



Mary Alexander

March 23, 1946 - January 16, 2019

Mary Adeline Henderson Alexander was born March 23, 1946, in Johnson City, TN to the late Mary Louise Jackson and Orville “Slim” Horton.

Mary was preceded in death by her brother Edward Lewis Williams, Jr. and her sister Mable Inez Williams Glaspie.

She leaves to mourn her death two sons: Alan Jerome Alexander and William Ernest Alexander, Jr., her brother James Nathan Henderson (Georgette), a step-daughter Connie Stephens, five grandchildren: Ebony Alexander, Alan B. Alexander (Leslie), Jordan Chillee Carson, Ayanna Alexander, Quinton Alexander, seven great-grandchildren, her beloved nieces and nephews, great-nieces and nephews, great-great nieces and nephews, and special long-time friends Starlett Jean Rhea Benson Williams, Maxine Dabner Johnson and Angela Wood Fritz.

Mary was a true “Renaissance Woman.” She was interested in and involved with the church and the community. She was a dedicated and active member of Bethel Christian Church (Jonesborough, TN), Friendship Baptist Church (Johnson City, TN) and a founding member of the New Jerusalem Baptist Church (Johnson City, TN). Known as the “Mother of The Church” at New Jerusalem, she loved her pastor and first lady Rev. /Mrs. Lester Lattany! Mary also loved the members as she lent her considerable talents as a Sunday

school teacher, a choir member, and usher board member and as a dedicated student of the Word.

Below are just a few of the many accomplishments earned by Mary Alexander.

Education

- She was educated in Johnson City's segregated schools at Dunbar Elementary and graduated from her beloved Langston High School in 1963.
- She received her Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degree in History with an emphasis on African American Studies from East Tennessee State University.
- Her dissertation was on "The Black Churches and Their Impact On The Black Community in the Segregated Johnson City of the 1950's"

Career

- Johnson City Housing Authority for Many Years
- Director of South Central In Kingsport
- Taught at ETSU, North East State, and Subbed for JC Schools
- Watauga Square Complex

Community Activism

- One of the founders of The Langston Heritage Group (formerly known as HAASP)
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer Breakfast
- Several State Historical Markers
- Dr. Hezekiah Hankal Building – JC/Washington County Health Dept.
- ETSU Fountain – Honoring Integration
- Restoration Fundraising Efforts for the West Lawn Cemetery

Civic Involvement

- Washington County Commission – 4th District
- Johnson City Planning Commission
- Washington County Board of Mayor and Alderman
- Washington County Election Commission

- Voters Registration
- Washington County Historical Society
- Board of Rocky Mount Historical Site

Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning. Psalm 30:5b
 For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. Corinthians 5:1

She Shall Be Praised

Proverbs 31:10, 25-28a

Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies.

Strength and honor are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.

She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.

She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.

Her children rise up and call her blessed...

Funeral Services will be held at 1:00pm Wednesday January 23, 2019 at Friendship Baptist Church in Johnson City, TN. The family will receive friends from 12:00pm until 1:00pm at the church prior to the service. Interment will follow at Washington County Memory Gardens in Johnson City.

***Donations in Ms. Alexander's honor can be made to the following Non Profit organizations:

L.E.A.D.-Langston Education & Arts Development Corporation

PO Box 111

Johnson City TN. 37605-0111

&

Westlawn Cemetery

202 Hallbrook Drive Gray, TN 37615

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **23**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Friendship Baptist Church
522 W. Main St
Johnson City, TN 37601

Service

JAN **23**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Friendship Baptist Church
522 W. Main St
Johnson City, TN 37601

Interment

JAN **23**. 2:45 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Washington County Memory Gardens
113 Memory Gardens Rd.
Johnson City, TN 37615

