

Honorary Flower Bearers

Red Hat Society Hilltop Rough Chapeaux
Les Bon Amis Club
OES – Order of Eastern Star, MIZPAH Chapter #37
Granddaughters

Flower Bearers

Friends of the Family

Honorary Pall Bearers

Grandsons

Pall Bearers

Corey Battles • Donnie Gordon • Maurice Gordon
Jonathan Hambrick • Roderick Raymond • Ramzee Robinson

Ushers

Lakeside United Methodist Church Usher Board

Interment

Valhalla Memory Gardens

Acknowledgement:

The family of Mary A. Byars acknowledges with grateful appreciation the many prayers and acts of kindness shown during the illness and passing of their loved one. May God continue to richly bless each of you.

Final Arrangements Entrusted to:

Royal Funeral Home

4315 Oakwood Avenue • Huntsville, AL 35810

"When only memories remain, let them be beautiful."

A Celebration of Life

for

Mary A. Byars

March 5, 1923 – September 20, 2010



Friday, September 24, 2010

12:00 p.m.

Lakeside United Methodist Church

3738 Meridian Street

Huntsville, Alabama 35811



Reverend Para F. Cameron, Pastor/Officiant

Obituary

Mary Ann Byars was born to the late Major and Estella Bevels on March 5, 1923 in Madison County Alabama. She departed from this life on Monday, September 20, 2010, at Crestwood Hospital. She was the second of nine children. Her brothers, Major, Frank, and Arthur, and two sisters, Jannie Odell and Pricilla Bevels, preceded her in death. Mary was also preceded in death by her husband, Mr. Alphonso Byars and her daughter, Queen Elizabeth Byars.

She was converted at an early age and became a faithful member of King's Memorial Methodist Church in Decatur, Alabama. After relocating to Huntsville, Alabama she then became a member of Lakeside United Methodist Church under the Pastorship of the Reverend O.R. Flournoy, where she served faithfully until her health failed her.

Mary had a green thumb which was evident from the assortment of vibrant rose bushes that blossomed throughout her backyard and the numerous plants throughout the sunroom of her home. She enjoyed traveling, was an avid seamstress, enjoyed cooking, and shopping. Mary was a member of the Red Hat Society – Hilltop Rough Chapeaux, Les Bon Amis Club, and OES – Mizpah Chapter #37.

Remembering Mary with love are her children: Dollie (Henry) Bradley of Madison, AL; Lester (Warner) Byars, Annie Marie Byars, Phyllis Byars all of Huntsville, AL, and Denise (Calvin) Boone of Harvest, AL. She will also be missed by her brother, William Bevels of Clemmons, NC; sisters, Iola (Julius) Rhone of St. Louis, MO and Viola Bevels of Decatur, AL; and one uncle, Oliver (Mabel) Ragland of Huntsville, AL.

Mary is also honored by her grandchildren: Mario (Sonja) Byars, Rhonda (Ray) Hopson, Marcus (Ericca) Bradley, Victoria Tibbs, LaToya (Carl) Fletcher, LaShelle (Jason) Townsend, LaTerra (Eric) Terrell, Allunda Fletcher, Kalicia Darby, and Derrick Byars. She also was greatly loved by 17 great grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Pictorial Tribute



Order of Service

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

SELECTION Lakeside United Methodist Choir
"We'll Understand It Better" – Page 525 UMH

OPENING PRAYER.....Reverend Earla S. Lockhart

SCRIPTUREPastor Waymond Smith
 Old Testament.....Job 19: 25-27
 New Testament.....2 Timothy 4: 6-8

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENTBishop G. Calvin Boone

SELECTION Lakeside United Methodist Choir
"God Will Take Care of You" – Page 130 UMH

TRIBUTE (3 minutes each)

"Mama's Roses"
 Rhonda Hopson

"As A Friend"
 Irene Smith

"As An Eastern Star Member" – Worthy Matron
 Mary P. Joiner
 OES – Order of Eastern Star, MIZPAH Chapter #37

SELECTION Lakeside United Methodist Choir
"It Is Well With My Soul" – Page 377 UMH

EULOGYReverend Sara F. Cameron

SOLOElder Daisy Pam

CLOSING PRAYER.....Bishop G. Calvin Boone

MORTICIANRoyal Funeral Home

RECESSIONAL
"I'll Fly Away" – Page 601 AAHH

Mama's Roses

Our grandmother has always loved roses. Every Mother's Day when we asked what she wanted, her single response was always "roses...just get me some roses." She had several rose bushes of every color and variety. As we planted the roses along the fence border, she would love to see them bloom and always say "I have some beautiful roses." As a tribute to our grandmother, we are representing what she brought to our lives in the different rose colors and meanings.



Rhonda chose red because mama was full of love, beauty, and perfection. She always reminded me that I was beautiful and cherished me as she raised me as her own child.

As white represents purity and new beginnings, Victoria chose this rose because she knows that now grandmamma has a new beginning as she lives on with the Lord.



Yellow was chosen by LaToya in representation of grandmother's caring and nurturing spirit. She is grateful to her and Aunt Marie for caring for her son, Jaden upon her return to work.

"Grandmother was a very jazzy, classy lady," LaShelle remembered, as she chose pink the symbol of grace and elegance.



Finally, LaTerra reflected on the blazing energy that orange represents because grandma was always on the go traveling here and there.

As she leaves us with this legacy of love and strength, we thank God that she lived to see her roses bloom and blossom to maturity and blessed us with the wisdom and knowledge to live virtuous lives. We will miss you and love you forever.
 Grandchildren