



Mrs. May Evelyn Williams McCorry

August 24, 1930 - August 25, 2023

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of May Evelyn McCorry, a beloved wife, cherished mother, loved aunt and treasured friend. Sister McCorry's journey on this earthly plane came to an end on August 25, 2023, leaving behind a legacy of love, kindness, and joy that will forever resonate in the hearts of all who knew her.

Sister McCorry, daughter of the late Annie Williams (Donaldson) and J.B. Williams, was born on August 24, 1930, in Milan, Tennessee in Gibson County. Sister McCorry entered the world with a radiant spirit that would continue to shine throughout her life. She was a woman of extraordinary grace and unwavering strength, a beacon of light to those fortunate enough to cross her path. Her warm smile and compassionate nature had the ability to brighten even the darkest of days, and her infectious laughter was a reminder of the beauty of simple pleasures.

Sister McCorry lived on the family farm with her brothers until age seven before the family moved to Madison County and settled on the farm with a relative which was located on Cotton Grove Road in Jackson, Tennessee. She was enrolled in Tri-Community Elementary School until the eighth grade before leaving school to work and help the family.

She worked on the farm until 1947 when she met the late Aldeoria McCorry

“Al” in February 1948, May was joined in holy matrimony with her beloved husband, the late Al McCorry. Sister McCorry and the late Al McCorry remained married for 47 years until his home going on October 19, 1996. To this union three sons were born, Steve, Don, and Phillip. Sister McCorry never remarried. Sister McCorry’s love story with her husband the late, Al McCorry, was a testament to the power of a deep and enduring bond. Their journey together was filled with shared dreams, laughter, and unwavering support. Their love was a shining example of commitment, showing us all what it means to have steadfast faith.

As a mother, Sister McCorry poured her heart and soul into nurturing her children and creating a home filled with love and laughter. Her children were her pride and joy, and her legacy lives on through her son and grandchildren. She leaves behind a beautiful imprint on their lives, teaching them the values of empathy, resilience, and the importance of family.

Sister McCorry worked several years for the Dalton Meat Company starting as a domestic worker for the Dalton family before transitioning to the position of shipping and receiving clerk within the company. She worked for the Dalton Meat Company from 1959 until her retirement in 1992. Even after retirement, she continued to work for Dalton Meat Company until 2004.

Sister McCorry was originally a member of CenterPoint Baptist Church on Potts Chapel Road, and Al McCorry was a member of Salem Missionary Baptist Church located on Gordan Street both in Jackson, Tennessee. Sister McCorry’s mother, Annie Williams affectionately called “Big Mama” was a wise woman who gave her daughter sound advice, stating “you better follow that man to his church, or you are gonna be sitting around here with nothing but babies alone in this church and he’ll be at his church with another women.” Sister McCorry listened to Big Mama and followed her husband to Salem Missionary Baptist Church, becoming a member in 1948.

Sister McCorry was a member of the Salem Missionary Baptist Church for seventy-five (75) years. At the time of her death, she was the oldest living member of the church. As a member of the church, she served in the following capacities: Church Clerk, Sunday School Teacher, Member of the Women's Choir, Member of the Pioneers Choir, member of the Finance Committee, "The 80's Ladies" and the food Ministry. Sister McCorry loved her church and lived to serve her Lord.

Sister McCorry kindness extended far beyond her immediate circle. Her generosity knew no bounds, and she dedicated her time to numerous charitable endeavors, always seeking ways to make a positive impact on the lives of those less fortunate. Her selflessness and willingness to help others serve as an inspiration to us all. One of Sister McCorry's talents was feeding families. Her greatest pleasure came from preparing meals and serving, buying, and delivering food to feed not only her family but the community.

Sister McCorry would bring food home to not only her immediate family but to anyone in need in the neighborhood. Everyone in the community knew of "Sister McCorry" and there was not a person in her community or her church that sat at her table and was served by her or was delivered food which she prepared that did not feel the love and solace she shared with everyone.

She knew how to bring warmth and comfort through food and her warm smile touched the hearts of so many. Her actions were heartfelt, sincere and she was a blessing to many. She did it out of the kindness of her heart, which was her gift from God. Her life uplifted others and "we thank you Sis for the difference you have made in the lives of so many. It has been an honor for so many people to call you Mother May."

Sister McCorry's legacy will forever remain etched in our hearts. While we mourn the loss of her physical presence, we celebrate a life well-lived and a soul that touched countless lives. Sister McCorry's memory serves as a reminder to cherish the moments we have, to spread love wherever we go, and to hold our loved ones close. May she find eternal peace in God's loving embrace, reunited with those who have gone before her. She will be dearly missed and fondly remembered.

Preceding her in death are Al McCorry (Husband), Annie Williams (Mother), J.B. Williams (Father), John Freeman Williams (Brother), Arletta Williams (Sister-In-Law), Eddie Caldwell Williams (Brother), Esther Lee Williams (Sister-In-Law), Ed Williams (Brother), Aaron Williams (Brother), Sue Williams (Sister-In-Law), Steve Louis McCorry (Son), Phillip Edward McCorry (Son), William McCorry (Brother-In-Law), Everlener McCorry (Sister-In-Law), Steve McCorry (Brother-In-Law) and, Mabel McCorry (Sister-In-Law).

Cherishing her memory are Don Allen McCorry (Son) of Jackson, TN. Grandchildren, Adrienne Bond, Cordell Jonathan Ross (Kenyetta), Phillip Edward McCorry, Ché Denzel McCorry (Maria) and Steven Lawrence McCorry. Great Grandchildren, Amir Hayes, Maryiah McCorry, and Mars Denzel McCorry. Goddaughters Patricia Brown and the Williams Sisters. Bobbie J. (Stepdaughter) and mother of five children and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other cherished loved ones, family, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Parkway Memorial Gardens

2839 Paul Coffman Drive
Jackson, TN 38301

Previous Events

Family Hour

AUG 31. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

Celebration of Life

SEP 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

Historic First Baptist Church
433 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive
Jackson , TN 38301

Tribute Wall

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“ To Don and all of Mrs. McCorry's family, my deepest condolences. May your memories bring you comfort and peace.
Sincerely
Dian Helms Brown

Dian H Brown - September 12, 2023 at 10:11 AM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. May Evelyn Williams McCorry.

September 05, 2023 at 03:35 PM

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“ May was always Special to our family and many others as well. My Daddy was the 1st driver for Dalton's and they were both Hard Workers for many years there. She was so Loving and Kind to Everyone. Prayers to All of You in this Great Loss.

Linda Adcock Horton - August 31, 2023 at 10:51 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mrs. May Evelyn Williams McCorry.



August 31, 2023 at 07:10 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. May Evelyn Williams McCorry.

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. May Evelyn Williams McCorry.



August 28, 2023 at 01:04 PM



“ Willie Mae lit a candle in memory of May McCorry



Willie Mae - August 26, 2023 at 09:47 PM



“ May the work she did speak for her. What a joy and privilege it was to work with miss Mary many years in the Browns Creek District Association. We never worried about deserts for the Annual Picnic. She made sure Salem brought enough to feed everybody. Sleep on Miss Mary and take your rest from a job well done. -Willie Mae Summers.

Willie Mae - August 26, 2023 at 09:44 PM

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“ *Mrs. May was a nice sweet lady. I always enjoyed singing with her in the Browns Creek District Association Choir. Carolyn Fuller.*

Carolyn Fuller - August 26, 2023 at 05:38 PM