



Ms. Joy Lee Brooks

February 16, 1936 - November 15, 2025

Joy Lee Brooks was born on February 16, 1936, to the union of Gertie Lee Thomas and Lois Thomas. She was a lifelong source of strength, compassion, and love to all who knew her.

In 1950, Joy married King Solomon Austin Jr. with whom she shared a rich and fulfilling life. Together, they raised nine children: Johnny Austin, Ronnie Austin, Michael Austin, Lisa Austin, Tom Austin, Vanessa Austin Arnold, Steven Austin, Lee Austin, and Dwight Austin.

Joy later found love again in her marriage to Robert Brooks, with whom she shared many years of companionship and partnership.

Joy accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior at the early age of five and was united with Riverwest

Community Church where she served in various capacities including head of the mother board. In her

younger years, she was also a member of the Eastern Star organization. Her hobbies included crocheting, cooking, fishing, and writing.

Throughout her life, Joy worked a variety of jobs, always bringing dedication, warmth, and kindness to everything she did. She held positions in several fields, but most of all, she was a homemaker and loving

mother. Joy devoted much of her life to caring for family members, neighbors, and anyone who needed

/0 helping hand. Her home and her heart were always open.

Joy's life was defined by her resilience, generosity, and unwavering love for her family. She will be

remembered for her gentle spirit her devotion, fearlessness, and the many lives she touched with her kindness.

Joy Lee Brooks, beloved mother, grandmother, caregiver, and a devoted Christian, passed away

peacefully on November 15, 2025. She was preceded in death by her: parents, Gertie Lee Thomas and Lois Thomas; sons, Johnny Austin, Ronnie Austin, Michael Austin, and Tom Austin; and husbands, King Solomon Austin Jr. and Robert Brooks.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her remaining children, hundreds of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren; bonus son, Gregory Arnold; daughter-in-law, Teresa Austin; and a host of nieces, cousins, extended family members, and friends

Cemetery Details

Graceland Cemetery

6401 N. 43rd St.
Milwaukee, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Northwest Funeral Chapel
6630 W. Hampton Ave
Milwaukee, WI

Funeral Service

DEC 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ There is so much that can be said about Aunt Joy. But one of my most memorable thing is when Aunt Joy put me out of her house... Don't get me wrong. It wasn't done maliciously at all but with love and a lot of laughs.. She said to me “girl I didn't know you talk so much and you loud 😂😂. We had some wonderful conversations and if you ever took the time out to listen to her I'm sure she schooled you!! Auntie lived a wonderful long life and I am beyond grateful to have been her FAVORITE niece. ❤️

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