



# Lillie Mae McClary

October 23, 1934 - January 30, 2022

## Obituary

### Lillie Mae McClary

Lillie Mae McClary was a loving and devoted wife, military spouse, mother, grandmother, aunt, sister, foster parent, and friend. She departed this life and gained her wings on January 30, 2022. She was 87 years old.

She was born on October 23, 1931, to the late Walter and Edith Hayward in Greeleyville, South Carolina and attended Kingstree High School.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Albertha Lumpdln, and her brother Roosevelt "Buddy" Hayward. Lillie Mae was baptized as a child at the St. John's Baptist Church in Kingstree, SC. She married Henry McClary, Jr. on March 17, 1955, and is survived by five children: Christine McClary, Curtis McClary, Cynthia Scott, Celeste Logan (Joseph), and Sean McClary; thirteen grandchildren, Eric and Calvin McClary; Curtis and Alexia McClary; Lauryn Scott, Tome Martin (Daniel); and Joseph, Jahem, Joelle, Jolie, Jameson, Joy and EnNaja Logan; four great-grandchildren: Moliqne and Devontae Bryant, Janiyah McClary and Flynn Martin; four great-great-grandchildren; Ava, Ayden, Nevaeh, and Ahmir Bryant, devoted sister-in-law Geneva Hayward, friend and caregiver Barbara Moody, and many relatives and friends.

In addition to her love for her family, over the years she opened her heart and home to over twenty foster care children. She was a master seamstress, avid gardener, and an amazing cook who could transform any ingredients into a tasty meal.

You only live once and if you do it right that's enough. For Lillie Mae life was a journey filled with wanderlust and adventure. While the family was stationed in Germany, she was able to travel to France, Italy, and Switzerland. And if that wasn't enough, in her later years she traveled with her daughter to Germany, France, Poland and the Netherlands.

Lillie Mae became part of Virginia surface transit history in 1971 being one of the first women bus operators hired by the Alexandria, Bancroft, and Washington Transit Authority (AB&W), known today as Metro. She was the fit model for the new Metro women's uniform. In 1973, she modeled the new Metro women's uniform for the unveiling to the Board of Directors and to the public for the newly formed Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA).

Lillie Mae was truly a "Go Getter" and will be remember as such. Whether it was telling her children to go get her purse, telling those entrusted in her care to go get a job or an education, or going to get "it" herself to make the life of her family, friends, and strangers fulfilling and enriched.

# Cemetery Details

## Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

FEB 18. 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Ave.  
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.  
Richmond, VA 23222

## Family Hour

FEB 18. 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel  
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.  
Richmond, VA 23222

## Celebration of Life with live streaming

FEB 19. 1:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Lillie Mae McClary, Please Click the Link below.



March Funeral Homes - February 07 at 09:44 AM

SH

“ We are so sorry we can't be here with you today. But we love you and are saying prayers of comfort for you and the family - Hattie McClary and Family ❤️

shadae - February 19 at 03:07 PM

CC

“ The Cashwell family sends our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to Cynthia, Lauryn, Toure and the McClary family at this time of great sadness and loss. Your mom and grandma are in God's loving embrace now. May your many wonderful memories of her remind you of a life well lived. The first time I met your mom and grandma was when she came to visit you in Indiana. She came with a trunk full of food, all of which was delicious, but I got to enjoy some of the best venison I've ever had. It was sooo tender and tasty! Most of all I'll remember her warm and welcoming smile. We love you and are here for you. Garry, Cassandra, Kheshia, Kara and Kayla.

Cassandra Cashwell - February 19 at 10:16 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lillie Mae McClary.



February 19 at 08:45 AM

MS

“ To the McClary Family...

*WoW! We were extended families living next door on Payne St, "The Southside". Right next door for so many years and even shared part of your family's land near Ft. Belvoir.*

*The generosity was unmatched!*

*My grandmother would keep me before I started school or summers; I was limited to where she would let me go or as she put it, "stray off to". But she'd let me go on our shared porch or to the backyard where we shared the fence. Curtis and I would throw the nerf over the fence to each other until he scrambled off somewhere else.*

*It seems, I always remembered Mrs McClary with a smile or maybe even a chuckle laughing at my father's and Mr. McClary's banter....man so man good times. S. Payne street was pretty tight, a family setting, from the Carrs, Huggins, and right in the middle, the McClary's.*

*Thanks for allowing me a chance to share some memories. Sending prayers for comfort. Much Love to the family!.*

*Reese, Sylvia, and Nicco Shaw*

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**Maurice "Reese" Shaw** - February 18 at 03:00 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lillie Mae McClary.



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February 18 at 02:39 PM

DE

“ My sincere condolences to the McClary family in your loss. We were next door neighbors in Alexandria and I have fond memories of growing up with extended family. May your days be filled with the great memories of your love one. Peace and Blessings to you all.

*Darlene Shaw English*

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**Darlene English** - February 17 at 01:18 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lillie Mae McClary.*



February 17 at 09:47 AM

AD

“ *My condolences to the McClary family my name is Adrien Hailey i had the pleasure working with Lillie McClary at Fastran for over twenty years i will continue to keep the family in my prayers God Bless*



**Adrien** - February 16 at 07:45 PM

PT

“ *The McClarys were next-door neighbors for years in Alexandria, Va. I have fond memories of Mr. & Mrs. McClary, Christine, Cynthia, Curtis, and Celeste. Back in the day, neighbors were like extended family, and that is exactly how I remember Mrs. McClary. I am very happy that my mom, sister, and nephew paid the McClary's a visit in Richmond a few years ago. We had a fun time reminiscing about the days of being neighbors in Alexandria. It is an honor to have known Mrs. McClary's kind, friendly, caring personality, and I wish the entire McClary Family fond memories as they grieve.*  
*Paulette Shaw Temple*

**Paulette Shaw Temple** - February 08 at 02:55 PM

CS

“ *13 files added to the album It's a Family Affair*



**Cynthia Scott** - February 07 at 01:26 AM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

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**March Funeral Homes** - February 04 at 11:24 AM