



Mrs. Mary Alice Graves

April 30, 1943 - September 1, 2020

Mary Alice (Pearce) Graves was born April 30, 1943 in Humboldt, TN. She was the fourth child born to the late Willie Lee Pearce and Mary Wade Pearce. She departed this life on September 1, 2020.

She accepted Christ at an early age at Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church. She was a faithful member and servant of the choir, and she served in many capacities until her death.

She graduated in 1961 from Carver High School where she furthered her education at Tennessee A&I. Thereafter, she discovered a passion for cosmetology. Her passion for cosmetology led her to Eddings Beauty School where she earned her cosmetology license.

She worked for many years at the Milan Arsenal. She served many years at John S. Wilder Youth Development Center in Somerville, TN, where she retired after 38 years of service. She served faithfully as Vice-President, Palimentian and served on the Board Of Directors of The Pilgrim Rest Community in Stanton (Koko), TN, a member of the Tennessee State Employee Association, the Haywood County Democratic Women's Association, NAACP and she also took part of the Civil Rights Movement the March On Washington

She met the love of her life and married William A. Graves on September 9, 1972. From this union, two children were born and one adopted child raised as his own.

She enjoyed fellowshiping with people, gardening, and cosmetology.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William A. Graves; grandson: Justavon Young; two brothers: Willie Cecil Pearce, Jimmy Lee Pearce and one sister, Margaret Pearce; son-in-law James Matthewis and step-father: Orange Short.

She leaves to cherish her memory: three daughters: Sundra Matthewis, Brenda (Billy II) Walker and Laronda Graves; two step-daughters: Betty Joyce Graves and Annice Graves; step-brother: Roosevelt (Norvell) Short; one half-sister, Jennes (Elvis) Phelps; seven grandchildren: Latonya, Macylin, LeJerica, Jerwin, Bethany, Ivory, Billy III.; three great-grandchildren: Omari, Lanicia and Raina; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Cemetery Details

Good Hope Baptist Church Cemetery

554 Hillville Road
Stanton , TN 38069

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 8. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Stephenson-Shaw Funeral Home, Inc.
807 N. Hays Avenue
Jackson, TN 38301
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Visitation

SEP 9. 9:00 AM - 11:50 AM (CT)

Good Hope Baptist Church
554 Hillville Road
Stanton , TN 38069

Service

SEP 9. 1:00 PM (CT)

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554 Hillville Road
Stanton , TN 38069

Tribute Wall



“ *Stephenson-Shaw Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mrs. Mary Alice Graves*



Stephenson-Shaw Funeral Home, Inc - September 09, 2020 at 11:48 AM



Brenda, the Randstad family is there with you in spirit! May you gain the strength of the Lord during these trying times.

Erika Winfrey - September 09, 2020 at 01:05 PM



We pray for strength, and an outpouring of God's comfort and love to you and your family. Though it is a difficult time. There is nothing too hard for God. He can heal you where you are hurting. God Bless you, Brenda. With love, Tamela McNeal & Family

Tamela McNeal - September 09, 2020 at 02:29 PM



Your Mother's spirit and love will always remain with you. She was a good friend to anyone she met upon. Mary always had a smile and could make others smile. I pray for your comfort and strength during this difficult time. It will be alright, God loves you. Oneita and Larry Allen

Oneita Allen - September 09, 2020 at 03:25 PM



My sincere and heartfelt condolences to Sandra, Brenda, Rhonda and the entire family! I enjoyed talking to your mom whenever I had the opportunity to see her. We shared many laughs at Mrs. Emma and George Graves home when I was growing up in Brownsville. Hold on to the memories which makes you smile the most. Warm Regards Santo & Tracy Bond Williams

Tracee Bond Williams - September 09, 2020 at 03:26 PM



My condolences to the family your mother would always stay in touch with me and my sister Bobby jive at least once a month, and let us know every thing that was going on there at home, she surely will be missed. Keeping you all in my prayers, you had a very good, caring, loving mother Marie Miller Tabbs

MARIE Miller Tabbs - September 10, 2020 at 12:57 AM



“ Mrs. Mary Alice Graves

January 28, 2023 at 12:37 PM

TB

“ “A mother is with us always, first in her lifetime, then forever in our memory.”

Ted and I send our deepest condolences for your loss. Praying that you find comfort in your memories and your faith continues to bring you discernment and strength.

Ted and Tiffany Blakney

Tiffany Blakney - September 09, 2020 at 02:33 PM

CL

“ Dorothy Springfield-Sanford (Classmate) and Central Fields-Laird (Wilder Youth Center Staff) offer our sincere condolences to Mrs. Mary's entire family at this difficult time. God gives us strength and he will never leave you. Praying for you all.

Ms. Central Laird

Central Laird - September 09, 2020 at 01:21 PM

MT

“ Sending heartfelt condolences and prayers of comfort to the family.

~ Willie & Morticia Taylor

Morticia Taylor - September 09, 2020 at 12:52 PM

AM

“ Brenda,
Praying for you and our family during this difficult time. 🙏

Andrea and Theatrice Mathews

Andrea Mathews - September 09, 2020 at 12:05 PM

AM

“ Brenda,
Praying for you and our family during this difficult time. 🙏



Andrea Mathews - September 09, 2020 at 12:05 PM

SH

“ Brenda and family:

*My family and I would like to extend our condolences to you and your family. Aunt Mary was a very sweet woman, and she will be missed. Please know we are praying for you for comfort and strength for you and the family in the days to come..
Love always,
Sophia Harmon (Linda Hines Harmon and family)*



Sophia Harmon - September 09, 2020 at 11:50 AM

TS

“ I'm praying God's strength and peace over your entire family.
Love, Tonya Shorts

Tonya Shorts - September 09, 2020 at 11:42 AM

DB

“ Brenda,
You and your family have our prayers and condolences.

Donnie and David Bradford



donnie bradford - September 06, 2020 at 01:05 PM

MW

“ Sending heartfelt condolences to the family !



Mary WYNNE - September 03, 2020 at 08:30 PM

BW

Thank you! 🙏

Brenda Walker - September 07, 2020 at 12:16 AM

CB

“ Extending my deepest sympathy on the loss of your mother and praying that your faith will give you strength during this time.



Charlotte Braden-Allen - September 02, 2020 at 03:04 PM

BW

Thank you my dear sister friend! 🙏

Brenda Walker - September 07, 2020 at 12:17 AM

CB

Praying for My family. May God Bless you all. Sorry I want be able make it. Sending Love. 🙏 🤔

cassandra billups - September 08, 2020 at 12:43 PM

DF

Our deepest condolences to you Brenda and your family. Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted. Matthew 5:4

Daphyne and Gerald Foster - September 09, 2020 at 01:40 PM