



Mary Rebecca Howard

June 3, 1927 - July 17, 2022

Momma Mary, as Mary Rebecca Howard was affectionately called was finally reunited in heaven with her parents David Hall Howard and Clara Wilmer Howard and her siblings Clara and Nicolas Howard, Gertrude Hopkins, Ida Howard, David Hall Howard, and Virginia Lindsay in their eternal home. She lived a long and happy life She peacefully transitioned from this side of the Jordan at Northwest Hospital Hospice Care Unit on July 17, 2022 at the age of ninety-five surrounded by her three generations of family.

Momma Mary worked as a baker, seamstress having made numerous graduation dresses, prom gown and Wedding gowns for family and friends, cafeteria worker and a Patient Care Assistant at Rosewood State Hospital. It was while she was working at Rosewood that she met and feel in love with Darlene Roles and Rita Robertson. She brought them to live in her home and made them a part of her family.

Mary was a strong, gracious and loving, though she was as stubborn as she was gracious, who loved the Lord. She valued her family above all things.

While some retirees spend their time in their own pursuits Mary spent her time lovingly caring for Darlene and Rita, and hosting families gathering. There was the Christmas party, New Year's Day drop-in Dinner, Corned beef and cabbage dinner in March (everybody is Irish on St. Patrick's Day) Fish fry,

picnics and the family favorite Thanksgiving Dinner. The Thanksgiving gathering was held the Sunday before Thanksgiving for Momma Mary was mindful that some would want to spend the actual day with in-laws, friend or hold smaller gatherings in their homes. She lived the scripture Hebrews 10:25 “Don’t stop meeting together with other believers, which some people have gotten into the habit of doing. Instead, encourage each other, especially as you see the day drawing near”. Though it’s meaning is to gather for worship, Mary knew the importance of family and friends gathering regularly in love. :the family that prays (and eats) together, stays together”. Momma’s home was not only open to you for meals, but if anyone ever needed a place to lay their head, she had a room waiting for you.

Though her home cooking was better than some restaurants, Momma Mary loved going to restaurants. If there was a seafood offering on the menu she would always order the fried seafood platter, though she would peruse the menu as if she was considering something else. At Applebee’s though, it was always a steak rare. She always enjoyed the monthly restaurant outing with her friend in the “Birthday Club”

Mary also loved to sew, and watch the Price is Right and cooking shows. Her greatest passion was vacationing with her sister Ida and her grandchildren. They’ll surely remember those trips to New York and the Christmas Shows at Radio City Music Hall.

Mary Howard received her education in Baltimore City Public Schools. Though she didn’t finish high school as a teenager, she instilled the value of education on her children and received her GED as an adult learner. She also stressed an Religious education and most of her children were confirmed at St. Philips Lutheran Church where she has be a member in good standing.

She will be lovingly remembered by her five surviving children Clarice (Safi) Farmer, Latifa Bilali, Teressa Wilson, Mussetta Lynn Barbour and Vanessa Barnes. Her only son David Avon Howard who surely received her at the gates of heaven. Twelve grandchildren Denise, Gail, Nia, Jennifer, Beatrice, LaKesha, Anthony, Natasha, Inetta and Derrick, Sr. Granddaughters Pamela and Develyn Howard, great grandson Keontay Porter were also waiting for her at the gates. Mary's life spanned six generations. In total Momma Mary had 6 children, 12 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, eighteen 3rd great-grandchildren, three 4th great-grandchildren bonus daughter/niece Frances. Also, many generations of nieces, nephews, cousins and numerous friends will forever share fond, funny and love filled memories of Momma Mary.

Cemetery Details

Cedar Hill

5829 Ritchie Highway
Brooklyn, MD 21230

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUL 30. 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home - West
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215

Wake

AUG 1. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Philips Lutheran Church
501 N. Caroline Street
Baltimore, MD

Funeral Service

AUG 1. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Rebecca Howard*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *From Charles Butch Franklin purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mary Rebecca Howard.*



From Charles Butch Franklin - July 27, 2022 at 07:35 AM



“ *Great Grandma , I hope to be just half the woman you were. I will mourn you until I join you. A piece of me left with you. I'm blessed to have been there for your final moments. You've equipped me for life. I understand things so clear now. There will never be another like you. I'm grateful for 27 loving , tender and caring years. You've done so well with us. Please watch over me, watch over us 🥹. Forever is a long time and that's how long I'll love you ☐*

Lillian Beverly - July 21, 2022 at 08:49 PM



My dear beloved friend/Bestie/adopted mama and second family, we did so many things together, I lived in her home 🏠 for a short period of time, she was right by my side when I lost my only son (Angelo) my kids loved her dearly he told me that mama Ms Howard got a PHD I agreed with him, She had so much wisdom to share, I'm going to miss my friend my heart ❤️ is aching (tears flowing right now, we had a 30 plus years of friend ship. Heaven got another Angel walking the streets of Gold. I will see my friend one day Amen 🙏🙏🌹 Edna Dancy

Ms Edna Dancy - July 30, 2022 at 07:50 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.

March Funeral Homes - July 18, 2022 at 01:45 PM

LB

Great Grandma , I hope to be just half the woman you were. I will mourn you until I join you. A piece of me left with you. I'm blessed to have been there for your final moments. You've equipped me for life. I understand things so clear now. There will never be another like you. I'm grateful for 27 loving , tender and caring years. You've done so well with us. Please watch over me, watch over us 😭. Forever is a long time and that's how long I'll love you ☐

Lillian Scott Beverly - July 21, 2022 at 12:14 AM

CF

Mrs. Howard, I will truly miss you. As young black man growing up in Baltimore during the trying times of the 1950's and 1960' you showed me the strength of a strong black woman and matriarch. I always saw that in your enduring smile and loving eyes! Your legacy will live on forever!

Love, Butch Franklin

Charles Clifton Franklin - July 27, 2022 at 07:45 AM

BN

Latifa, I didn't know your Mom, but I know it must have been her who gave you such a beautiful personality and willingness to help others. Please share our sincere condolences with your family. Praying that fond memories of your Mom will give you comfort now. We are here for you. Peace and Blessings Always, Betsy Simon and the BDS Healthy Aging Networks Family.

BDS Healthy Aging Networks - July 30, 2022 at 02:19 AM

MD

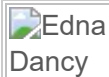
Edna Dancy

Ms Edna Dancy - August 01, 2022 at 11:55 AM

MD

I loved my friend/Bestie/second mama for over 30 plus years we shared so much together,my kids loved her dearly, My son told me mama Ms Howard got a PHD I agreed with him,she shared so much wisdom, when my son passed she spent time with me until my family arrived from NC, she never left my side.I'm going to miss my friend (tears)Rest Easy friend I know you are walking 👤♀ the streets of Gold with all the Angels 😊👤 till we met I love ❤️ you all the way to heaven.Amen 🙏😊

Ms Edna Dancy - August 01, 2022 at 12:19 PM

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Edna Dancy - August 01, 2022 at 12:20 PM