



Mary Alice Ballard Douglas

September 5, 1947 - December 13, 2025

Mary Alice Ballard Douglas, 78, of Chattanooga, passed away Saturday, December 13, 2025, at her residence. She was born on September 5, 1947, to Willie T. Ballard and Essie L. (Brittian) Ballard in Newnan (Coweta County), Georgia. Later was born two younger brothers, Willie T. Ballard, Jr. (aka, Tony Husain) and John M. Ballard. At some point, the family moved to Chattanooga, TN, where she attended Chattanooga City Schools. She was an alumnus of Howard High School class of 1965. She retired from Walden Security after many years of service.

Mary Alice was not ashamed of her steadfast faith in her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. During difficult times, she would often say, "I trust God." She was a member of New Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church. She enjoyed cooking, crocheting, flowers, and just riding around town. She deeply loved her family and enjoyed spending time with them, especially her grandchildren. She was kind, generous, and fun loving, and had a beautiful smile and contagious sense of humor and laughter.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James "Jim" Douglas; mother, Essie L. (Brittian) Ballard; father, Willie T. Ballard; brothers; grandson, JaMichael Eddins; sister-cousin, Ora Lee Banks Lester; and other relatives.

Her memories will be cherished by her two sons, Gary (Stephania) Ballard

Toney of San Antonio, TX and Michael (Audrey) Eddins of Chattanooga; 8 grandchildren, Madu (Ronni) X of San Antonio, Aisha X-Barnes (Raynard) of Katy, TX, Jasmine (Christian) Engel of San Antonio, Emmanuel Toney of San Antonio, Jonathan Toney of San Antonio, Mikhail Eddins of Chattanooga, Benjamin Toney of San Antonio, and Ashanti Eddins of Chattanooga; 1 great-grandson, Raynard Barnes III of Katy; 2 nephews, Eric Ricky Puckett and Waheed Husain, both of Chattanooga; a beloved and devoted friend, W. Joe Common; cousins; other relatives and friends. To know her was to love her. She will be sorely missed.

Mary will lie-in-state on Monday, December 22, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will follow at 12:00 noon in the Chapel with Pastor Terrance Hannah as the Eulogist. Burial in Forest Hills Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Forest Hills Cemetery

4016 Tennessee Avenue
Chattanooga, TN 37409

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

DEC **22**. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411-1076

Funeral Service

DEC **22**. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411-1076

Burial

DEC **22**. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Forest Hills Cemetery
4016 Tennessee Avenue
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Tribute Wall



“ *I am thinking about you Mama. Gary*

Gary - April 15 at 06:28 PM



“ *Etta Molett lit a candle in memory of Mary Alice Ballard Douglas*

Etta Molett - December 22, 2025 at 05:58 PM



“ *Joyce Fears lit a candle in memory of Mary Alice Ballard Douglas*

Joyce Fears - December 20, 2025 at 05:20 PM

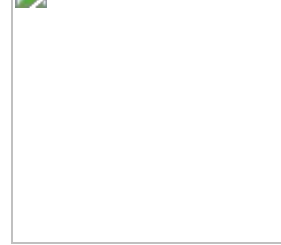


“ *Alicia Tyler lit a candle in memory of Mary Alice Ballard Douglas*

Alicia Tyler - December 20, 2025 at 01:35 PM



“ *Alicia Tyler lit a candle in memory of Mary Alice Ballard Douglas*



Alicia Tyler - December 20, 2025 at 01:34 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Alice Ballard Douglas.*



December 19, 2025 at 08:44 PM

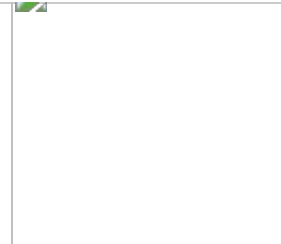


“ *Our deepest condolences*

Victoria Griffin - December 18, 2025 at 09:15 PM



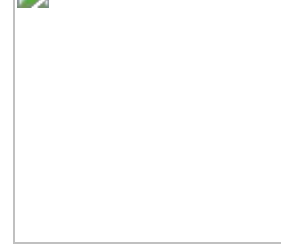
“ *May you find comfort in knowing that your loved one lives on in so many beautiful ways
Our condolences The Griffin's*



Victoria Griffin - December 18, 2025 at 09:14 PM



“ *Ramona Parks lit a candle in memory of Mary Alice Ballard Douglas*



ramona parks - December 18, 2025 at 08:37 PM

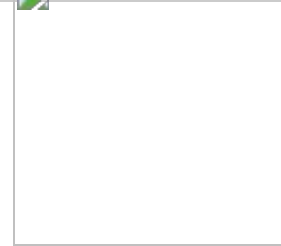


“ *My the fondest memories of Miss Mary is how she used to make me laugh and how thoughtful she always was I'm truly going to miss my friend*

Myrtice Moore - December 18, 2025 at 12:40 AM



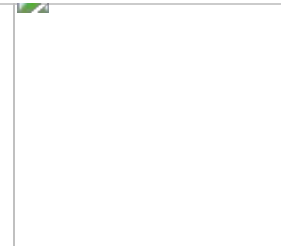
“ *My condolences miss Marys children and family you will be missed gone but not forgotten*



Myrtice Moore - December 18, 2025 at 12:34 AM



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la Isbell-Elder - December 17, 2025 at 08:03 PM



“ Gary and Michael,
Continued comforting prayers and condolences
Tracey..Bryan and Ms.Sparkle

Tracey Freeman - December 15, 2025 at 11:18 PM



“ Our talks and her saying, I love you and you
will always be my daughter. ❤️😭❤️👍

la Isbell-Elder - December 15, 2025 at 05:53 AM