Tribute Wall

CR

“ *Clinton & Pam Rollins lit a candle in memory of Mary Alexander*



Clinton & Pam Rollins - March 30, 2019 at 01:13 PM

CS

“ *Charles Stahl lit a candle in memory of Mary Alexander*



Charles Stahl - January 25, 2019 at 09:43 AM

GN

“ *Mary, my Wilson Avenue Home Girl. You were truly a Child of GOD. You did so much to help others, myself included. Thank you for everything you did. You will be missed. To her family, you have .my prayers and condolences.*



George Nichols - January 25, 2019 at 08:02 AM

SL

“ *Sharron Livingston lit a candle in memory of Mary Alexander*



Sharron Livingston - January 24, 2019 at 10:43 AM



“ *Inez Cole lit a candle in memory of Mary Alexander*



Inez Cole - January 24, 2019 at 09:05 AM

AE

“ *Angelita Earnest Emig lit a candle in memory of Mary Alexander*



Angelita Earnest Emig - January 24, 2019 at 08:57 AM

TB

“ *Tammy Bartlett lit a candle in memory of Mary Alexander*



Tammy Bartlett - January 23, 2019 at 05:28 PM

KB

Sorry I was unable to attend Mary's funeral. My prayers and condolences go out to the family.

Keith Bridwell - January 23, 2019 at 05:39 PM

CB

Mary was a wonderful and unforgettable person. I will miss her good cheer and helpfulness---truly a people person and an excellent teacher. My deepest condolences to Mary's family.

*Colin Baxter,
Professor Emeritus of History
East Tennessee State University*

Colin F Baxter - January 09, 2020 at 02:22 PM

 Brenda
Akins
Charles

“ *James And Breda Akins Charles*



Brenda Akins Charles - January 23, 2019 at 11:20 AM

SB

“ *Sondra Bradley lit a candle in memory of
Mary Alexander*



Sondra Bradley - January 22, 2019 at 11:09 PM

BD

“ *Brenda Davis lit a candle in memory of Mary Alexander*



Brenda Davis - January 22, 2019 at 10:11 PM

PH

“ *Pauletta Hale lit a candle in memory of Mary Alexander*



Pauletta Hale - January 22, 2019 at 10:06 PM

PH

To the family, I won't be able to attend the service but you all will be in my prayers. Going to miss Mrs. Mary.

Pauletta Hale - January 22, 2019 at 10:07 PM

RH

“ *Robert Hall lit a candle in memory of Mary Alexander*



Robert Hall - January 22, 2019 at 09:53 PM

VR

“ *Vanessa Robinson lit a candle in memory of Mary Alexander*



Vanessa Robinson - January 22, 2019 at 10:49 AM

SJ

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Shelia Jones - January 22, 2019 at 10:00 AM

CR

“ *Clara Faye Hart Rutledge lit a candle in memory of Mary Alexander*



Clara Faye Hart Rutledge - January 22, 2019 at 09:49 AM

GM

“ *Gloria McClinton lit a candle in memory of Mary Alexander*



Gloria McClinton - January 22, 2019 at 09:48 AM

JL

“ *Julia Anderson / Letcher lit a candle in memory of Mary Alexander*



Julia Anderson / Letcher - January 21, 2019 at 04:00 PM

FC

“ *Friendship Baptist Church lit a candle in memory of Mary Alexander*



Friendship Baptist Church - January 21, 2019 at 03:13 PM

CT

“ *Connie Thompson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Alexander*



Connie Thompson - January 21, 2019 at 12:22 PM

MW

“ *Mary Williams lit a candle in memory of Mary Alexander*



Mary Williams - January 21, 2019 at 12:17 PM

CL

“ Carolyn Livingston lit a candle in memory of Mary Alexander



Carolyn Livingston - January 21, 2019 at 10:51 AM

TC

“ Thankful Baptist Church lit a candle in memory of Mary Alexander



Thankful Baptist Church - January 21, 2019 at 09:52 AM

JP

“ Janice Phillips lit a candle in memory of Mary Alexander



Janice Phillips - January 20, 2019 at 09:07 PM

BM

“ Brenda S McKinney lit a candle in memory of Mary Alexander



Brenda S McKinney - January 20, 2019 at 07:49 PM

EJ

“ *Edith Riley Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mary Alexander*



