



Eliza Jane Mays

January 26, 1949 - February 18, 2024

Eliza Jane Mays was born January 26, 1949 in Turbeville, S.C. She passed away on Sunday, February 18, 2024 at Howard County General Hospital.

Eliza graduated from Frederick Douglass Senior High School in 1967 and then she went on to earn an Associates Degree from Baltimore City Community College (BCCC). While staying home to raise her children, she opened up a licensed daycare service in her home. After her children graduated from high school, she resumed her career as a Para-Professional and Substitute Teacher with Baltimore City Public Schools. Since she had a passion for educating and nurturing young minds to help them be successful, she did this until she retired.

Eliza married the love of her life, William T. Mays on August 1, 1977 in Baltimore, MD. They both became one of Jehovah's Witnesses later in August 1977, when they got baptized together in symbol of their dedication to serve Jehovah God. They both died serving Jehovah faithfully.

Eliza was affectionately known to her loved ones and intimate close friends as "Cookie". She was a spiritual woman who was loving, caring, hospitable, reserved and incredibly family-oriented. She had a down-to-earth personality that endeared her to all who knew her intimately. In her free time, Eliza enjoyed sewing, gardening, decorating, listening to music, dancing and most

of all, spending time with her family and friends.

Eliza will be dearly missed by her children: Tiffany Mays, Melissa Mays and William Mays, Jr.; her grandchildren, Saniya Atkinson, Shantia Benson and Skylar Benson; her great-grandchildren, her siblings, Marie Ford, Lucy Herring, Janie Herring-Long and Richard Herring; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, extended family members and friends.

Eliza was preceded in death by her husband, William Thomas Mays, Sr.; her son Anthony Benson (Jack); her parents, George Herring, Sr. and Mattie Herring; her siblings, George Herring, Jr., Alice Hughes, Henry Herring, Hardy Herring and Isaiah Herring.

Cemetery Details

Crownsville Veterans Cemetery

1122 Sunrise Beach Road
Crownsville, MD 21032

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAR 1. 3:30 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home - West
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215

Wake

MAR 2. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness
630 Streaker Road
Sykesville, MD 21784

funeral

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Tribute Wall



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“ *To the family of Sister Eliza Mays. I am sorry to know about the loss of your loved one. The pain is tremendous even with the passage of time. There are scriptures in the Bible to help provide relief of grief and distress. Please read Ps 65:2 that reads "The Hearer of prayers a source of comfort in times of grief and distress.*

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“ *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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