



Joyce Ann (Klement) Bayer

August 17, 1949 - August 24, 2021

Mass of Christian Burial for Joyce Ann Klement Bayer, age 72 of Muenster, was set for Monday, August 30, 2021, at 10:00 AM, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Rosary and vigil was held at 5:00 PM on Sunday, August 29, 2021 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Pallbearers were Coy Fisher, Crystal Stoffels, Kevin Klement, Kyle Klement, Darrell Dangelmayr, and Scott Bayer.

Joyce Ann Bayer passed away and into the arms of Jesus on Tuesday, August 24, 2021. Joyce was born in Muenster on August 17, 1949, to Tony and Sis Klement. During the summers, Joyce would work to pay for her school tuition. Graduating in 1967 from Sacred Heart Catholic School. She was the last of the Klement kids to graduate from there. She met her husband Tom while on a double date with her brother Robert. They were married on February 17, 1968, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church after being engaged for two years. They became the parents of four children: Rhonda, Cheryl, Jennifer, and Adam, and the proud grandparents to thirteen grandkids. Being a wife, mother, and Mimi was the greatest joy of Joyce's life. Joyce grew up in a family of 15 kids, with 7 sisters and 7 brothers. Her siblings would say Joyce was quiet but had a little ornery side. The girls were all expected to put their clothes in a row, shine their shoes, and put curlers in their hair to be ready for early morning mass every Sunday morning. All the sisters grew up cooking together for their large family, and this grew into a lifelong love for cooking and blessing others. Joyce was a fantastic seamstress. Though she worked for years at the sewing factory, her real satisfaction came from sewing personal

items for those she loved or grew to love. What started with making memory bears for people in hospice grew to Joyce sewing “Tony bears” that she made for family, using old scraps of Grandpa Tony’s flannel shirts and denim overalls. Joyce could never refuse to sew something for others. When sewing, Joyce played music, prayed, and put so much thought into how she was going to make a bear - it was a true passion of hers to give to others in that way. She made tee shirt quilts, rag throws with crosses stitched into them, baby bibs, burp cloths, and most recently nap mats for preschool kids. During the pandemic in 2020, she donated over 500 masks and after that continued to make over 1200 masks for people in the community as well as out of town people. There was not much Joyce could not sew when she put her mind and heart to the task. Cooking for others was also a passion of Joyce’s. Baking was just one of the many ways she showed her love. She was well known for her monster cookies, pink lemonade pie, peanut butter cookies, German chocolate cake, pecan tarts, and chocolate surprise. Her grandkids will always remember as soon as Mimi got the mixer out, they would swarm the counter because they knew it was time to bake. Mimi would always start by saying, “get out 4 sticks of butter and the eggs”. Anyone could simply hint their craving, and Joyce would set right to it, never letting anyone leave her home hungry. Her kids and grandkids will especially miss her pot roast and her spaghetti and homemade meatballs most of all. Joyce has been described by many as the glue. Keeping family connected was an enormous priority to her, and she made it a point to gather her huge family for family reunions nearly every year. Joyce should have been a genealogist for all the painstaking research she did to collect all of her family ancestry. She got such a thrill when she found some new connection to a past relative from generations ago and always took the time to explain to everyone just how we were all related. One of her favorite trips ever was the trip to New York and Delaware with Tyler and Brittany in summer of 2019 where Joyce was so thrilled to see the Statue of Liberty for the first time and spending time at Ellis Island where she of course had to take the time to research her family history and journey to America.