Edith Riley Johnson - January 20, 2019 at 07:31 PM

BB

“ *I loved me some Mary .. she taught me so much and at one point in my life I felt really special and close around her! She will forever be missed.. for now sleep with the angels sweetheart💕*

Babby Barner - January 20, 2019 at 07:28 AM

KM

“ *Many may disagree with me but when I tell you that was my Aunt Mary she was my Aunt Mary. She always answered me when I said Aunt Mary. She was a supporter,an advisor and a comforter to me whenever I needed her. She always had a kind word or not so kind word sometimes but they were all spoken with love from my Auntie. Aunt Mary said to me do not let no one and nobody stand in your way. Don't stop pursuing your degree for nothing or no one because she said it is about you finish your degree and become Dr Sue. Auntie when I finish and I will finish oh what a day of rejoicing. All of my Aunties encourage me to move forward I will miss you my friend my Auntie💕*

Katherine Madison - January 20, 2019 at 12:55 AM

KM

“ *Kathy Mills sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Alexander*



Kathy Mills - January 20, 2019 at 12:37 AM

GS

“ *I know her name was called to be with the Lord. She answered that call and I can hear her say here I am Lord. When I would go to her and tell her of some need or someone in need, she would close her eyes. I knew she was talking to the Lord about someone else prayer need. She loved the Lord on this side of Heaven, and now she's with the Lord. One day those who knew her and know the Lord Jesus Christ will again get to see her. We will miss you Mary at Watauga Square Apartments, Bro. George Sheets.*

George Sheets - January 19, 2019 at 06:35 PM

PS

“ *Thank you Mary for all you have done to make our community a better place. I appreciate all your work with Langston school to get your dream accomplished. I also appreciate your teaching at ETSU over the years, but what I appreciate the most was your friendship and counsel to me. I will miss you my friend , but have been blessed to have known you*
Paul Stanton



paul stanton - January 19, 2019 at 06:25 PM

“*Mary Alexander was "more than a friend to me" as we shared conversations, laughter and prayers over the years which continued after I moved out of the area and we were back in stride in June when we returned to Johnson City. I admired her strength to stand and "speak" (what a voice from this woman) to those issues which were near and dear to her heart which affected this community and the surrounding areas. Our community has benefitted from her willingness to go past any obstacle which hindered progress, to go the extra mile and to not give up on what she felt was our right to ask for, and be determined even if the answer was no or not now to go back and speak up again and again. Her ability to press forward with her own educational goals gives a clear vision of what can be accomplished with a made up mind.*

Mary's witness and testimony to the Lord Jesus Christ - can't you hear her say "Jesus" was exhibited in her ability to keep going in spite of her declining health. Her belief in the grace of Jesus impacted my recovery process during my illness 19 years ago. She sent me a page of scriptures entitled " Lisa Black's Victory- God's Grace is Sufficient For You"

The last section closed with Roman 5:1-8 which I have kept close to me, especially now. Her words to me at the end of the page -"Lisa, these scriptures will be helpful with your battle. You have the victory through Christ Jesus. Don't give in, rather give up to Jesus". Love, Mary 6/20/00.

Mary, Your Battle is Over and Victory is Yours My Friend!
Lisa Black

Lisa Black - January 19, 2019 at 02:04 PM

ED

“ *Evelyn Debro lit a candle in memory of Mary Alexander*



Evelyn Debro - January 19, 2019 at 02:03 PM

“Tribute to Auntie Mary
Written Wed. 1/16/19
(The Day She Entered Glory) Simply Titled
"For Auntie"

For almost 38 years, I have had the privilege of being Mary Alexander's great-nephew. Although I may not be able to talk with her face to face (for the moment), I will always be able to say with pride, "that's my Auntie!" whenever she is mentioned. You may be sure I'll do just that, too, because Auntie was/is in a class all by herself.

