

ORDER *O* SERVICE

PROCESSIONAL

Rev. Dr. Benjamin Hinton

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Benjamin Hinton

SELECTION

Tabernacle Baptist Church

SCRIPTURES

Old Testament | Minister Amia Massey

New Testament | Minister Robert Williams, II

PRAYER OF COMFORT

Evangelist Hermeta Watson

RESOLUTION

SELECTION

Mrs. Lakita Patterson Ross (cousin)

WORDS OF COMFORT

Rev Dr. Benjamin Hinton

BENEDICTION

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RECESSIONAL

Interment

Cremation will take place at Mary's request, and her ashes will be scattered in a private family ceremony.

When I'm Gone

Written by Lyman Hancock

When I come to the end of my journey
And I travel my last weary mile
Just forget if you can, that I ever frowned
And remember only the smile

Forget unkind words I have spoken
Remember some good I have done
Forget that I ever had heartache
And remember I've had loads of fun

Forget that I've stumbled and blundered
And sometimes fell by the way
Remember I have fought some hard battles
And won, ere the close of the day

Then forget to grieve for my going
I would not have you sad for a day
But in summer just gather some flowers
And remember the place where I lay

And come in the shade of evening
When the sun paints the sky in the west
Stand for a few moments beside me
And remember only my best

**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.

Arrangements Were Entrusted to:

Gregory Funeral Service, Inc.
601 North York Street
Gastonia, North Carolina 28052
704-867-4364
www.gregoryfuneralservice.com

HOME GOING SERVICES FOR



Mrs. Mary Elizabeth

PETTIS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026 @ 1:30 P.M.

Tabernacle Baptist Church
Gastonia, North Carolina

REV. DR. BENJAMIN HINTON | OFFICIATING



Life Reflection

Mary Elizabeth Pettis, affectionately known as “Maylib” a beloved daughter, sister, aunt, and friend, transitioned from this life on February 6, 2026, at Carolina Caring Robin Johnson House but she will always remain in our hearts. Born on January 14, 1973, in Gastonia, North Carolina, she touched the lives of many throughout her 53 years of life.



Mary was a dedicated daughter to the late Robert Lewis Pettis and Mary Frances Pettis, who laid the foundation for her compassionate spirit. She was preceded in death by them both, including her dear siblings, David and Barbara Alexander, her cherished nephew, Tyricaus Alexander, and her grandparents. Their memories live on in the stories and love shared by those who knew her. Mary is survived by her loving family, including her sisters, Robin Witcher (Sherman Witcher), Constance Grant (Isaac Grant), and Cassandra Love (Horace Love) along with her brothers, Micheal Alexander and Robert Alexander (Sharon Alexander). She also leaves behind her dear Aunt Louise Craine, who provided unwavering support and love throughout Mary’s life, and a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.



Mary dedicated over 20 years of her life as a package car driver for UPS, where her kindness and dedication shone brightly. She also served as an assistant restaurant manager at Wendy’s for six years until her health began to decline. Her work ethic and commitment to her jobs reflected her vibrant personality and dedication to serving others. Mary was a lifelong member of Tabernacle Baptist Church and was deeply involved in her community. She was an active participant in the nonprofit organization Mary & Mary Life Giving Inc, where she volunteered her time to help others. Her passion for community service was evident in everything she did; from organizing food drives to distributing shoes, clothes, hats, and blankets to those in need. Mary found joy in seeing her community grow and thrive. She had a unique ability to bring smiles to the faces of those around her, and willingness to help anyone in need.



Forever in our hearts



Mary faced her battle with cancer with remarkable courage and grace. In her journey, she expressed deep gratitude to all the doctors and nurses who provided care during her illness. Their support not only aided her physically but also inspired her spirit during challenging times. Mary will be remembered for her warm smile, generous heart, and unwavering spirit. As we gather to celebrate her life, we hold dear the memories of her laughter, her love for flowers, and her desire to see everyone around her thriving and happy.