Joyce held many jobs throughout her life, and all of her coworkers could speak volumes of how hard she worked and the love she exhibited in everything she did. Joyce worked many years at the sewing factory. Not many people could say they worked with their mom and grandma, but Cheryl, Rhonda, Adam, Tyler, and Brittany, loved their time while working with Joyce at The Center. Later on, she worked in customer service at Welcome Home and Uniform Destination. Most likely, her favorite job of all time was Dynamite Daycare. Many parents who were nervous about putting their kids in childcare found that Joyce showered those sweet babies with so much love that they were immediately at ease knowing their children were in the best of care with Joyce. The moms of the babies would often tell other people that Joyce was the Mimi everyone wishes they had. Creating memories and making every moment count mattered to Joyce. She was her kids' and grandkids' biggest fans whether it be football, basketball, volleyball, baseball or softball - she always showed up to support them. Tyler, Brittany, Brayden, Korrigan, Jaxon, Madelynn, Stella, Beckett and Dak loved the way she always included them in activities like picking pecans, making bean bags, feeding the birds, baking cookies, and watering her huge array of flowers and plants. Joyce was truly intentional in her family members' lives, and the way she expressed her love through her words of encouragement, hugs, and kisses, everyone truly felt they were Joyce's favorite. When Jaxon was a baby, we would always snuggle in Mimi's bed and have a "Honk Shoo" party. This consisted of everyone piling in her bed and talking and laughing about the silliest things. Mimi always had a red jar that she would put her "Pennies from heaven" in. It all started when they would take walks to the cemetery, and on the way back, they would always look out for pennies. Every Easter, no matter how many desserts we already had, Mimi insisted we make a bunny cake. Not that anyone really ever ate the cake, but this was an important thing for Mimi to do with the grandkids. She would always tell people, "EAT AT YOUR OWN RISK," which meant... Don't Eat It...because it would never fail that the

younger kids would lick their fingers and go straight back to decorating the cake. Christmas was a huge tradition for our family, and Mimi always made it a point to have the house decorated to the MAX. The greatest Christmas memories for us were the money jar and the dice game where Joyce always said, "Everybody gets a prize, you get a prize. You get a prize, everybody gets a prize." For the last 18 years, during the 12 days before Christmas, Mimi would give each grandkid a new ornament every day with their name and year on it, which was something all the grandkids got so excited about and looked forward to. Joyce is described by many as a beautiful soul, best boss they ever had, someone who had the best laugh and smile that she was always quick to share, a second mother to many, a woman of generosity and graciousness, and an abiding example of someone who lived deep in her faith. You always knew where you stood when it came to Joyce because she possessed the unique gift of always making each person feel special and known and loved. She was modest and when anyone tried to compliment her, or her kids or grandkids would affectionately call her "Saint Mimi," she would say, "Stop it now. Quit it." Joycie, you brought us so much joy, and we will Never Stop and Never Quit loving you or missing you.

Joyce was preceded in death by her husband: Thomas Joseph Bayer; parents: Anthony 'Tony' and Isabel 'Sis' Klement; sister: Janet Fisher; and brothers: Patrick, James, and Roy Klement.

Cemetery Details

Sacred Heart Cemetery

Muenster, TX 76252

Previous Events

Vigil

AUG 29. 5:00 PM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
714 Main St
Muenster, TX 76252

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 30. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Muenster, TX 76252

Tribute Wall



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray* was purchased for the family of Joyce Ann (Klement) Bayer.



August 27, 2021 at 11:13 AM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses* was purchased for the family of Joyce Ann (Klement) Bayer.



August 27, 2021 at 12:48 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Joyce Ann (Klement) Bayer.



August 26, 2021 at 09:17 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Joyce Ann (Klement) Bayer.



August 26, 2021 at 04:58 PM

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“Joyce was so kind and loving. At reunions she made sure she talked and smiled at everyone. Her laugh was big and hearty. She listened...really listened. She was a special lady. 🌻

Florene Dillingham - August 26, 2021 at 12:45 PM

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“Cheryl, Rhonda, and family, your mom had a smile that was sunshine of the brightest kind. And that laugh...I can hear it now. Heaven is reJoyce-ing at her arrival. Love and prayers to you and the Klement sisters. Lucy

Lucy Stark Sutton - August 26, 2021 at 10:44 AM



“Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joyce Ann (Klement) Bayer.



August 25, 2021 at 05:40 PM

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“I'll miss her smile and hugs! She was truly the kindest person you will ever find. We love you Joyce, may you Rest In Peace! 💔🙏

Christie Levesque - August 25, 2021 at 01:58 PM



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August 25, 2021 at 09:55 AM