She taught me almost as much as my own mother and grandmother over the years: how to make a pound cake the RIGHT way, how to love researching local history, especially Black local history, how to shoot somebody a "oh no, I don't think so" look from up to fifty feet away, and how to appreciate the vast range of Black literature. If books were wealth, it would have made her a billionaire - I first encountered James Baldwin, bell hooks, Ralph Ellison, Toni Morrison, Nikki Giovanni, Ntozake Shange and so many other Black literary and philosophical Giants by borrowing from her library. I paid her back by proofreading whatever research for Langston Heritage Group (back when it was HAASP) she was working on at the moment.

Another important thing Auntie taught me was what a truly yielded praise looks like. When she "got happy" during a song or sermon at Friendship Baptist Church, her arms flew up and she threw her head back and cried out, "WHOOOO LORD I JUST THANK YA!!!" She knew how to acknowledge God's greatness with total abandon, with the childlike heart we are told to seek after, and I can never forget that.

So even as I grieve her physical loss, I think of the intellectual, spiritual, cultural, emotional and yes, the culinary riches she left with me, along with over three decades. Then I think of the hope I have

to see her again and I do what I think she would want me to do. I say - Almighty, All Wise God, for the gift of my great-aunt Mary Alexander and the legacy she has left us all: WHOOOOO LORD I JUST THANK YA!!!!

*Charles Edward Charlton
(From Granny-I's Family)*

Tammie Charlton - January 19, 2019 at 12:24 PM

CB

“*Mary Alexander passing is a great loss to the community and all those who had the good fortune to know Mary. I was chair of the History Department when Mary was an adjunct teacher in the Department. Mary was a wonderful teacher and a good friend. I will always remember her as a kind and caring person who has helped to make the world a better place. May God bless you and your family.*

Colin F. Baxter

Colin F Baxter - January 19, 2019 at 11:46 AM

CS

“*Calvin Sneed lit a candle in memory of Mary Alexander*



Calvin Sneed - January 19, 2019 at 11:41 AM

“ Our communities have lost a true angel.

Although Mary "Miss Mary" Alexander was from Johnson City, her influence in Kingsport is still being appreciated and celebrated.

She worked for the South Central Kingsport Community Development Corporation in several capacities.

Johnson City already had the federal Weed & Seed Program cleaning up its inner city neighborhood, and Mary Alexander helped Kingsport and the Riverview neighborhood coordinate its own program.

She was also the Youth Coordinator for DEFY - Drug Education For Youth in Riverview.

She was a New Vision Youth Board Member and community advisor, mentoring the young children of the Riverview community.

Mary Alexander was also a Head Start Board member at the V.O. Dobbins Community Center in Riverview for 30-plus years.

During her later years as a Langston alumnus, she was a charter member on the original committee for the Great Golden Gathering Association, the big reunion of the 15 former African-American Schools in upper East Tennessee and Southwest Virginia.

On behalf of that group, we offer our sincere condolences to the city of Johnson City, her beloved neighborhood, her church friends, her relatives, and the Langston Heritage Group.

On a personal note, I still have the pictures I took during one of the Langston reunions of the tour she gave of the historic West Lawn Cemetery, where Dr. Hezekiah Hankal and his family are interred. From the pictures, you could tell she was still excited about telling the cemetery stories that she often told. I have included one of

those pictures. From her words, I came away with a much greater appreciation for one of the founding fathers of Johnson City and an influential member of the upper East Tennessee community.

She also knew I have a personal passion for taking pictures of bridges, having published several books on them. One day a few years ago, she was driving by and noticed me photographing a old concrete arch bridge over Brush Creek near I-26 near the city barn. She stopped and said "Calvin... what ARE you doing?" Her question sounded like what the church ladies used to ask us kids on the street if they thought we were "into something." I told her I was photographing this wonderful old concrete bridge with all its ornate masonry. She said all these years she only saw a bridge there, but it was interesting that I could look at the same thing and see something beautiful. I never forgot that. She encouraged me, just like she encouraged others.

I already miss you Miss Mary.

