



## Mary Subidad Blackstone

December 22, 1922 - July 31, 2022

Maria (Mary) Antonia Subidad Blackstone was born to Enriqueta Rodriguez and Luca Subidad on December 22, 1922 on a ship enroute to Florida from Cuba. She attended Catholic elementary schools as well as Middleton High School in Tampa, Florida. Graduating valedictorian of her class, Mary received a recommendation and scholarship to Tuskegee Institute (now University) in Tuskegee, Alabama. Excelling in Mathematics and Science, her abilities led her to become a lab assistant for Dr. George Washington Carver. Mary also worked in the Women's Corps to create supply kits and other technical equipment for the Air Force pilots during their flights. While attending Tuskegee, she met and married Master Sergeant James Blackstone, Chief of Engineers and flight instructor for the 99th fighter squadron of the Tuskegee Airmen. Their union welcomed a baby girl in May of 1944 at the Institute, and a baby boy in December of 1945 in Annapolis, MD. The family relocated to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Columbus, Ohio. Utilizing her business and organizational skills, Mary worked at the Diocese of Columbus Chancery in Columbus, Ohio, while raising her two children. The family grew to include a baby boy in 1949, and a baby girl in 1950. In 1951, the family relocated to San Antonio, Texas. Mary worked for the Archdiocese on the archdiocesan newspaper while raising her four children. The family grew once more welcoming a baby boy in 1952. A devoted Catholic, wife and mother, Mary maintained her involvement with the church, clergy and school sisters no matter where she was.

Mary relocated her family to Baltimore, MD. From 1958 through 1964, the family grew with the birth of a baby girl, 2 more boys, and completed in 1967 with her last child. Mary took the civil service test for federal employment. She secured a position with the Internal Revenue Service as a Revenue Officer stationed in Annapolis, MD. Mary was extremely intelligent, and could add ten rows of numbers faster than a calculator. She excelled in all of her assignments, and received many awards throughout her more than 31 year celebrated career. She earned the Albert Gallatin Service Award for her dedicated service. A true "Renaissance" lady, Mary was also a den mother for the Boy Scouts, CYO leader at St. Francis Xavier and volunteer bookkeeper for St. Katherine's School.

In 1986, Mary retired from the Internal Revenue Service. She enjoyed raising a grandchild, traveling and planning holiday celebrations for her children and grandchildren. On Sunday, July 31st, 2022, Mary quietly and gently took her last breath, and was called to the Lord for an eternal rest.

Mary leaves a legacy of 9 children; Annamaria B. Joyner (Moses), James Blackstone Jr. (deceased), Reginald Blackstone, Marcella T. Taylor (Stanley), Gregory G. Blackstone (Regina), Graciela Blackstone, Alphonso Blackstone, Clifford J.W. Blackstone ( Geneva), Doreda Wortham (John), 25 grandchildren, 26

great - grandchildren and 4 great - great grandchildren.

She is also survived by a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and friends throughout the country.

# Previous Events

## Wake

AUG 9. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church  
1501 E. Oliver Street  
Baltimore, MD 21213

## Funeral Mass

AUG 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Subidad Blackstone*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Subidad Blackstone.*



August 04, 2022 at 09:49 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** - August 02, 2022 at 02:26 PM

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*I Love you Abuela*

**Alphonso Blackstone Jr** - August 02, 2022 at 08:37 PM