



## Helen Joyce McCoy

August 26, 1940 - October 24, 2020

On October 24, 2020, Helen Joyce (Stolte) McCoy, loving sister and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother passed away at the age of 80. Services will be held on Friday, October 30, 2020 at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home at 10:00 am followed by a graveside service at Pleasant Retreat Cemetery in Thorndale, Texas. There will also be a visitation on a Thursday, October 29, 2020 from 6-8 pm at the funeral home.

Joyce was born on August 26, 1940 in Milam County, Texas to Walter and Zula (Henson) Stolte. She married James Herschel McCoy on October 6, 1956 in Taylor, Texas. Five children were born to this union as well as ten grandchildren, and thirteen great grandchildren. Joyce and Herschel recently celebrated their 64 th wedding anniversary. Joyce lived in Thorndale, Texas most of her life, attending Thorndale schools, and later dedicating her work life to the school, holding numerous titles within the district. She was probably most well-known for driving a school bus, shuttling kids to and from school each day. Her grandchildren loved playing on the bus and would often hitch a ride after school when they were bored. Of all the jobs she held in her lifetime, she was most proud of being a mom, granny and great-granny. She loved her family unconditionally and never neglected to call and check on each and every one of them regularly. Throughout the years she kept herself busy supporting the activities in which her kids and grandkids participated. From the births of her grandchildren to sporting events, beauty pageants, rodeos and parades, she rarely missed a moment.

Anyone who knew her knew that she was very social and never met a stranger. She enjoyed spending time with her entire family most of all, and everyone looked forward to her cooking at family gatherings. Joyce has been described as kind, giving, selfless, fiercely protective, caring, sweet, tough as nails, compassionate and beautiful inside and out. She was loved by so many and will truly be missed.

Joyce was preceded in death by her parents Walter and Zula Stolte, son Michael Lynn McCoy, and great granddaughter Camry Abegglen.

She is survived by her husband Herschel McCoy of Thorndale, son Tommy McCoy and wife Denise of Thorndale, son James McCoy and wife Vanissa of Thorndale, son Kevin McCoy and wife Karen of Thorndale, daughter Kimberly Jordan and husband Bill of Rockdale, and daughter in law Jackie McCoy. She is also survived by her sisters, Barbara

Smith (h. Red) and Judy Jordan (h. Henry, dec.), both of Thorndale; grandchildren Erin Schmidt (h. Brad), Casey Abegglen, Kyle McCoy, Lyndsi Sandoval (h. RJ), Morgan Nadeau (h. Doug), Kayla Terry (h. Barrett), Christopher Johnson (w. Chelsea), Kole McCoy, Rowdy McCoy, and Garrett Jordan; great grandchildren Ben and Ellie Schmidt, Ashlyn and Avery Abegglen, Kannon McCoy, Reese and Raven Sandoval, Lawson and Tripp Terry, Blake and Gage Johnson, and Kaydence Epperson; and a huge extended family with numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorial donations may be made to Pleasant Retreat United Methodist Church, PO Box 207, Thorndale, Tx 76577.

Pallbearers will be Kyle McCoy, Kole McCoy Rowdy McCoy, Chris Johnson, Garrett Jordan, and Ben Schmidt; Honorary Pallbearers Craig & Seth Jordan.

# Events

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**OCT**   **Visitation**                      06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Rockdale  
1041 West Highway 79, Rockdale, TX, US, 76567

**OCT**   **Chapel Service**    10:00AM

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# Comments

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“ My sincerest condolences to the family.

**James and Melissa Hollowell** - October 31, 2020 at 02:07 AM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss, sending prayers and hugs to the family.  
So beautiful and kind, always friendly and caring.  
Doris Hatcher

**Doris Hatcher** - October 30, 2020 at 11:17 AM

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“ The family are in our prayers, with Helen going to Heaven, what more could you pray for. Our thoughts and prayers, Roger & Marlene Pack

**Roger & Marlene Pack** - October 30, 2020 at 11:05 AM

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**darwin klotz** - October 30, 2020 at 09:45 AM

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“ Prayers for all of the McCoy family. Joyce was a wonderful, loving woman. Love to you all—neva

**neva klotz** - October 30, 2020 at 09:44 AM

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“ So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers sent for all.



