

Obituary

Mrs. Mary Frances Berry Pettis infamously known as “Mae Frances” was born May 21, 1940, in Gaston County, North Carolina and departed life on November 26, 2024, at Caromont Regional Medical Center in Gastonia, NC. She was the daughter of the late Herbert Berry Sr. and Modenia Berry. She was preceded in death by her husband Robert Lewis Pettis, her brother Herbert Berry Jr. and her children Barbara Alexander, and David Alexander.

Mary graduated from the historic Highland School, Gastonia, NC. She was a longtime member of the of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, Gastonia, NC where she is remembered for formerly serving as a Sunday School and Vacation Bible School teacher always bringing her creative arts and crafts. She also was a part of the Golden Year Seniors ministry. Mary worked for many years at Pharr Yarn Industries, Gastonia, NC. Once she retired, she found enjoyment and success in being self-employed and baking cakes, providing hair care, as well as floral arrangement services for decades throughout the Gaston County community.

Mary is survived by her sister, Lousie “Libby” Craine, and her children; Mr. Robert Alexander Jr. (Sharon), Mrs. Constance Alexander Grant (Isaac), Mrs. Cassandra Alexander Love (Horace), Mr. Micheal Alexander, Mrs. Robin Pettis Witcher (Sherman), and Ms. Mary E. Pettis along with 13 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, with a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

It's a Time of Heartfelt Sadness

Written by Ron Tranmer

It's a time of heartfelt sadness
When a loved one passes on
But know your loved one lives in joy
And peace where she has gone

Oh, how much she will be missed
That's where the sadness lies
But others who have missed her
now rejoice in Heaven's skies

We know one day we'll join her
Because our time on earth will flee
We'll then live with her forever
Throughout all eternity.



**Flower and Pall Bearers
Family and Friends**

Note of Thanks

With deep appreciation and gratitude, we wish to express our sincere thanks to our many friends and family for the cards, flowers, and other expressions of kindness and sympathy shown during our bereavement.

May God bless each one of you for all that you have done. You are sincerely appreciated.

Services Were Entrusted To:

Gregory Funeral Service, Inc.
601 N. York Street | Gastonia, North Carolina 28052
704-867-4364
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Home Going Services for



Mrs. Mary Frances Berry Pettis

Sunrise
May 21, 1940

Sunset
November 26, 2024

Tabernacle Baptist Church
519 West 19th Ave
Gastonia, North Carolina

Sunday, December 8, 2024
1:30 p.m.

Rev. Dr. Benjamin Hinton, Senior Pastor
Officiating



Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Rev. Dr. Benjamin Hinton

Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Benjamin Hinton

Congregational Hymn

Pastor Ricky Collins
(Tabernacle Baptist Church)

Scriptures

Old Testament

Associate Minister
(Tabernacle Baptist Church)

New Testament

Associate Minister
(Tabernacle Baptist Church)

Prayer of Comfort

Pastor Ricky Collins
(Tabernacle Baptist Church)

Selection

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(Tabernacle Baptist Church)

Remarks

Mrs. Elvira Hunter (friend)
Mrs. Francis Sadler (friend)
Apostle Robert Alexander Jr. (son)

Selection

Mrs. Lakita Patterson Ross (cousin)

Words of Comfort

Rev Dr. Benjamin Hinton

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Benjamin Hinton

Recessional

"Soon and Very Soon"

Interment

Armstrong Cemetery

*Forever
in our Hearts*