



Mary Alice Davis Lawrence

January 16, 1930 - April 21, 2020

In the early afternoon of Tuesday, April 21, 2020, the Lord called another soul home to rest. Mary Alice Davis Lawrence quietly left this world for the next at Forest Pine Assisted Living in Columbia, South Carolina. Born January 16, 1930, in Columbia, South Carolina, she was the daughter of the late Eddie and Jennie Mae Martin Davis.

Educated in the public schools of Richland County, she was a 1948 graduate of Booker T. Washington High School. After taking some time off to work, Mary continued her education at Benedict College in Columbia, earning a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education in 1954. Shortly after graduation she married her life partner, the late Eddie Lawrence. To this loving union, two children were born.

Mary served as a Substitute Teacher at Boykins Elementary School in Boykins, Virginia, before relocating to New York City and pursuing another career as a Children's Counselor with the BCW Children's Center. She was responsible for the early development of the physical, emotional, social, and spiritual well-being of the children from two to six years of age for five years before being promoted in 1962 as Supervising Children's Counselor, where she was responsible for the training and supervision of six or more counselors. At the same time she was also serving as Assistant to the Director, where she assumed all duties and responsibility for overall operation

of the Center in the absence of the Director until 1977. From 1977 until her January 1992 retirement, Mary held supervisory positions in both the Location and Interview Units of the Office of Child Support Enforcement #3. Here she performed a wide range of duties including: work activities and assignments; evaluating job performance; training new hires; and enforcing work quality standards per program objectives.

Mary was baptized at an early age at St. Paul Baptist Church in Columbia, South Carolina. Her faith was always vital, and she made it active by serving as Church Secretary at St. Paul and President of the Pastor's Aid Society. While residing in New York, she was an active member of Canaan Baptist Church.

An outgoing person, Mary enjoyed socializing with friends, but she especially enjoyed cruises and family reunions where she could dance and laugh with family and friends alike. Her warmth and jovial manner will long be remembered by those who worked closely with her.

In addition to her parents and spouse, she was preceded in death by two children: Carolyn Davis-McGruder and Gregory J. Lawrence; and four siblings: Hattie L. Owens, Eddie Mae Cook, Shirley C. Williams, and Margaret L. Daley.

She leaves to cherish precious memories her daughter Dana (Carl) Dickey of Columbia; five grandchildren: Davon (Mateka) Lawrence of Columbia, Carl Dickey of Delran, New Jersey, Myles Dickey of Wilmington, Delaware, Eddie Lawrence of El Paso, Texas, and Neraina Mixson of East Orange, New Jersey; three great-grandchildren: Ja'Niyah, Lyric, and Londyn Lawrence, all of Columbia; two sisters: Jacqueline A Lawrence of Augusta, Georgia, and Earline Robinson of Columbia; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and caring friends, all of whom will miss her dearly.

Cemetery Details

Palmetto Cemetery

5050 Fairfield Road
Columbia, SC 29203

Previous Events

Public Viewing

APR **26**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel - Columbia
1200 Fontaine Place
Columbia, SC 29223
(803) 786-6300
palmermemorialchapel@gmail.com
<https://www.palmermemorialchapel.com>

Graveside service

APR **27**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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5050 Fairfield Road
Columbia, SC 29203

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Alice Davis Lawrence*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Alice Davis Lawrence.*



April 30, 2020 at 10:37 AM



“ *Arthur (Minerva) Green lit a candle in memory of Mary Alice Davis Lawrence*



Arthur (Minerva) Green - April 28, 2020 at 10:54 AM



“ *Dear family: Our hearts of sympathies are with you, as we share precious memories of cousin Mary Alice. May The powerful arms of the Almighty God, bring comfort to you, during these grieving times . (Arthur & Minerva Green)*

Arthur (Minerva) Green - April 28, 2020 at 10:47 AM

BR

“ To: Ms. Dana and Family,
I'm praying for you and your family through this difficult time. I pray that your strength shall not fail you and that God will comfort you.
Always,
Britt Patton

Britt - April 26, 2020 at 04:51 PM

KO

“ My Deepest condolences to my Cousins. Dana Devon , the whole crew. We lost a real Trooper, life of the Party, don't take no mess Auntie. LHTL. She's home with the Father and no more Suffering. All my Love Family. One of her favorite songs was Back In Love Again by LTD. I played it all day Thursday I could see her dancing around when it came on. 😭😭 Gonna miss her.
Kevin and Debbie
And
Family

Kevin Owens - April 26, 2020 at 12:44 PM

CD

“ To Dana, Davon, and Family May you find comfort in knowing you are not alone in your sorrow and cared for so much by many. Cheryl D. Williams

Cheryl D.Williams - April 25, 2020 at 09:30 PM

TW

“ Previous message from the Martin & Washington Family.