**Rhonda Simank** - October 29, 2020 at 12:00 PM

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“ The McCoy family is in our thoughts and prayers. She was a good friend to the Beard Family and especially our Mom who loved her so....always happy and hugs and kisses for everybody. She will be missed. Prayers for all. May God keep you and bless you....and comfort you.

Carol Beard and Family,  
Barbara Beard Lacy and Family  
David Lee Beard and Family  
Billy Beard and Family



**Carol Beard** - October 29, 2020 at 10:19 AM

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“ Prayers to the McCoy family. Terry L Mowdy



**Terry L Mowdy** - October 29, 2020 at 09:59 AM

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“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Pink and White was purchased for the family of Helen Joyce McCoy.



October 29, 2020 at 08:08 AM

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“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Helen Joyce McCoy.



October 28, 2020 at 11:23 PM

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“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Helen Joyce McCoy.



October 28, 2020 at 12:53 PM

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“ 175 files added to the album LifeTributes



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - October 28, 2020 at 11:56 AM

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“ Kathy Bright lit a candle in memory of Helen Joyce McCoy



**Kathy Bright** - October 27, 2020 at 11:45 PM

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“ My Heart Felt Love goes out to the Entire McCoy Family... Joyce always had that smile on her face and a hug for everyone. She has a great family that she shared with the entire area and she always made sure you were apart of it! May the Lord continue to watch over the McCoy family. We all know that Joyce touched our lives in so many ways and that she will always be there in Spirit... Fraternally Chaplain Glen "Peachie" Anders T.B.I. Ministry

**GLEN ANDERS** - October 27, 2020 at 10:35 PM

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“ Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of Helen Joyce McCoy.



October 27, 2020 at 05:32 PM

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“ We are so sorry to hear of your/our loss! Joyce was a joy to be around. I enjoyed doing Joyce's hair and our little visits. Joyce is not gone, just away. God has called her home to be with him, since her job here on earth is done. She is now with her Zula and Walter and other love ones. Joyce will be missed by many friends and her family. She raised her family to be strong and loving. God bless and keep you all through this time of sorrow. Love you guys!



Cynthia & George Galbreath - October 27, 2020 at 11:19 AM

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“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Helen Joyce McCoy.



October 27, 2020 at 10:39 AM

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“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Helen Joyce McCoy.



October 27, 2020 at 09:53 AM

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“ I met Joyce when I got a boxer puppy from her in the 80's. What I met was a friend for a lifetime, always a smile and friendly chit chat. She drove Warren and Genee's bus route also. My deepest condolences to her family. My you all find comfort and peace in the days ahead.



**Karen Ash** - October 27, 2020 at 09:47 AM

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“ Our heartfelt condolences to all of you for this super precious lady. She certainly never met a stranger and was always very genuine, very kind, and the type of person that would do anything for you if she could. We loved her laugh, loved talking to her, and loved her spirit. May God give all of you peace and comfort and know you are all loved very much. God gained an entertainer for sure. Pat & Larry Helbert

**Pat Helbert** - October 27, 2020 at 08:24 AM

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“ Bobby S. purchased the Lavender & White Satin Heart Casket Pillow for the family of Helen Joyce McCoy.



**Bobby S.** - October 27, 2020 at 08:11 AM

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“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Helen Joyce McCoy.



October 27, 2020 at 07:50 AM



“ Sissy (Towery) Burlin purchased the Bountiful European Dish Garden for the family of Helen Joyce McCoy.



**Sissy (Towery) Burlin** - October 26, 2020 at 11:29 PM

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“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Helen Joyce McCoy.



October 26, 2020 at 11:27 PM

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“ Joyce will be greatly missed. She was a sweet lady that had a smile for all she knew. She showed her love of her family when she spoke of any of them. The kids all loved her, that rode her bus route. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.

**Belinda Caffey** - October 26, 2020 at 09:12 PM

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“ So sorry to hear about this. She was always so sweet and caring to everyone that came in contact with her. Prayers to all the family.

**Kathy Felfe** - October 26, 2020 at 08:03 PM