



Dr. Mary Aundretta Paris

December 26, 1949 - June 4, 2025

Minister Dr. Mary Aundretta Dobbins (Miller) Paris, 75, of Chattanooga, passed away, Wednesday, June 4, 2025, at the residence of her daughter in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. She was born December 26, 1949, in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Mary accepted Christ at an early age and later received her calling into the ministry. She attended Riverside High School and then proudly became a military wife.

Upon returning from Anchorage, AK, Mary graduated from Soddy-Daisy High School and later received an Associate of Science degree from John C. Calhoun Community College, bachelor's degree and master's degree from Tennessee Temple University, a PhD in Theology from North Carolina School of Theology, and a Doctoral degree in Ministry. She was a member of Christian Fellowship Cumberland Presbyterian Church and had been a longtime member of Miracle Missionary Baptist Church where she sang in the choir. Mary formerly worked at TVA Sequoyah Nuclear Plant, Chattanooga Housing Authority, Sweet Sue Kitchens, Mason Funeral Home in Athens, Alabama, and Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama.

Mary's passions included spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ, singing, fashion and hairstyling, yard and estate sales, vintage and art collectibles, cooking, and making cherry cream cheese and sweet potato pies. But most of all, she loved spending time and talking on the telephone with her family and

friends and being a compassionate caregiver.

Mary was preceded in death by her former husband of 48 years, Mr. Edward Paris; parents, Mr. and Mrs. David and Annie Pearl Calloway, Sr., father, Mr. Sonny Miller; brother, David Calloway, Jr.; and sister, Celestine Calloway.

She is survived by her daughter, Dr. Tammy D. Paris, of Murfreesboro, TN; son, Mr. William L. (Mrs. Chia) Paris of Monterey, CA and Mr. Corey Paris of Chattanooga; sisters, Rev. Dr. Martha A. Dobbins (Rev. Dr. Jerry Lewis) of Knoxville, TN, Mrs. Uhonta (Mr. Franklin) McFarland, Mrs. Debra (Rev. Dr. William) Sullivan, Ms. Jeannie Calloway, Ms. Yolanda Calloway, Ms. Dedra Calloway, Ms. Abigail Hammonds, all of Chattanooga, and Ms. Pearl Calloway of Detroit, MI; her brother, Mr. Rawland Calloway of Chattanooga; 6 grandchildren, Tiana Swafford, Talisha Paris, Tamia Paris-Kelley, Jojo Paris, Yenna Paris, and Sylvia Paris; three great-grandchildren, Zara Swafford, Corvez France, and Zaelen Figgins; and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Mary will lie-in-state on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will follow at 2:00 p.m. in the chapel.

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

JUN **18**. 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

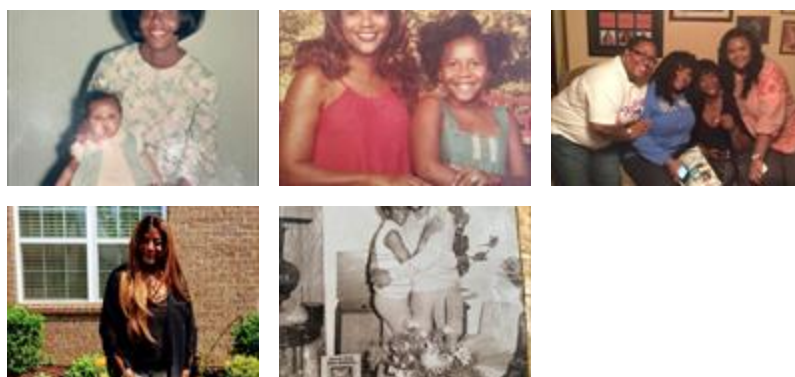
JUN **18**. 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DP

“ This feels like a dream...one moment you're here and then you're gone physically. Thank you Mommy for always trying to protect me...no matter how old I was as your firstborn and only daughter you still called me your baby. Your voice and words of wisdom and intellect are forever etched in my heart, mind, and soul. There will never be anyone like you. You are pain free and at rest...you and daddy have reunited in heaven. Until we meet again... ❤️ 🕊️ 🕊️



