



Mary L. Terry

August 5, 1945 - January 24, 2025

Mary L. Terry, 79, of Chattanooga, passed away Friday, January 24, 2025, at her residence. She was born August 5, 1945, in McDonough, Georgia to Jamis “Ted” and Flora Mae Pitmon. She moved to Chattanooga, Tennessee at a young age with her parents and siblings. She was educated in the Chattanooga Public Schools and was a 1963 graduate of Howard High School.

Mary accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior at a very early age and was a faithful member of Mount Paran Missionary Baptist Church her entire life until her health failed her. She served as a Deaconess and was active in the finance office as the church finance secretary and gave of her talents and time by preparing the church bulletins, programs and other church correspondences whenever called upon. At a young age, she participated in the church Red Circle Girls, Youth Choir and Sunshine Band.

Mary attended Chattanooga State Community College and had a long career in the administrative field. Mary’s work history included Erlanger Medical Center, South Central Bell, Carta Transportation, Christian Academy Day Care Center, Blue Ribbon Daycare and Eastdale Family Dentistry which she retired from as the office manager for many years.

Mary took much pride in caring and cooking for her family and was by far a

champion shopper. One of Mary's favorite past times and her hidden superpower was shopping.

Mary was blessed to celebrate 61 years of marriage to Arthur A. Terry Sr. whom she met through a mutual friend as teenagers. To their union she was abundantly blessed with two sons, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren, whom she loved dearly.

Among those who preceded Mary in death include her son, Michael J. Terry; parents, Jamis "Ted" and Flora Mae Pitmon; brothers, James "Preacher" Pitmon, A.C. Pitmon, Henry "Boot" Pitmon, Walter Pitmon, and Bobbie Pitmon; and sister, Margaret House.

Survivors include her husband of 61 years, Arthur A. Terry, Sr.; son and daughter-in-law, Arthur A. and Angela Maffett Terry, Jr. of Chattanooga; 6 grandchildren, Mary Jane Terry, Vanessa Terry, L'Oreál Terry Henderson, Arthur "Trae" Terry III, Demetrius Nelson, and Xena Terry; a host of great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren; brother-in-law, Joseph P. Terry of Memphis, TN; sisters-in-law, Selena Pitmon of Warner Robins, GA, Rosa Tumlin of Atlanta, GA, and Minnie Armstrong of Montgomery, AL; devoted and dear friend, Mildred Tyous; devoted and caring honorary daughter-in-law, Demetria S. Maffett; a host of nieces; nephews; cousins; other relatives and friends. Mary will lie-in-state on Sunday, February 2, 2025, from 12:30-5:00 p.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will be Monday, February 3, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. in the chapel with Pastor Michael Bennett as the Eulogist. Burial in Chattanooga National Cemetery.

DIRECTIONS FOR LIVE STREAM: Click on the link below and sign in.
<https://view.oneroomstreaming.com/index.php?data=MTczODAzODAxMDE1MzU5NjEmb25lcm9vbS1hZG1pbiZjb3B5X2xpbms=>

Cemetery Details

Chattanooga National Cemetery

1200 Bailey Ave
Chattanooga, TN 37404

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

FEB 2. 12:30 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411

Service

FEB 3. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc.
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411
(423) 622-8152
<https://www.taylorfh.com/>

Tribute Wall



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Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc. - February 05, 2025 at 10:42 PM



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Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc. - February 05, 2025 at 10:42 PM

GD

“Gwen Davis-Reel lit a candle in memory of Mary L. Terry



Gwen Davis-Reel - February 05, 2025 at 10:46 AM

AJ

“Sending condolences to the family of Mary L. Terry. Our prayer is that God will comfort and heal all wounds. Death is an enemy, and according to the Bible, it will be destroyed. "Blessed are those who die in the Lord." Rev. 14:13.

CCSPAAS Membership
Keep Hope Alive for 2025

AJL - February 03, 2025 at 03:41 PM

RT

“Mamma Terry... You will always be in my heart. Thank you for those talks and life lessons.. LOVE AND MISS YOU! -Rachel

Rachel Tipton - February 03, 2025 at 10:54 AM

VL

“GRANNY” “
OMG!! I know I wasn't the best granddaughter to you but know that you were the Most Beautiful Perfect wouldn't have you any other way granny I could ever ask for !! I'm going to miss you granny! 🥰🥰📧❤️📧🥹🥹



Vanessa L.Terry - February 03, 2025 at 10:29 AM

LH

“ *Laretta Harrison lit a candle in memory of Mary L. Terry*



Laretta Harrison - February 02, 2025 at 10:40 PM

RE

“ *Michael & Regina Edwards*



Regina & Michael Edwards - February 02, 2025 at 05:13 PM



“ *I am a proud product of Christian Academy Daycare who remembers Mrs. Terry fondly. Her warm spirit and kindness made an indelible impact on my life. I'm so glad she was loaned to the world because we are better for her presence. I pray for the family's comfort during this time of loss.*