The Martin & Washington - April 25, 2020 at 07:38 PM

TW

“ Our deepest condolences and love to the family. Know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers for peace and strength during this time. Your cousins, The Martin and Washington Family. Much Love 🙏❤️🌹😊

The Martin & Washington - April 25, 2020 at 07:36 PM

PM

“ To the family of Mary Alice Davis Lawrence,

We were deeply saddened to hear about the loss of your mother and grandmother. Your mother was a beautiful person inside and out. We will always remember the good times, we enjoyed together. Ms. Lawrence was very intuitive and knew when you needed a little advice. She was always kind and generous without fault. She will be missed and always remembered favorably. We know we can't take your pain away, but we want you to know we are here when you need us.

With much love Patricia and Charles Morris and family

Patricia Morris - April 25, 2020 at 03:49 PM

SH

“ Mrs. Lawrence was such a sweet and loving lady who kept me laughing. I will truly miss her smile and words of wisdom. To Davon, Dana and the rest of the family, you all are in my prayers.

Shemika H.

Shemika Heard - April 25, 2020 at 03:44 PM

CD

“ *To Dana and Davon Lawrence & Family
I know that your mother and grandmother’s life will be treasured in beautiful ways. I hope you will be comforted by good memories and held close in God’s love and protection as you grieve.
You have my deepest condolences*

Catherine S. Daley

Catherine Daley - April 25, 2020 at 03:01 PM

NM

“ *Even though I saw you via ft. You knew exactly who I was. , You said I been Waiting on you , So happy i got to meet you before God called you home.Thanks to my brother Davon finding me. Grandma you can take your rest I will make sure he is good . Love Neraina sheree Lawrence Mixson*

Neraina Mixson - April 25, 2020 at 02:18 PM

JL

“ *As the baby sister of Mary Alice, I will cherish the fun time we had growing up together. Mary T was the outgoing and fun sister. She loved entertaining. I know she is happy and resting in peace.
Baby Sister, Jackie*

jacqueline D Lawrence - April 25, 2020 at 02:15 PM

MY

*To EARLINE,JACKIE,DANA AND VERONICA, PLEASE ACCEPT OUT SINCERE CONDOLENCES, TO EACH OF YOU AND ALL THE FAMILY!
WE ALL ARE GRATEFUL TO GOD FOR THE LIFE OF MARY ALICE, TO HAVE KNOWN HER! WE KNEW THAT SHE LOVED EACH OF US AND WE LOVED HER.
LOVINGLY,
MARY ELIZABETH AND CLAUDE YOUNG*

Mary Elizabeth and Claude Young - April 28, 2020 at 10:58 AM

TB

“ *To: Dana, Davon and Family*

*With caring Sympathy, in the loss of your Mom and Grandmother.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Matthew
5:4*

*May the compassion of those who care surround you, the memories
of
shared joys encourage you, and the warmth of God's love embrace
you.*

*With God, Love Lives Forever!
The Browns
Brooklyn, NY*

Tanya Wms Brown - April 25, 2020 at 12:57 PM

BP

*To: Ms. Dana and Family,
I'm praying for you and your family through this difficult time. I pray that
your strength shall not fail you and that God will comfort you.
Always,
Britt Patton*

Britt Patton - April 25, 2020 at 06:41 PM

 Yung
Lawrence

“ *I love u gma*



Yung Lawrence - April 24, 2020 at 07:28 PM

EB

Elder Samuel Jerome Brown & Family.

To: Dana & Davon and Family

I know it's hard to let go a love one who is so dear to your heart.

But to be absent from the body is to be home with the Lord, and I know that's the place of her home now. God Bless you all, love you and will always be here for you.

Elder Jerome Brown - April 26, 2020 at 10:17 AM



God bless you and your family I keep you in my prayers

Terrice Maynor - April 26, 2020 at 03:48 PM

YF

“ *Your Florida Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mary Alice Davis Lawrence.*



Your Florida Family - April 24, 2020 at 07:26 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Alice Davis Lawrence.*



April 24, 2020 at 07:22 PM

BS

“ *Mrs. Dickey,
I'm so sorry for your loss. Your mother was blessed to have your love and support.
God bless you and strengthen you in this time of sorrow.*

Brenda Sanders - April 24, 2020 at 04:04 PM



“ *Donja Brown (Niece) lit a candle in memory of Mary Alice Davis Lawrence*



Donja Brown (Niece) - April 24, 2020 at 11:28 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Alice Davis Lawrence.*



April 24, 2020 at 10:37 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Alice Davis Lawrence.*



April 23, 2020 at 09:24 PM



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April 23, 2020 at 08:24 PM