

Flower Attendants

Washington High School Class of 1969

Casket Bearers

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Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mary Elizabeth Perry, would like to express our sincere gratitude for all acts of kindness shown to our family. We send special thanks to her caregivers, Samantha Cole and Lene Beaty, Hospice, Ms. Mary and her daughter, Becky, to her nieces, Adranna Sanders and Sharon Land and all of her cousins who thought she was their aunt, other relatives and friends.

Interment

Resthaven Memorial Gardens
1655 Piedmont Highway
Piedmont, South Carolina 29673

Please be advised that the Greenville County Sheriff's Department and the City of Greenville Police Department no longer provide escort services for funeral processions. Therefore, all drivers should obey traffic signals. Persons who are not riding in the funeral home limousines should meet the family at the cemetery.



Services Entrusted to
Watkins, Garrett & Woods Mortuary, Inc.
1011 Augusta Street
Greenville, SC 29605
(864) 242-1144

Celebrating the Life of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Perry



Friday, May 24, 2019 - 2:00pm
Watkins, Garrett & Woods Mortuary
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Greenville, South Carolina 29605
Rev. Windell Rodgers, Eulogist
Greater Mt. Calvary Baptist Church

Obituary

A few days ago, I had to close my eyes and go to sleep. It was the only way I could answer the "Call of Our Father". I felt His presence in my room. I heard His mighty voice saying, "Come to Me, Child", lay down your sword and shield and take your rest. I had not time to leave a note, I just slipped away in the midst of the hour. It was my time, I had to go. "God's Grace" was all I needed to make the "Journey". I had no time to dress in my "Finest Robe", I knew I had a robe in Heaven. I had no time to comb my hair, I knew I had a crown up in Heaven. I just closed my eyes, I had to slip away. So don't you worry, don't cry. I had no time to say "Goodbye". I know we will meet "Up in Heaven".

Mary Elizabeth Perry entered eternal rest peacefully on Friday, May 17, 2019, at the Rolling Green Village Nursing Home. She was a daughter of the late Mary M. Perry and Willie Chester Ross.

She was a graduate of Washington High School, Class of 1969. Mary joined the Gethsemane Baptist Church. She loved the Lord and her three sons. She loved people and always had the best advice and a story to tell. At the family reunion everyone waited on her to tell jokes. At the beauty salon, some made sure they came on Mary's day of service, just to hear what she had to say. During Thanksgiving and Christmas, everyone knew that if they didn't get a gift that Mary had one for them when she arrived. She loved to give to others. Love was expressed to her even in the hospital, the nurses couldn't wait for some people to leave, because most of the time they were in there. They hated to see her leave, she kept them entertained.

Mary was a retiree of the United States Post Office after thirty years of service.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Arnold "Buster" Chapman.

Left to cherish many fond and loving memories are her two sons, Jarvis Perry and Chad Chapman, both of Greenville, SC; a stepson, Erik A. (Chesa) Chapman of Anderson, SC; two grandchildren, Justin and Olivia Chapman; two brothers, Michael (Barbara) Ross of Williamsport, PA, and Dennis Ross of Hinesville, GA; aunts, Sylvia P. Scott and Lois P. (Milton) Brown; an uncle, James R. Perry; raised as a sisters, Van Dee Perry, Cynthanie P. Sumpter and Brigetta Z. Perry; raised as brothers, Jeremiah H. Perry, Walter A. (Bessie) Perry, II, and Bobby Ross; a very dear sister-in-law, Judy C. Beck; a sister-friend, Kathy Lyons; and a host of other relatives and friends. Mary had so many friends, we can't name them all.

Order of Service

Rev. James E. Massey, Presiding
Holly Springs Baptist Church

Prelude

Processional.....Clergy, Family and Friends

Opening Hymn

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament.....Rev. T.V. Crosby
Psalm 23 and Isaiah 40:28-31

New Testament.....Rev. Eugene Perry
John 14:1-4

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. James E. Massey

Reflections:

Adranna Sanders and Sharon Land (Nieces)
Kathi Lyons (Longtime Friend)
Jarvis "IB" Perry (Son)

Solo.....VanDee Perry (Aunt)

Words of Comfort.....Rev. Windell Rodgers

Closing Prayer

Recessional