--Calvin Sneed

Calvin Sneed - January 19, 2019 at 11:23 AM

CS

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Calvin Sneed - January 19, 2019 at 10:27 AM

CA

“ *Crystal Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mary Alexander*



crystal anderson - January 19, 2019 at 09:29 AM

AN

“ *Angelo Newman lit a candle in memory of Mary Alexander*



Angelo Newman - January 19, 2019 at 08:50 AM

DS

“ *Mary was a driving force in many efforts. She wanted to save the former Langston High School campus and the timing just wasn't right. I am so happy and encouraged to currently play a role in the repurposing of this great school. I had hoped that she would remain well to see the grand opening of the building as we had talked about on so many occasions. Mary always had the persuasion to encourage others to "move things ahead" and "get them done". She will be greatly missed, but remembered for the great works she accomplished in this City.*



Deborah Simmons-Grey - January 19, 2019 at 07:39 AM

DB

“ *Diane Bradley lit a candle in memory of Mary Alexander*



Diane Bradley - January 19, 2019 at 03:50 AM

JH

“ *Joseph Hardin lit a candle in memory of Mary Alexander*



Joseph Hardin - January 19, 2019 at 03:48 AM



“ *Fly high sister Mary! U were a wonderful woman.*



Keisha Douthitt - January 19, 2019 at 12:46 AM

MM

“ *I will miss you dearly Mrs.Mary , you have been a light in my pathway.*

Myra Miller - January 18, 2019 at 10:21 PM

SR

“ *Mary Alexander, I haven't seen you in years yet your influence remain strong. I am grateful for our time together. We talked, we laughed and just had fun. You always were a source of encouragement and love. Love you.* ”



Sherry Roberts - January 18, 2019 at 08:48 PM

LW

“ *MrsMary Alexander was a loving woman that always thought of others she will be greatly missed may God continue to bless her family and friends* ”



Louise.F. Williams - January 18, 2019 at 07:45 PM

TB

“ *Trish Bristol sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Alexander* ”



Trish Bristol - January 18, 2019 at 04:41 PM

HF

“ *Howie Kemper & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Alexander* ”



Howie Kemper & Family - January 18, 2019 at 04:19 PM

HF

“ Mary has been a longtime friend of mine since the day I was born and she's one of the ones who discovered my singing! She's been one of my mentors for many years, loved the way I prayed at certain events and I'm eternally grateful to have known a gentle soul and woman of God like Mary! Me and my family's condolences go out to the family at this time!



Howie Kemper & Family - January 18, 2019 at 04:18 PM

TT

“ Teresa Brooks Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mary Alexander



Teresa Brooks Taylor - January 18, 2019 at 03:17 PM

E,

“ My condolences to the family of Mary Alexander. A beautiful person. The sister I never had. May God continue to bless her son's. She was very effective in my life and will be missed. Much love to the family.
Ernest "Buttons" and Brenda McKinney

Ernest L. McKinney ,Jr. - January 18, 2019 at 02:36 PM

JW

“ *Janice Wells sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Alexander*



Janice wells - January 18, 2019 at 01:39 PM

KB

“ *Katie Bailey-Hynes sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Alexander*



Katie Bailey-Hynes - January 18, 2019 at 12:43 PM

VS

“ *Vanessa Stephens lit a candle in memory of Mary Alexander*



Vanessa Stephens - January 18, 2019 at 12:22 PM

LJ

“ *Louis Locke Jr lit a candle in memory of Mary Alexander*



Louis Locke Jr - January 18, 2019 at 12:21 PM

TS

“ *Tunesia Shade lit a candle in memory of Mary Alexander*



Tunesia Shade - January 18, 2019 at 12:08 PM

AS

“ *Andre Stevens lit a candle in memory of Mary Alexander*



Andre Stevens - January 18, 2019 at 09:38 AM

EB

“ *Elaine Brady lit a candle in memory of Mary Alexander*



Elaine Brady - January 18, 2019 at 08:22 AM

DM

“ *Debra McCrary lit a candle in memory of Mary Alexander*



Debra McCrary - January 18, 2019 at 12:36 AM

LB

“ *Great lady kept us young kids in line growing on Wilson ave.
Prayers for the family*