Dr. Tammy D. Paris - June 23, 2025 at 03:15 AM

CB

“ Aunt Mary I enjoyed our trips to Korea and China. I would love to go back. I always admired your taste and style. You were a very elegant lady.
I'm glad you told me about Evangelism School. We had some great times. You know that Bible. I know you are in heaven. Lord told me. This is not our home; I remember you saying. Enjoy your mansion. The Lord go to prepare a place for you; I remember you saying that too. And Grandma. I will continue to meditate on scripture like you, Grandma and Evangelism School taught. Until we meet again. Your niece Chonita Bryant.

Chonita Bryant - June 18, 2025 at 07:46 PM

SS

“ *Sonya Stiggers lit a candle in memory of Dr. Mary Aundretta Paris*



Sonya Stiggers - June 18, 2025 at 02:50 PM

MS

“ *Dr. Mary Aundretta Paris was a wise Dove in the midst of wolves and she is free in the Body of Christ.*

Jesus called her to serve him and said this scripture to prepare her as his sheep:



“Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.”

Matthew 10:16 KJV

Martha A. Lewis, Mary is my twin sister. - June 18, 2025 at 01:13 PM

CA

“ *May God continue blessing and strengthen this family*



Carla - June 18, 2025 at 10:22 AM

RB

“ May God bestow mercy and blessings on my aunt Mary,she was a awesome cook , especially on the 4th of July ,I ask the one and only the living God ,in the name of Allah May you forgive my aunt for sins ,Wash her sins away with Rain ,hail and snow ,instead of hellfire and may she enter the eternal Gates of Paradise, Gardens underneath which rivers flow ,lofty mansion and may you also ease the pain of me and my family after her death .Also may God forgive me and my family sins and show us the righteous guidance and obedience to preserve a better future and eternal life R.I.P. Aunt t Mary Paris ,gone but not forgotten ❤️❤️❤️🏠🏠🏠 nephew Love ya and gone miss you ,Reggie Bryant 💕

Reginald Bryant - June 18, 2025 at 09:22 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Mary Aundretta Paris.



June 17, 2025 at 11:58 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. Mary Aundretta Paris.

June 17, 2025 at 11:58 AM

TS

“ *I will always remember my grandmother’s kindness and love.*



Tiana Swafford - June 17, 2025 at 04:10 AM

PF

“ *Praying that the Lord will strengthen and comfort the Dobbins and Paris families, surrounding them with His peace and steadfast love. Priscilla Ford, Riverside Class of 1968.*



Priscilla Ford - June 16, 2025 at 08:42 PM

GD

“ *Gloria J Daniels lit a candle in memory of Dr. Mary Aundretta Paris*



Gloria J Daniels - June 16, 2025 at 07:41 PM

TS

“ I am Mary’s eldest and favorite granddaughter, Tiana. I will miss our conversations and how I was able to tell you anything that was on my mind. You always spoke up for me and had my back when no one else would. I enjoyed visiting you and driving you places where you needed to go. I am so happy that you were able to meet, kiss, and hold both of your great-grandchildren, Zara and Zaelen. I cherished the love, laughter, and fun moments we shared. You are forever in my heart. May your sweet soul rest in heavenly peace.



Tiana Swafford - June 16, 2025 at 01:17 PM

SS

“ Stephanie Saxton lit a candle in memory of Dr. Mary Aundretta Paris



Stephanie Saxton - June 16, 2025 at 12:09 PM

SS

Tammy, my heartfelt condolences go out to you and your family in your time of sorrow. My prayer is that God will comfort and sustain you during your time of bereavement. Your cousin Stephanie Saxton

Stephanie Saxton - June 16, 2025 at 12:16 PM

DP

Thank you cousin Stephanie for your prayer and words of comfort. My mom will truly be missed.

