



Mary Eldridge

July 5, 1940 - January 22, 2025

Mary Elizabeth Wright Eldridge, a proud native of Winston-Salem, NC, was born on July 5, 1940, to William Odell Wright Sr. and Kathleen Massy Wright. She peacefully transitioned to be with the Lord on Wednesday, January 22, 2025.

Known to many as "Great Mary," she lived a life full of vitality, grace, and elegance. She was a beloved member of the group "The Sophisticated Ladies" and had a passion for travel. Mary worked at NC Baptist Hospital for over 26 years, while also running her own successful business, MLDRIDGE Cleaning Service, where she served many doctors as her clients. After retirement, she pursued a lifelong dream of becoming a model.

Mary accepted the Lord Jesus Christ into her heart on December 31, 1979. She began her spiritual journey at Saint Stephens Baptist Church, where she was active in the prayer and outreach ministries. Later, she joined New Covenant Church, where she served as a Hostess and on the Hospitality Committee. In 1986, led by the spirit, she became a member of Saint Peter's World Outreach Center, where she remained faithful, serving on the Mother's Board, the Choir, and as part of the Women's small group, all under the esteemed leadership of Bishop James C. Hash Sr. and Lady Joyce Hash. Her love for her church family was deep and unwavering.

Mary was preceded in death by her sons, George Edward Henderson Jr. and Paul Turner Eldridge Jr.; three brothers; one niece; one nephew; her parents; and both her paternal and maternal grandparents.

She leaves behind her three daughters, Teresa Paulette Walker (Raymond), Darlene Denise Hood (Robert), and Hilda Lynn Foddrell (Bryant); one sister, Doris Davis; 18 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; 4 great-great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends who will forever cherish her memory.

Great Mary's legacy of love, faith, and service will continue to inspire all who knew her.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 31. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Peters World Outreach Center
3683 Old Lexington Road
Winston Salem, NC 27107

Homegoing Service

JAN 31. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Darlene & Family,*

Mary (MayLiz) will truly be missed. She brought so much joy to our family. May our fond memories of her bring peace and comfort in the days to come. Prayers to all. Love, your cousin Marilyn



Marilyn Stitt - January 31, 2025 at 02:46 PM

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“ *Friends are people who go Way..... Back Who Accept You as You Are and Love You Anyway!!!! I Will Miss You. LOVE YOU MY FRIEND!!!!*

Caroleyn Cotton Gillis - January 30, 2025 at 06:42 PM