



Mary E. Deshields

April 29, 1930 - April 18, 2007

Mary Naomi Deshields (nee Ellis), after fighting a long valiant battle, slipped away peacefully to be with her LORD on April 18, 2007, at the University of Maryland Medical System. She was born on April 29, 1930 to the late Grafton and Cora Ellis in Baltimore, Maryland. She received her education in the public schools of Baltimore City. For a short period of time, she was employed at Baltimore City Hospital and later became a crossing guard at the corners of Stricker Street and Lafayette Avenue. She “loved” those school children and those children “loved” her. Mary also served as an election judge on voting days. Mary dedicated her life to Christ in 1951, and joined the First Mount Olive Freewill Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Bishop Leo K. Caesar, where she remained a member until God called her home. She was united in holy matrimony to Thomas Guy Deshields (they also shared the same birthday), and from this union she was ushered into motherhood by the blessed births of her children, Tanya, Valerie, Thomas Jr. and Tracie. She enjoyed shopping and looking good!! She also loved to bake (pineapple upside down cake was her specialty), travel, and sew. You should have seen some of those outfits she sewed for her children, as well as the matching outfits she designed for Thomas and herself. She enjoyed bowling and spent many hours at the Lafayette Avenue Bowling Center. Mary was active in her children’s PTA, little league baseball team, and the Carroll Improvement Neighborhood Association. “Honey”, as she was affectionately called by her grandchildren and other loved ones, took great pride and pleasure in

supporting their endeavors. While supporting her husband, who worked in Fire Protection, she was a founding member of the Wives of Fire Fighters and was elected their first president. In 1974, the group incorporated and eagerly carried out their goals to render help to needy families, provide assistance to fire victims, and to assist the Volcano Blazers, Inc. (predominantly Black Firefighters). Mary leaves to cherish her memory: devoted husband and friend, Thomas G. Deshields Sr.; children, Tanya Deshields-Yates (Richard) of Catonsville, MD, Valerie K. Deshields of Charlotte, NC, Thomas G. Deshields Jr. (Lisa) of Charlotte, NC and Tracie Deshields-Carey (Antoine) of Woodlawn, MD; two sisters, Betty J. Keys and Joyce Y. Stanley (Roland) of Baltimore; seven grandchildren, Ryan, Joshua, Brittney, Malika, Thomas III, Antonio and Anthony; one sister-in-law, Mildred Deshields of Philadelphia, PA; devoted friends, Ernestine Campbell and Delores Chamblee; nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of other relatives and friends.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary E. Deshields*

March 25, 2023 at 10:25 AM



“ *Mary E. Deshields*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Mommy, Not a day goes past that you aren't thought of or talked to. It's been 2 years, but in my heart, it still seems like only yesterday that you left me. I know you had to leave, because God needed you more. The legacy you left behind is safe with me; I am a living epistle. I am still making you proud. I know you are enjoying yourself with God. Please watch out for Richard, since he is a newcomer. Daddy misses you so much! We all have fond memories of you, and can now laugh at your "true-isms". I love and miss you; I will see you when I get to my heavenly home. Love you ALWAYS & FOREVER. Tanya###imported-begin##Your Eldest-Tanya###imported-end##*

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“ *Mommy, I feel you with me everyday in everything I do. I miss talking to you, taking you to the stores and combing your hair. But I know you are having the time of your life right now-hanging out with our LORD everyday! Give Momma Cora, Pop and Grandma a hug & kiss for me. I know you miss me too, but I'm glad that you are no longer suffering. Daddy misses you too, but I act like you so much that its like you're not even gone. I will ALWAYS love you!###imported-begin##Your Baby Girl-Tracie###imported-end##*

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“ I am sending condolences to you all in your loss of Ms. Mary at the age of 77 years. Imagine the Joy to be our when the dead are raised to life again. Our creator know how you all are fairing thes and cares, 1 Peter 5:7.. May all the many cherished times spent with Ms. Mary support in the days ahead.I hope the few thoughts will be postive to have near.##imported-begin##Lillian Crosby##imported-end##

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“ To the family and friends, please accept my sincere condolences during this time of your loss. Please read and find comfort in Psalms 34:18, John 5:28,29 and Rev. 21:3,4. God promises to do away with death and the pain that it causes. May these scriptures bring you strength and encouragement during your time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Sean##imported-end##

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“ I wish to express my sincere condolences to the family and friends of Ms Deshields. Death was never apart of Jehovah God's arrangement. Jehovah's inspired word the bible offers hope to all of mankind. John 5:28,29 let us know that, "the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out".... Please find comfort in these endearing words.##imported-begin##Kashawn Smith##imported-end##

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“ Please accept my condolences for the loss of your loved one. Almighty God never intended for us to lose our loved ones in death. The Bible calls death our "enemy" and it lovingly tells us that death will be "destroyed".(1 Corinthians 15:26) There is the hope of our loved ones returning to us with the hope of no more death, sickness, sorrow or pain through the "resurrection"- Acts 24:15 May you receive much comfort and strength as you think on these loving promises and draw close to the maker of them Jehovah God and his son Jesus Christ.(John 17:3)##imported-begin##Sharon Hill##imported-end##

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