



## Joyce Ann Quartapella

February 2, 1938 - January 10, 2026

Joyce Ann Williams Quartapella was born February 2, 1938 and passed away January 10, 2026.

Born in Okmulgee, Oklahoma during its oil boom days Joyce and her parents Harvey and Bea Williams of Okmulgee relocated to Pasadena, Texas. Joyce graduated from Deer Park H.S where she was a regional champion on the debate team. Joyce spent most of her career as an executive secretary for Fish Investment Company in Houston and owned a small import retail shop in Pearland, Texas in the late 70's and early 80's. She was an avid crafter and enjoyed painting, needle work, crocheting and gardening. She also acted and volunteered in Houston area small theater, as well as local TV commercials. This is how she met her beloved husband Anthony "Tony" Quartapella of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Houston, Texas. After retiring, they moved to Okmulgee and became members of the Okmulgee Elks Lodge and volunteered at the HEART Senior Center for many years.

Joyce proudly remained strong and independent throughout her entire life until a catastrophic medical event took her suddenly. She is preceded in death by her parents Bea and Harvey as well as her husband Tony. She is survived by her son Philip Harrison and his wife Thelma of Hitchcock, Texas as well as her dear friends in alphabetical order Cousin Eve, Kathy, Liz, Peggy, Ruthie and Vicky.

Joyce would like each of you to remember her, as she was in your fondest memories of her. We all knew her in unique ways and had some of the

grandest of times in her presence. Please honor her with that memory in your own private space in your own way.

In lieu of flowers please donate to Clarehouse Hospice at [www.clarehouse.org](http://www.clarehouse.org) and select the dropdown box titled support Us. Or [www.Lamar.edu/giving](http://www.Lamar.edu/giving) select OTHER and specify Paul T.Zeek Student Trainer Scholarship. Or simply plant something in your garden or in your house and name it after her.

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“ Philip,  
Just wanted to send my sympathy at the loss of your mother. My thoughts are with you and your wife.

*Paula Berkemann Cordes and the Dee Williams family.*

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**Paula Berkemann Cordes** - January 19 at 05:46 PM



“ I’m grateful I got to know Joyce, even if it wasn’t for a long time. She had a beautiful spirit and a strong, self-reliant mindset that I respected so much. She never wanted to be looked at as “just a little old lady”—she carried herself with dignity, and it stuck with me. Praying for peace and comfort for everyone who loved her.

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**Kit Johnson** - January 15 at 05:37 AM