O'Keefe and David O'Keefe. She is further survived by a sister, Phyllis, a brother, Jim, five grandchildren, six great grandchildren, and numerous other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by a

brother, Jerry, and sons, Robert and Michael.

Joyce's family has given the family of Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home the privilege of caring for her and for them. Graveside services honoring her will be held at 11 AM on Saturday, May 29, at Evergreen Cemetery, 4426 Central Avenue, Charlotte. Military Honors and reception will follow.

# Cemetery Details

## Evergreen Cemetery

4426 Central Avenue  
Charlotte, NC 28205

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

MAY 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

Evergreen Cemetery  
4426 Central Avenue  
Charlotte, NC 28205

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joyce Hartis O'Keefe*

October 05, 2023 at 07:26 AM



“ *Joyce Hartis O'Keefe*

October 24, 2022 at 08:52 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I echo Mike O'Loughlin's love of Aunt Joey's southern accent. Memories of Aunt Joey and Uncle Ray's visits to New Jersey will be cherished. Your mom and dad were wonderful people and they were always so good to my mom. Love, Kathleen*

**Kathleen Mulvey** - June 02, 2021 at 01:32 PM



“ *I am saddened by your loss. Aunt Joey was a kind and wonderful woman. I remember Aunt Joey's beautiful southern accent in the heart of New Jersey. To a 7 year old child it was special. I had something my friends didn't. She will be remembered with the love a 7 year old had in his heart and has never diminished.*

*Michael O'Loughlin*

**Mike** - May 28, 2021 at 01:41 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joyce Hartis O'Keefe.*



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May 27, 2021 at 12:26 PM



“ *I have so many fond memories of Aunt Joey. I will never forget the many trips to the beach and the time we spent on the phone talking. I loved every minute of it. You will be truly missed. Love you so much.*

*Susy O'Keefe Shyne*

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**Susan Shyne** - May 27, 2021 at 08:20 AM