Emily Walker - February 02, 2025 at 10:25 AM

TF

“ *Terrence Johnson and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mary L. Terry.*



Terrence Johnson and family - February 01, 2025 at 11:27 PM

BW

“ *Brenda Walker is sending condolences to the family in their time of bereavement.*

Brenda Walker - February 01, 2025 at 02:37 PM

TM

“ *Timothy & Rebecca Mott purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mary L. Terry.*



Timothy & Rebecca Mott - February 01, 2025 at 12:16 PM

TM

“ *Timothy & Rebecca Mott planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary L. Terry.*

Timothy & Rebecca Mott - February 01, 2025 at 12:16 PM

FR

“ *From Karen Taylor&Jack Roberts purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Mary L. Terry.*



From Karen Taylor&Jack Roberts - January 31, 2025 at 09:57 PM

FR

“ *From Karen Taylor&Jack Roberts planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary L. Terry.*

From Karen Taylor&Jack Roberts - January 31, 2025 at 09:57 PM

SS

“ Susan Ann Small lit a candle in memory of Mary L. Terry



susan ann small - January 31, 2025 at 09:46 AM

RC

“ Thank you for shining your "Light" on me. Peace to the Terry family.



Robin Carr - January 30, 2025 at 10:41 PM

FF

“ From your Blue Cross THM family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mary L. Terry.



From your Blue Cross THM family - January 30, 2025 at 10:31 AM

KW

“ Thank you for allowing me to take care of Mrs. Terry. It was a pleasure to work with and for your family. I will continue to keep you all in my prayers.love kim

Kimberly C Wiley - January 29, 2025 at 06:33 PM

FE

“ As you travel this never before journey
remember to keep God in the forefront and let
peace be still
*Frances Elder-Mathews Howard Class of
1963*



Frances Brown Elder - January 29, 2025 at 06:05 PM

JG

“ Jennifer Greenhill lit a candle in memory of
Mary L. Terry



Jennifer Greenhill - January 29, 2025 at 03:22 PM

JB

“ Janice Beard lit a candle in memory of Mary
L. Terry



Janice Beard - January 29, 2025 at 01:55 PM

LS

“ LaWanda Smith lit a candle in memory of
Mary L. Terry



LaWanda Smith - January 29, 2025 at 11:05 AM

FH

“Freida Ramsey Hines lit a candle in memory of Mary L. Terry



Freida Ramsey Hines - January 29, 2025 at 10:03 AM

AP

“Alonzo Pitmon lit a candle in memory of Mary L. Terry



Alonzo Pitmon - January 28, 2025 at 05:22 PM

AP

We will miss you Auntie love you

Alonzo Pitmon - January 28, 2025 at 05:23 PM

MS

“Mary Maria Spivey lit a candle in memory of Mary L. Terry



Mary Maria Spivey - January 28, 2025 at 05:20 PM

LD

“Mrs. Terry was such a Sweet Lady'
So Sorry for your Loss

Lonnetta Dixon - January 28, 2025 at 07:50 AM

JS

“ John and Marran Samples purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mary L. Terry.



John and Marran Samples - January 27, 2025 at 08:04 PM

JS

“ John and Marran Samples planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary L. Terry.

John and Marran Samples - January 27, 2025 at 08:04 PM

PH

“ Patricia Harris lit a candle in memory of Mary L. Terry



Patricia Harris - January 27, 2025 at 07:03 PM

MD

“ Mary DeRamus sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary L. Terry



Mary DeRamus - January 27, 2025 at 06:38 PM

CB

“ *Comm. Greg And Pat Beck sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary L. Terry*



Comm. Greg and Pat Beck - January 27, 2025 at 03:03 PM

CB

“ *Be strong family, and know you have the support and love of so many around you. 1963 class of Howard High School*



carolyn bailey - January 27, 2025 at 12:23 PM

DP

“ *Rest in peace and power Aunt Mary.*



Deborah A Pitmon-Lane - January 26, 2025 at 07:39 PM

CB

“ *Carolyn Blakemore lit a candle in memory of Mary L. Terry*



Carolyn Blakemore - January 26, 2025 at 04:58 PM

VT

“ Vickie Thornhill lit a candle in memory of Mary L. Terry



Vickie Thornhill - January 25, 2025 at 09:37 PM

AH

“ Audrey High sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary L. Terry



Audrey High - January 25, 2025 at 02:34 PM