



Audrey May

June 3, 1927 - January 24, 2019

AUDREY WINFRED STUBBS MAY, with the love of her life close at hand, transitioned on Thursday, January 24, 2019 at age 91. She had grown up in the Presbyterian faith, had trusted in Christ and knew without question to whom her life belonged and where her soul would go. Audrey was a reading specialist with the Baltimore City Public Schools, serving students at a number of elementary schools including Diggs-Johnson School #162, Fort Worthington School #85, and School #139. Audrey's dedication to the teaching profession was matched by her firm commitment to her church. As a child, she regularly attended Sunday School. Years later, she held several responsible positions at Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church. As a member of the Board of Trustees there, she spent many Sundays counting the money collected during church services. She plied her fundraising skills with the Ladies Guild and the Emeritus Group. The latter organization, comprised of the more mature church members, arranged for chartered bus trips to area casinos in order to renovate the church kitchen, purchase hymnals and Bibles, and repair the roof. Audrey's social activities included membership on the Board of the Arena Players, which is the oldest continually performing African American community theatre

company in the United States. She also kept in close contact and enjoyed spending time with classmates from her days in high school and college. In the 1960s, Audrey and several dear friends formed a group called The ABCs. To qualify for membership, the candidates' first name had to begin with either A, B, or C. The celebrants would party together in their respective birthday months.

After receiving a diploma from Frederick Douglass High School in 1944, Audrey went on to matriculate at the Coppin State Teachers College. It was there that she painstakingly developed a cursive handwriting style which clearly identified her and her fellow classmates as graduates of Coppin. Audrey received her Master's Degree in Education from Boston University. She proved herself to be an outstanding teacher who worked hard to expand the minds of inner city children.

Audrey retired from teaching in 1979.

Parents Mary Paige Stubbs and James Edward Stubbs had three children.

Audrey was born on June 3, 1927 and grew up in Baltimore City. Older brothers, Wesley and Melvin Stubbs, who were delighted to have a female sibling, cherished and always protected their little sister.

Semuel met Melvin Stubbs first and the two played golf together at the segregated Carroll Park. In 1946 after an honorable discharge from the Army Air Corps, Semuel met Audrey through a friend of a friend, who also lived on Madison Ave.

It was not until 1952 that Semuel bought a ring and popped the question. In December of that year, the pair gave each other for Christmas a formal hand-tinted photo taken at Castleberg's Jewelers on Lexington Street.

June 24, 1953 was a bright, sunlit day. The couple tied the knot during a traditional wedding ceremony officiated by Rev.

Reginald Daniels at Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church. Escorted down the aisle by brother Wesley, the diminutive bride wore a four-tiered skirted white dress and a fitted cap from which a fingertip veil flowed. Standing next to her that day at the altar was a handsome and beaming Samuel Waldo May, Jr. His broad smile expressed a love for his new bride, friend, and soul mate which carried them through 65 years of marriage. Samuel and Audrey have one son, Stuart Elliott May. He made both of his parents very proud by completing a degree in environmental studies from Gettysburg College and holding the position of Director of Husbandry and Operations at the North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores. Audrey is survived by her devoted husband, Samuel; their son, Stuart; stepson V. Eric W. May, Sr. and his wife, Sharon A. H. May; daughter-in-law, Pia Sigrid Treadwell May; grandchildren, Melyssa Ellen May, Raychel Erika May, and V. Eric W. May, Jr.; and great-grandchildren Kimberly Melissa May and Carsen Joseph May. Surviving niece, Wesley Susan Stubbs Robinson, her husband, Earl and their daughter Erin reside in Atlanta, Georgia. Her brothers, Dr. Wesley Stubbs and Melvin "Ike" Stubbs, and granddaughter, Kimberly Erica May preceded Audrey in death. All those who knew Audrey Winfred Stubbs May appreciated her welcoming personality. With an open heart and mind, she always listened intently to the concerns of others and maintained a notable calm in stressful situations.

Cemetery Details

Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road
Owings Mills, MD

Previous Events

Viewing Due to Inclement Weather

JAN 29. 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
(410) 542-2400
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Due to Inclement Weather

JAN 29. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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Wake

JAN 30. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Madison Ave Presbyterian
2110 Madison Ave

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Audrey May*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Audrey May.*



January 28, 2019 at 09:00 PM



“ *Dear Uncle Semuel, Stuart, Pia, and girls,
My heart is very heavy as I just heard the news of Aunt Audrey's passing. She was such a great friend to Mom. I have the fondest memory of both of you at my wedding back in 2006, winning the longest married couple at the reception. I will miss Aunt Audrey's kind and encouraging words. Her spirit was so warm and nurturing to all. God bless you all, and what a joy it was to have her in your lives and in our lives for all these years. Aunt Audrey, you are now joining all those whose lives you touched who went before you...Mom will be so happy to see you again!
Love to all, Shelly Gross Ray*

Shelly Ray - January 28, 2019 at 08:00 PM

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“ Dear Uncle Samuel, Stuart and Family,

I will always remember Aunt Audrey's sweet smile, compassion and love. She was a special "aunt" to me and my two sisters; and a special friend to our mom, Pete. My love goes out to all of you. May God bless and comfort you during this time.

*Love you all,
Angela Del Pino*

Angela Del Pino - January 28, 2019 at 07:35 PM

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“ Love, Butch and Karen Smith purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Audrey May.



Love, Butch and Karen Smith - January 28, 2019 at 06:58 PM

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“ To the Family,
At a time like this, reflection on the promises of Almighty God is very comforting. Like the promise at Isaiah 25:8 to swallow up death forever. May these thoughts encourage you during your time of bereavement. Our condolences to you and your family.

The Howard Family - January 28, 2019 at 09:07 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.

March Funeral Homes - January 25, 2019 at 12:23 PM