



## Ms. Mary Elizabeth Golden

November 5, 1943 - April 1, 2024

Mary Elizabeth Golden was born in Denmark (Madison County), Tennessee on November 5, 1943, the daughter of the late Roy Sterling Golden and the late Mattie I. Ingram Golden.

She graduated from West High School in Denmark, TN and attended Lane College in Jackson, TN majoring in Early Childhood Education. Mary moved to Decatur, IL and became a Licensed Practical Nurse on March 2, 1972. She was employed with the Decatur Memorial Hospital for 38 years, working on the Geriatric and Pediatric floors. The patients and their families adored her. She received many accommodations on being a wonderful nurse and making their hospital visit pleasant.

She had two children with her companion at the time, Bobby Gene Rice residing in Decatur, Illinois. She was also loved and cherished by her children siblings by Bobby, who called her mom.

Mary was a very spiritual and started serving the Lord at Friendly Oak Grove Baptist Church in Denmark, TN and later attending The Church of the Living God Temple #2 in Decatur, IL, under the leadership of the late Bishop Thomas Cooper and Overseer Jefferson Smith. She was a faithful member with the Nurses, Deaconess and a Mission Member.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sister, Ethel W. Golden, brothers, Jonas Lee Golden, Roy Henry Golden, sisters-in-law, Rose Golden, Maggie Golden and Ruthie Golden and a special sister, Chester Mae Stepney

She was a strong woman who survived breast cancer and many other illness. On Monday, April 1, 2024, Mary was called to rest her beautiful soul.

Those left to cherish her memories: son, N. Charles Rice of Decatur, IL, Marilyn Golden-Jewett (Larry) of Jackson, TN, grandchildren, Chazarus Rice, Christopher Taylor, La Fecia Taylor, daughter-in-law, Betty Jean Rice of Decatur, IL, brothers, Jennings Golden (Virginia) James Rodney Golden of Jackson, TN, ten great grandchildren, a host nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends, extended family, Karen Browning, Kim Williams ,Hattie Wilder and Ella Hicks.

# Cemetery Details

## Cerro Gordo Baptist Church Cemetery

1214 Cerro Gordo Road  
Jackson, TN 38301

# Previous Events

## Family Hour

APR 6. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stephenson-Shaw Funeral Home, Inc.  
807 N. Hays Avenue  
Jackson, TN 38301  
(731) 427-7411  
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<https://www.stephenson-shaw.com>

## Celebration of Life

APR 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

Friendly Oak Grove Church  
1883 Westover Road  
Jackson, TN 38301

# Tribute Wall



“ *Stephenson-Shaw Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Ms. Mary Elizabeth Golden*



**Stephenson-Shaw Funeral Home, Inc** - April 03, 2024 at 12:05 PM

BW

*To the family of Mother Golden I send you my sincere condolences. Mother Golden was a complete joy and she will be missed. May God comfort and keep you through these times..*

**Betty Wiggins** - April 03, 2024 at 11:19 PM

P)

*I didn't get a chance to know you like others were blessed to do while you were living but I was fortunate to see you via video chat from your son, Charles, while you were in Jackson General Hospital. You looked so peaceful and I know you were resting in the arms of God then. From one nurse to the other, I want to tell you thanks for your service from all the healthcare family here in Ohio. Condolences to the entire Golden/Rice Family. ❤️*

**Pamela M. ( Registered Nurse )**, - April 04, 2024 at 11:39 AM

MB

*To Charles, Marilyn and Golden family. I'm praying and asking God to give you'll strength and comfort. Mary was a good Christian lady. I met her at the COTLG, Temple #2, years ago. She will be missed by all who knew her. God does not make any mistakes, if we live according to God's plan we will see her again. Love you'll. Msnry Gloria Bates-Cole.*

**Msnry Gloria Bates-Cole** - April 04, 2024 at 09:37 PM

AR

“ *Anfernee Richardson purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ms. Mary Elizabeth Golden.*



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**Anfernee Richardson** - April 06, 2024 at 09:37 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Ms. Mary Elizabeth Golden.*



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April 05, 2024 at 01:09 PM

EJ

“ *Erica, Salena, & Antonio Jr. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ms. Mary Elizabeth Golden.*



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**Erica, Salena, & Antonio Jr.** - April 04, 2024 at 11:40 PM

CT

“ *Costella Fryer, Tenia, Lisa, Rea, Tara purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ms. Mary Elizabeth Golden.*



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**Costella Fryer, Tenia, Lisa, Rea, Tara** - April 04, 2024 at 11:37 PM

LJ

“ Lisa, Cheryl, Donna, Sandy, Joyce. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ms. Mary Elizabeth Golden.



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**Lisa, Cheryl, Donna, Sandy, Joyce.** - April 04, 2024 at 09:04 PM

LA

“ I loved you dearly Mary. You and Julie were my lifesavers when I went into labor with Amare and I am forever indebted to your loving soul. Rest well my beautiful friend.

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**Lisa Anderson** - April 04, 2024 at 08:50 PM

PN

“ Sending Condolences and blessings To the Golden Family. I did not get to meet her formally but did get to see her in the hospital there via a video call from her son, Charles. She looked so peaceful and I knew then her sweet spirit was already in God's care. I myself am a nurse as she was and I am personally thanking her for all the years she helped others in the nursing field. May she rest in peace in heaven.

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**Pamela M. (Registered Nurse)** - April 04, 2024 at 05:07 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Ms. Mary Elizabeth Golden.



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April 04, 2024 at 04:30 PM

KK

“ *Kimberly K. purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Ms. Mary Elizabeth Golden.*



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**Kimberly K.** - April 04, 2024 at 01:22 PM

PF

“ *PAMELA LANDRUM AND FAMILY purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Ms. Mary Elizabeth Golden.*



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**PAMELA LANDRUM AND FAMILY** - April 03, 2024 at 09:11 PM

LE

“ *I would like to send condolences to Ms Mary's daughter Marilyn for the loss of her mom. Mrs. Marilyn, I pray that God will give you strength and peace during this time. You was an advocate for your mom and I loved that about you. Stay prayerful and I pray God's blessings over you and your family. Latrecia RN CM-A4*

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**Latrecia Owens Edwards** - April 03, 2024 at 07:25 PM

GB

*To Charles, Marilyn & Golden family. I'm praying asking God to give you'll strength & comfort. Mary was a very nice Christian lady. I met her at COTLG, Temple#2, years ago. She will be missed by all who knew her. Remember, God does not make any mistakes and we shall see again in God's kingdom. Love you'll. Msnry Gloria Bates-Cole.*

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**Gloria Bates-Cole** - April 04, 2024 at 05:57 PM

BT

“ *Mrs Mary was like family to me our families goes way back I worked with her at DMH so pleasant always with a smile to Charles and Marilyn keep her memories alive and in your hearts love both of you*

Barbara Taylor - April 03, 2024 at 10:43 AM

RO

“ *It was an pleasure working and knowing Ms.Golden. My condolences to the family.*

Rosetta - April 02, 2024 at 08:17 AM

MC

“ *Mary Cliff lit a candle in memory of Mary Golden*



Mary Cliff - April 01, 2024 at 04:59 PM