Larry Black - January 17, 2019 at 08:50 PM

DD

“ *Delores. Delaney lit a candle in memory of
Mary Alexander*



Delores. Delaney - January 17, 2019 at 08:34 PM

PH

“ *Ernie my prayers are with you and your
family.*



Paula H - January 17, 2019 at 06:49 PM

AA

“ *My condolences to the family. She was
always smiling when I saw her! She is going
to be missed.*



Anthony W Adams - January 17, 2019 at 06:46 PM

SA

“ *Sandy.Sylvers@va.gov lit a candle in memory of Mary Alexander*



Sandy.Sylvers@va.gov - January 17, 2019 at 05:21 PM

WJ

“ *Wilma Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Mary Alexander*



Wilma Jenkins - January 17, 2019 at 04:45 PM

CF

“ *Carla Forney lit a candle in memory of Mary Alexander*



Carla Forney - January 17, 2019 at 03:26 PM

SJ

“ *Sharmaine Montague Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mary Alexander*



Sharmaine Montague Johnson - January 17, 2019 at 02:37 PM

LB

“ *Praying God grant you strength and grace through this difficult time. Mary will be missed and her contributions to the community will forever be remembered. Peace and comfort*
LAB



LB - January 17, 2019 at 02:31 PM

VR

“ *Vanessa Robinson lit a candle in memory of Mary Alexander*



Vanessa Robinson - January 17, 2019 at 02:11 PM

PD

“ *Pauline Douglas lit a candle in memory of Mary Alexander*



Pauline Douglas - January 17, 2019 at 02:00 PM

 **Brenda Akins Charles**

“ *Brenda Akins Charles sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Alexander*



Brenda Akins Charles - January 17, 2019 at 01:59 PM

MD

“ *Melvin Drumgoole sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Alexander*



Melvin Drumgoole - January 17, 2019 at 12:42 PM

KT

“ *Keitha Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mary Alexander*



Keitha Thompson - January 17, 2019 at 11:03 AM

MF

“ *Moricina & Gary Fain sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Alexander*



Moricina & Gary Fain - January 17, 2019 at 10:07 AM

MF

I love you my dear friend. I will cherish our memories forever. Already missing the laughter.

Moricina & Gary Fain - January 17, 2019 at 10:11 AM

FF

“ Fred Jackie Fields lit a candle in memory of Mary Alexander



Fred Jackie Fields - January 17, 2019 at 09:43 AM

CB

“ Charles Bufford lit a candle in memory of Mary Alexander



Charles Bufford - January 17, 2019 at 09:21 AM

CB

U will be missed Mary Blessings

Charles Bufford - January 17, 2019 at 09:23 AM

RN

I am so sorry for the passing of one of Gods gift to the world. She truly was a lady of action one was directed from God one would stand fast. We truly love will miss all her fly. high my sister left your wings and fly high. Praying family and friends.

Rev Nobleton. - January 17, 2019 at 10:27 AM

Mary Rollins

“ Mary Rollins sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Alexander



Mary Rollins - January 17, 2019 at 08:23 AM

AC

“ Anna Collie lit a candle in memory of Mary Alexander



Anna Collie - January 17, 2019 at 07:35 AM

DM

“ Darrell & Janice Murphy lit a candle in memory of Mary Alexander



Darrell & Janice Murphy - January 17, 2019 at 06:46 AM

TB

“ Trish Bristol sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Alexander



Trish Bristol - January 17, 2019 at 06:13 AM



“ Pamela Renea lit a candle in memory of Mary Alexander



Pamela Renea - January 17, 2019 at 06:01 AM



“ *Expressing deepest condolences, love and prayers at Mary’s passing. There is comfort in knowing she’s resting peacefully, awaiting that great, glad day when Christ returns! We pray precious memories sustain you all through this season of bereavement. Love, “Queen” and Family*



