



Mary M. Toney

October 3, 1929 - March 9, 2024

Mary M. Toney, 94, of Chattanooga, transitioned from earth to glory on Saturday, March 9, 2024, at her residence. She was born in Madison, Alabama to the late Jim and Paralee Miller on October 3, 1929. She was raised in the Rose Corner/Triana area and was affectionately known as “Mae”, the neighborhood cosmetologist, by her family and friends. She and her mother would enjoy walking to New Hope Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America on Sunday morning, and on some Sundays to New Haven (Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church) for Sunday School. Mary met and married Jimmy “Big Jim” Toney. Big Jim and Mary later moved their family to Chattanooga, Tennessee, where they would reside in the Alton Park and Brainerd Communities. Upon moving to Chattanooga, Mary began to worship with the Thankful Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership Reverend Joe Q. Milsap. She continued her Christian duties at Thankful as a Mother of the Church under the leadership of Reverend Sullivan Coleman, Reverend Oscar Lockhart, and current pastor, Dr. Mack E. Page, Sr., until her health began to fail. Mary also had a sense of fashion and loved to wear hats. She was a hard worker, which was evident by her working at the following businesses: Ellis Restaurant, Erlanger Hospital, Jackson Building (Elevator Operator), the Plymouth Laundry & Dry Cleaners, Heritage Manor and Life Care Center. Out of all these businesses, the Life Care Center was the place she felt she made the most difference by assisting patients for 32 plus years. Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Jimmy (“Big Jim”) Toney; five siblings,

Laura O'Dell Rice, Jim Miller, Louis Miller, Theodore Miller, and Pinkie Ragland; three sons-in-law, Elder Melvon Ingram, Sr., Louis Williams, and Elder Dr. William T. Gladys. Precious memories will be cherished by her adoring children, Bobbie J. Gladys of Harvest, AL, Calvin Toney of Chattanooga, TN, Elaine Ingram of Harvest, AL, Mary Louise Williams and Carolyn J. Denson, both of Chattanooga, TN; adored grandchildren, Ralphiel Toney, Nicholas Gladys, Timothy McGee, Marlena Toney, Christopher Gladys, Jonathan Toney, Dillion Harmon, Melvon Ingram, II, Celita Ingram, Courtney Paige Goodloe, Tony Harmon, Ann Harmon, and Ashley Springs; adored great-grandchildren, Malik McGee, Gabriel Toney, Christopher McGee, Ava Gladys, Reagan Pickett, Chantel (Cory) Peoples and Cheyenne Peoples; two sisters, Eliza Everson of Madison, AL and Irene Ford of Chattanooga, TN; one brother, Roy L. (Elnora) Miller; two sisters-in-law, Irene Dixson and Laura Toney; one brother-in-law, James (Altamese) Toney, all of Chattanooga, TN; adopted grandsons, Cornelius Appleberry, Sean Moore and Justin J-Rod Sims; special friends, Joe Gibson, Erica Swafford, Cheryl Murphy, Deborah Franklin, DeWayne Edwards, Richard McNeil, Margaret McNeil, Christopher McNeil, Deacon Dexter King and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins that will always have fond memories of Mother Mary "Big Ninnie" Miller Toney. Mary will lie-in-state on Friday, March 15, 2024, from 12:30-5:00 p.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will be Saturday, March 16, 2024, at 12 noon at Thankful Missionary Baptist Church with Dr. Mack E. Page, Sr. as the eulogist. Burial in Greenwood Cemetery.

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Cemetery Details

Greenwood Cemetery

1954 Greenwood Road
Chattanooga, TN 37406

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

MAR **15**. 12:30 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

MAR **16**. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Thankful Missionary Baptist Church
980 N Orchard Knob Avenue
Chattanooga, TN 37406

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album CemeteryService-MaryToney



Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc. - July 08, 2024 at 11:15 PM



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Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc. - March 19, 2024 at 11:58 AM



“ 1 file added to the album FuneralService-MaryMToney



Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc. - March 19, 2024 at 11:29 AM

DW

“ Words fall short of expressing my sorrow for your loss. You have my heartfelt condolences.

Denise Hunt-Wilkerson and Family



Denise H Wilkerson - March 18, 2024 at 01:15 PM

PT

“ Our sincere condolences and prayers to the family. May she rest in sweet, perfect, Heavenly peace.....Pam, Don and family.



Pamela and Donald Toney - March 16, 2024 at 12:40 PM

AM

“ Angela Martin-Hale lit a candle in memory of Mary M. Toney



Angela Martin-Hale - March 15, 2024 at 06:10 PM

PA

“ Elaine,

My sincere condolences to you and your family. "Ms. Mary" was a very sweet Lady.

