



Ms. Mary F. Bivens

January 3, 1933 - October 7, 2024

Mary Francis “Mickey” Bivens was born on January 3, 1933, to the late Deacon Columbus and Deaconess Viola Hendricks Stokes. She was the fourth of their five children. She accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior and was baptized at an early age and had continued her membership at The St. Paul’s Baptist Church for over 80 years.

Mickey received her formal education in the Richmond City Public Schools. She was employed and retired from Phillip Morris Tobacco Company after 30+ years of service. She had a love for traveling.

Mickey was preceded in death by her parents, husband Sidney Bivens; son, Robert C. Stokes; siblings, Viola “Bunchie” Stokes, Deacon Catherine S. Mankin, Samuel C. Stokes and Josephine S. Fortenberry.

Those left to cherish her memory are grandson Robert C. Stokes Jr.; granddaughters, Juana Smith and Mary Gray; great grandson, Robert C. Stokes III; brother-in-law, Garrison “Jack” Johnson. She was also loved by her nieces, Jacquie (Ricky) Ray and the late Gloria McDonald; her nephews, Samuel D. (Susan) Stokes, Sterling M. (Patrice) Stokes, Jonathan (Gail) Tinsley, Dr. Norman Fortenberry (Dr. Janet Rutledge) and the late Charles, Christopher and Samuel S. Stokes. Mickey was loved by a host of other relatives, her church family and friends, notably Jill Bean.

Mary's spirit will continue to inspire all who knew her, and her legacy of love will live on in the hearts of her family, friends, and those fortunate enough to have witnessed her extraordinary life.

Her love was unselfish,
for others she lived.
No, not for what she could get,
but for what she could always give.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane
Richmond, VA 23222

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **22**. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

Celebration of Life

OCT **23**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul's Baptist Church
4247 Creighton Road
Richmond, VA 23223

Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

March Funeral Homes - October 23, 2024 at 08:32 AM

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“ *Dear Rob and Family:*

Pam and I were very sadden to hear of the demise of my friend, Mickey, who has been a friend since June of 1967. However, during times like these, our family has always found Peace and Closure in the following:

But Now They Deserve A Better Country, That Is, An Heavenly, Wherefore GOD Is Not Ashamed To Be Called Their GOD, For HE Has Prepared For Them A City. Hebrews 11-16 KJV.

We are certain that your Faith will continue to Sustain you and your family now and in the days to come.

*Mervin and Pam McCoy
Chesapeake, VA*

Mervin McCoy - October 23, 2024 at 11:48 AM

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“ *MS MARY MAY YOU REST IN ETERNAL PEACE WITH YOUR SON BEANY!*



Leslie D. Waller - October 17, 2024 at 04:22 AM

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“ *Mary, Kenyon, Milai, Milan, Misa, Miles purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Ms. Mary F. Bivens.*



Mary, Kenyon, Milai, Milan, Misa, Miles - October 16, 2024 at 12:40 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 - October 13, 2024 at 09:55 AM