Cheryl Rhea - January 17, 2019 at 03:05 AM

JW

She will be missed we were next door neighbor for years. We all were family,we played together use to go to church with her in the evening .her house was my second home she don't have to suffer any more. She's at peace. I will be praying for her 2 sons Allan and Erie and rest of family may God give you the peace you need to get thru,he's right by your side. Janice wells family

Janice wells - January 18, 2019 at 01:54 PM

RJ

“ *Ray Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mary Alexander*



Ray johnson - January 16, 2019 at 10:08 PM



“ *Linda Workman lit a candle in memory of Mary Alexander*



Linda Workman - January 16, 2019 at 07:59 PM

LB

“ Mary was a strong Pillar to our community, but I hold a special place in my heart for this Strong Warrior. I will never forget the words she said to me when my Sister passed away several years ago. She felt my grief and pain then she gave me the strongest hug. She whispered in my ear and said "remember when you have done all you could do, just Stand and hold your head up high." I can't tell you how many times her words have resonated in my mind, and carried me through. I pray these word will give the family comfort as well.
Lydia



Lee & Lydia Bridwell - January 16, 2019 at 07:12 PM

LB

“ Lynn & Rayetta Bachman lit a candle in memory of Mary Alexander



Lynn & Rayetta Bachman - January 16, 2019 at 05:05 PM

NP

“ NANCY AKINS POSEY lit a candle in memory of Mary Alexander



NANCY AKINS POSEY - January 16, 2019 at 02:30 PM

NP

“ MARY ALEXANDER WAS A WONDERFUL LADY, SHE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED.
I WAS HER NEXT. DOOR NEIGHBOR. WE GREW UP TOGETHER AND I ALSO WENT TO CHURCH WITH HER SOMETIMES. MAY GOD COMFORT AND BLESS HER FAMILY
@ THIS TIME, MY PRAYERS AND LOVE TO YOU. NANCY (AKINS) POSEY

NANCY AKINS POSEY - January 16, 2019 at 02:29 PM

JW

“ Janice Wells lit a candle in memory of Mary Alexander



Janice wells - January 16, 2019 at 01:55 PM

JW

“ Janice Wells sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Alexander



Janice wells - January 16, 2019 at 01:47 PM

JW

We were next door neighbors grew up together.on Wilson ave. Her house was my second home. She will be missed. Rest in peace.
Janice akins wells

Janice wells - January 16, 2019 at 01:57 PM

CR

“Mary was a true testament to her faith in our Lord and Savior. She taught me many lessons as I traveled along life's highway and rejoiced with me as I succeeded in my goals. She was instrumental in my joining the Friendship Baptist Church family when my husband and children moved to Johnson City. I will always remember her hilarious stories and sense of humor. She was a "force to be reckoned with" as she pioneered her way into politics and civic activities as well. May each member of her family be comforted by the reassurance that she now is free from the shackles of bondage from her earthly life and that God has His Hands full (LOL) with her walking the streets of gold as she reunites with those who have gone before her and most likely is singing "my soul looks back and wonders how I got over." This is a journey that each of us are destined to take so let us celebrate her life and reassess our lives making the most of the days that God allows us and share the truth of His Love and Forgiveness so that when we stand before Him, we, too, shall hear those beautiful words, "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

Clara "Faye" Hart Rutledge

Clara Faye Hart Rutledge - January 16, 2019 at 12:28 PM

VP

“Viola Patton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Alexander



Viola patton - January 16, 2019 at 11:51 AM

OJ

May God continue to bless and be with her children now and always as they go through this trying time. She will be sorely missed but would expect all her family to pick themselves up and continue what she started. Educate yourself and make a difference in your community and the world. Speak up and do what is right. When knocked down, pick yourself up, dust off and continue doing that which is right. Let no man stifle the truth. God bless all of you now and always.

Odessa J. Johnson - January 22, 2019 at 05:16 PM