-- Patrick Arnold, Chicago



Patrick Arnold - March 15, 2024 at 04:30 PM

RT

“ *Sending condolence and prayers to the family from Shirley , Marvin, Frederick, and Randy Toney we will continue praying that God strengthen you uplift you in your time of bereavement love you family*

Randy Toney - March 15, 2024 at 11:42 AM

RT

“ *Randy Toney lit a candle in memory of Mary M. Toney*



Randy Toney - March 15, 2024 at 11:37 AM

“ *Safely Home*
by Anonymous



*I am home in heaven, dear ones;
All's so happy, all so bright!
There's perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.*

*All the pain and grief are over,
Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in heaven at last.*

*Did you wonder why I so calmly
Trode the Valley of the Shade?
Oh! but Jesus' love illumined
Every dark and fearful glade.*

*And He came Himself to meet me
On that way so hard to tread;
And with Jesus' arm to lean on,
Could I have one doubt or dread?*

*Then you must not grieve so sorely,
For I love you dearly still;
Try to look beyond the earth's shadows,
Pray to trust our Father's will.*

*There is work still waiting for you,
So you must not idle stand;
Do your work while life remaineth —
You shall rest in Jesus' land.*

*When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you home;
Oh, the rapture of the meeting!*

Oh, the joy to see you come!

With Heartfelt Condolences!

Van E. and Regina Patten Hickman

Van E. and Regina Patten Hickman - March 14, 2024 at 10:55 PM

VH

“ *May peace and comfort be with you during this most difficult time. We are so sorry for your loss. May your favorite memories, that show up as tears on your cheeks today, soon warm your hearts. Memories of your loved one will live on through all of you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Thoughts today. Memories forever.*

With Heartfelt Sympathy.

Van & Regina Patten Hickman

Van & Regina Hickman - March 14, 2024 at 10:25 PM



ED

“ *May GOD pour Blessings among this FAMILY..THE WADLEY,SHROPSHIRE&STARKEY FAMILIES..*



Edie(Wadley)Starkey - March 14, 2024 at 08:18 PM

PF

“ NO TEARS IN HEAVEN

*There are no tears in Heaven or grief of any kind: I leave this final
tear drop to those I left
Behind.*

*Though absent from the body, I'm present with the Lord; the joy of
my salvation is now my full reward.*

*And just as GOD has promised, HE'S wiped my tears away, and
nothing can compare to the wonder of that day.*

*So keep me in your memory and know that up above there are no
tears in Heaven, instead there's only Love.*

Submitted by--THE PATTEN FAMILY

Phyllis Patten Fleming - March 14, 2024 at 03:14 PM

GL

“ GloriaToney,Elaine,Darnell,Kendall&Dyral
purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family
of Mary M. Toney.



GloriaToney,Elaine,Darnell,Kendall&Dyral - March 14, 2024 at
09:55 AM

DF

“ Deborah Franklin purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mary M. Toney.



Deborah Franklin - March 14, 2024 at 09:45 AM

RM

“ Richard, Margaret & Christopher McNeil purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Mary M. Toney.



Richard, Margaret & Christopher McNeil - March 13, 2024 at 03:00 PM

GS

“ Our condolences to the family our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Love you Lisa Sims and Jean Smith

Gloria Jean Smith - March 12, 2024 at 12:27 PM

PS

“ There are no words to relieve the depth of pain and grief that the death of Granny brings. Cherish her memory and the joy she brought to your lives. May you gain strength and understanding as the loving memories of her life continue to shine through you and your family." We love you Granny, and you will be missed. RIP



Herbert and Pat Gray

Patricia Shackelford-Gray - March 11, 2024 at 01:05 PM

SC

IN YOUR TIME OF LOSE REMEMBER ALWAYS KEEP MAMA TONEY'S MEMORIES ALIVE. FROM MY FAMILY (DOUGLAS/JACKSON AND CHALMERS PEACE BE STILL. WILL KEEP YOU ALL UPLIFTED IN PRAYER AMEN.

Sonja Chalmers - March 12, 2024 at 12:09 AM

BB

Calvin, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers during this time. We wish for peace, comfort and wonderful lifetime of memories. May God Bless

Brandon and Misty Brown

Brandon and Misty Brown - March 12, 2024 at 11:46 AM

DH

So sorry for your loss and God Bless the Toney's family and friends.

Don Hunt - March 14, 2024 at 08:20 AM

DK

Sorry for your loss Elaine and Family

Debra Keith - March 15, 2024 at 12:50 PM