Dr. Tammy D. Paris - June 23, 2025 at 02:43 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Mary Aundretta Paris.*



June 16, 2025 at 11:48 AM



“ *Dorothy Jones lit a candle in memory of Dr. Mary Aundretta Paris*



Dorothy jones - June 15, 2025 at 07:16 PM



“ *Brenda S Coger lit a candle in memory of Dr. Mary Aundretta Paris*



Brenda S Coger - June 14, 2025 at 11:36 PM



“ *Dedra Espey lit a candle in memory of Dr. Mary Aundretta Paris*



Dedra Espey - June 14, 2025 at 06:58 PM

MS

“ Rest in peace my Sister Minister Dr. Mary Aundretta Dobbins Paris (Miller, Calloway). I will miss you but you are in a much better place in Paradise in Heaven with me Lord Jesus. Love you, from Elder Rev. Dr. Martha Andree' Lewis.



Martha A. Lewis, Mary is my twin sister. - June 13, 2025 at 07:14 PM

SR

“ Sylvia Reid lit a candle in memory of Dr. Mary Aundretta Paris



Sylvia Reid - June 13, 2025 at 08:25 AM

BS

“ Brenda Jones Sims lit a candle in memory of Dr. Mary Aundretta Paris



Brenda Jones Sims - June 11, 2025 at 07:24 PM

AH

“ Abigail Hammonds lit a candle in memory of Dr. Mary Aundretta Paris



Abigail Hammonds - June 11, 2025 at 03:46 PM

DS

“ *Dywana Sanders lit a candle in memory of Dr. Mary Aundretta Paris*



Dywana Sanders - June 11, 2025 at 11:10 AM

CW

“ *Carlethia D Watts lit a candle in memory of Dr. Mary Aundretta Paris*



carlethia d watts - June 09, 2025 at 11:12 PM

YC

“ *Yolanda Calloway lit a candle in memory of Dr. Mary Aundretta Paris*



Yolanda Calloway - June 08, 2025 at 05:35 PM

AO

“ *Sincere and Heartfelt Condolences to the Family of Mary Paris . I've known Mary and Family since Childhood and will never forget her loving and caring Heart Rip Mary never Forgotten The Whaley and Ogbemudia Family Los Angeles*



Acquanella Whaley Ogbemudia - June 08, 2025 at 12:16 AM

DP

Thank you so much. My mom was a beautiful, caring, and giving person, full of love and joy!! We shall meet her again one day!! 🙏🙏



Dr. Tammy D. Paris - June 23, 2025 at 02:51 AM

CB

*“ You will be dearly missed Dear Aunt Mary.
We love 💕💕 I you so much.*



Chonita Bryant - June 07, 2025 at 08:48 PM

BR

*“ Brenda lit a candle in memory of Dr. Mary
Aundretta Paris*



Brenda - June 07, 2025 at 11:51 AM

TP

“ I will forever cherish my grandmother's memory. You are loved and missed! Thank you to everyone during this time of remembrance and mourning.



Tamia Paris - June 06, 2025 at 06:38 PM



“ *Mary Paris is going to be missed by me and I know by Corey Paris .. Love you Momma Mary Rest .in. paradise*



Shannon Johnson - June 06, 2025 at 03:15 PM



“ *Jackie Johnson lit a candle in memory of Dr. Mary Aundretta Paris*



Jackie Johnson - June 06, 2025 at 09:54 AM



Aunt Mary, you will be missed. My cousins, Tammy, Lamont and Corey, my deepest condolences in the loss of your Mother. Praying for your strength in this loss.

Jackie Johnson - June 06, 2025 at 09:56 AM



My dear sweet and beautiful sister Mary, I miss you so much already. You were not only a ball of joy, you were my heart. You are loved and will always be remembered. I believe you are resting in peace.

Yolanda Calloway - June 08, 2025 at 05:34 PM



It is so hard to say goodbye. So I am going to say see you later. Until then I will hold on to the unforgettable memories and moments that we shared that is embedded in my heart. Love always humbly submitted.

Debra Sullivan. baby sister. - June 15, 2025 at 09:26 AM