



## Mary H. Francis

June 11, 1931 - March 2, 2014

MARY HOLMES FRANCIS, affectionately known as “Dee”, was born in Baltimore, Maryland on June 11, 1931 to the late Bennie Franklin Holmes and Frances Bradford Holmes. She departed this life on March 2, 2014 after waging a courageous battle with several serious illnesses.

She accepted Christ at an early age and was active in her church, Berean Baptist Church in Pimlico. In her senior years, she became a member at St. John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church.

She received her education in Baltimore area schools and graduated from the Frederick Douglass High School in 1949. She also attended Cortez Peters Business School and the Community College of Baltimore. For a number of years, “Dee” worked at the Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD). During her time at the BCHD - Druid Hill Clinic, she was called one of the “Three Musketeers”, which included three lifelong friends -- the late Sylvia “Brooksie” Tilghman and Katherine Clark who nicknamed her “Jazz”. Later she transferred to the Maryland State Department of Social Services where she was employed as a Caseworker until her retirement.

She married the love of her life, the late Arthur K. Francis, Jr., and was a devoted wife and mother. She cared deeply for her family, often sacrificing and giving when others had given up hope.

“Dee” had a beautiful voice and loved to sing, dance and be sociable. She sang with a 25-voice girl’s choir that traveled to nearby army bases during and after World War II. She was a great cook and had a tremendous sense of

humor, telling jokes and cheering the nurses and visitors who came to see her. She was also an avid horse racing enthusiast.

She was preceded in death by: her husband of 35 years, Arthur K. Francis, Jr.; her son, Michael Vincent Stewart; and her brother, Floyd Holmes.

She leaves to mourn: two loving daughters, Janice Stewart Ewing and Angela Stewart Mitchell; brother, Benjamin Holmes (Joyce); sister, Nancy Marie Saul (Sydney); four grandchildren, Gregory Ewing, II, Jeffrey Ewing, Marleta Mitchell, Chelsea Mitchell; two great-grandchildren, two stepchildren; devoted friends, Alice and Tony Lee, Katherine Clark; a host of other relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

**Druid Ridge**

## Previous Events

### Public Viewing

MAR 12. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore  
4300 Wabash Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
(410) 542-2400  
info@marchfh.com

### Wake

MAR 13. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Johns Lutheran Church  
Pimlico Rd  
Balto., MD 21215

### Service

MAR 13. 11:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary H. Francis*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Please accept my sincere condolences for your loss. Death is the enemy of all mankind, yet when it touches us personally, few find the comfort they search for. The doctrines that are taught concerning death find their origins from men and not the Bible. As a result, they fail to leave those who are grieving with comfort or a hope. They do however, leave many with unanswered questions. The response that "God works in mysterious ways" or that "God needed another angel", does not satisfy the spiritual needs of those who are grieving. However, many have found comfort in the pages of God's word the Bible (2 Corinthians 1:3, 4). In God's word we find the promise that we can be reunited with our loved ones (John 5:28,29; Acts 24:15). The Bible tells us where this happy reunion will take place (Psalm 37: 11, 29; Matthew 5:5). We are told why we die (Genesis 3:17-19; Romans 5:12), and that the God of the Bible will end death forever (Isaiah 25:8; Revelation 21:3,4). Learning the truth about Jehovah, the God of the Bible (Psalm 83:18), God's Kingdom (Daniel 2:44), and the state of those who have died (Ecclesiastes 9:5), is the start to finding true comfort concerning loved ones who are sleeping in death (John 11:11-14; John 8:32. It is of vital importance to learn what the Bible really teaches concerning death. For more information please visit the website [jw.org](http://jw.org).*

A Friend - March 17, 2014 at 01:32 AM



LJ

“*Mary Francis, Mary Francis you were a shining star. You will be remembered for your love, understanding, and smile. Thanks to you, "Mom," you gave me joy through your jokes. You indeed had jokes. Now, our Father can will have some humor. Thanks for always being there for me, especially over the last two years. You will be missed, but you will always be in my heart.*

*Leroy*

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**Leroy J. Young, Jr.** - March 10, 2014 at 05:09 PM



“*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** - March 06, 2014 at 11:12 AM



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*Condolences to the Family of Mary Francis. May the peace of God be with you at this difficult time. Please red your bible at John 5:28-29. There is a promise of our seeing our loved ones again.Until then remember the fun times you all shared.*

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**Jeanie** - March 26, 2014 at 05:41 PM