



## Mamie Elizabeth Diggs

August 20, 1932 - April 19, 2025

### OBITUARY

Mamie L.E.M. Diggs of Honeybrook, PA, formerly of 2106 N. 20th Street, Henrico, Virginia, for 65 years, departed this life on Saturday, April 19, 2025. She was born on August 20, 1932, to the late Frank Wilbert Moore and Susie Alma Jackson Moore. Her son, Clarence Donnell, and her husband, Rev. Clarence B.O. Diggs, preceded her in death, and six brothers, John, Ernest, Willie Lee, James, David (Wendell), and Barnie Moore. She was the second of seven siblings and the only daughter among six brothers.

Mamie accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at Hassidiah Baptist Church in Jarratt, VA, where she served as secretary of Sunday school and sang in the choir. Mamie attended Sussex County Schools, where she graduated as valedictorian of her high school class in 1951. Mamie met the love of her life, Clarence Diggs, and they married on July 31, 1952. To this union, three children were born, Donnell, Gaylor, and Jason. They were married for 65 years at the time of Clarence's death.

Mamie enjoyed reading and reciting poems, as well as solving crossword and word search puzzles. In 1961, she joined Cedar Street Memorial Baptist Church of God under the leadership of Dr. Benjamin W. Robertson, Sr. At Cedar Street, she joined the Royal Usher Board, and in 1970, she was ordained as a deaconess, serving in various capacities as guided by God. She received several plaques from Cedar Street and was a dedicated deaconess for 54 years. Her favorite scripture was Proverbs 3: 5-6, which

reads, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." Mamie placed her trust in the Lord, and her abiding faith enabled her to rely on His guidance in her daily life.

In 1961, she also became a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Eastend #79. She was an active member of the order and received various certificates. She was a District Deputy organizer for District #5, overseeing 13 chapters and youth departments. In 1994, she became Grand Worthy Matron of the Jurisdiction of Virginia, which covered the entire state. Mamie enjoyed this organization because it was based on religious principles, but it did not replace her attendance and service at her church.

Mamie was the first lady at Little Fork Baptist Church, Cartersville, Virginia, for fourteen years. Members of the church continued to honor her by sending cards and calling her for her birthday and holidays. She was an Elder at Faith Community Baptist Church, located at 1903 Cool Lane. She participated in their deaconess ministry, Thursday Bible class, Sunday school, and worked with the Hattie Kemp, Jr. missionary and senior group. and the Cool Lane Neighbor Watch.

Mamie worked with the Cool Lane Neighborhood Watch and participated with the Henrico Triad S.A.L.T. (Senior and Law Enforcement Together) council of the police academy and received a certificate in 2000. She was also a member of the Red Hat Society.

Mamie leaves to cherish her memory her devoted children, daughter Gaylor C. (Ann Marie) and son Jason O. Diggs, (Judy); four grandchildren, Djuan, Cedric (Leal), Jason II (Karlie), and Jalin Diggs and great grandchildren, Shaimere, Isaiah, Akil, Akira, Raheem, Maima, Aubree, Isaiah, Elcie, Cedel and Elijah Diggs. She is also survived by three sisters-in-law, Trudie and Louise Moore, and Ruth L. King (James), as well as devoted nieces and nephews, and a host of relatives and friends, including her adopted children, Carolyn and Albert Rice. Mamie will always be fondly remembered for her love of sending cards to family members and friends for birthdays and

holidays.

A service celebrating Mamie's life will be held on Monday, April 28, 2025, at Cedar Street Baptist Church of God, 2301 Cedar Street, Richmond, Virginia, at 11:00 a.m. The family will receive friends from 10:00-10:45 a.m. prior to the service. Interment will follow at Forest Lawn Cemetery, Richmond, Virginia.

There will be a public viewing at the funeral home on Saturday, April 26, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

The family would appreciate memorial contributions to Cedar Street Baptist Church in memory of Mamie E. Diggs, in lieu of flowers.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane  
Richmond, VA 23222

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

APR **26**. 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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

## Celebration of Life

APR **28**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Cedar Street Baptist Church of God  
2301 Cedar Street  
Richmond, VA 23223

# Tribute Wall

PT

“ *The Diggs family was like our extended family. Mrs. Diggs was a great supporter of our neighborhood. She always were busy in her yard keeping it so beautiful. I think her for supporting my daughter at her HS graduation. I am praying for the family that you be strong. She will be greatly missed.  
Patricia Turner-Wilkins your neighborhood and family friend.*

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**Patricia Turner** - April 27, 2025 at 12:02 PM

RV

*Rip my beautiful Queen I will miss all of our long distance calls your love caring and your wisdom I love you always and for ever Love Roz Venable*

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**Roz venable** - April 29, 2025 at 09:17 AM

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*Love you always Rov v*

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**Roz venable** - April 29, 2025 at 09:21 AM

VM

“ *Virginia Mason lit a candle in memory of Mamie Elizabeth Diggs*



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**Virginia Mason** - April 26, 2025 at 01:31 PM

GT

“ *The Blakey family sends condolences and love to the family. PGWM Diggs was a Star among Stars to us. We appreciated the love and guidance she gave to us all in our Chapter and personal lives. We will forever be missed and loved.*

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**Gerald and Carlise, Germaine and Toni** - April 26, 2025 at 11:31 AM

DB

“ *Mamie was a very sweet person, I am from Jarratt two, we went to the same schools. She will be truly missed. Lve Doris Hall Buskey*

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**Doris Buskey** - April 25, 2025 at 07:28 PM

TF

“ *The Thomson Families purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Mamie Elizabeth Diggs.*



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**The Thomson Families** - April 24, 2025 at 07:03 PM

FC

“ *From The Little Fork Baptist Church purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mamie Elizabeth Diggs.*



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**From The Little Fork Baptist Church** - April 24, 2025 at 04:46 PM

EH

“ Deepest sympathy and prayers to the Moore/Diggs Family in Mamie's passing. May God bless and comfort each of you at this very difficult time. Even though Mamie lived a long and victorious life, she will be tremendously missed by so many. As an Eastern Star Sister, she was a special friend and neighbor....I'm from Emporia, VA and Mamie from Jarratt, VA. We always greeted each other with a huge smile and hug. Our paths connected to a number of loved ones. Mamie, rest in peace; you did an awesome job serving God's people. I will never forget you. You were such a beautiful ray of sunshine!



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**Estherine J. Harding** - April 24, 2025 at 04:25 PM

CJ

“ Gaylor and Family, You have our deepest condolences. Your mother was the epitome of grace, love, and devotion. She always greeted me with the warmest and most genuine hugs and smiles. She will be missed but never forgotten. May God comfort you during this time of bereavement.  
Love, Commie and family



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**Commie Rudd Jones** - April 24, 2025 at 09:12 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** - April 23, 2025 at 01:13 PM

LM

*My Aunt Mamie, filled with love and kindness for all. Her love and kindness for me will never be forgotten. All that she taught me is so valuable in life especially now days. I will always keep those things embedded in my mind. God is proud of you and I will work each day to make God proud of me.*

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**Linda C Moore** - April 25, 2025 at 09:11 PM