



## Mary Lee Flanagan

July 31, 1918 - January 14, 2003

Mary Lee Flanagan, daughter of the late William and Lucy Simms, was born on July 31, 1918 in Ellicott City, Maryland, the eldest of nine children. She departed this life on January 14, 2003. She married the late Charles Briscoe Duvall, and out of this union four children were born, Mary, Anita, Charles Jr. and Dorothy. Mary worked for many years as a school cafeteria supervisor in the Baltimore City Public Schools. Although her secondary education was interrupted, over the years she took various courses in food preparation, nutrition, bookkeeping, business and financial management and supervisory management. Mary developed expert knowledge of food preparation, nutrition and diet. She was always concerned that the school children received a healthy, nutritious, tasty lunch and she would often feed poor students who could not afford lunch at her own expense. Mary used her knowledge of food to also work with several Baltimore catering firms. She prepared creative and beautiful food and fruit displays that received numerous compliments. Her services were always in demand in the catering business. Mary was a self-made woman and if born at a later time, she would have been a successful business owner. She was a natural gardener, who could revive even the sickest plant. Her yards were always full of beautiful flowers and plants throughout the year. Even near the end, the sight of flowers could cheer up Mary. Mary instilled in her children a strong work ethic, the need to get as much education as possible, the necessity to earn one's way in the world and to smartly manage finances. Also an excellent seamstress, she passed these

skills along to her three daughters. She was the family historian who mentally kept track of the family tree, the various births, weddings, relationships and passings. She loved to travel and was fortunate to visit many places in the United States and Canada with her second husband, the late Leroy Flanagan. Mary was a very social person who made many friends, and who over the years belonged to and enriched many organizations including her church and the neighborhood Garden Club. She always visited and kept watch on the sick and elderly. She leaves to mourn: three daughters, Mary Harmon, Anita Wilson (Morris Sr.) and Dorothy Duvall Dennis; one son, Charles Briscoe Duvall, Jr.; three sisters, Martha Simms, Dorothy Harris, and Joan Sullivan (Sam); twelve grandchildren, twenty-one great grandchildren, eight great-great-grandchildren, a host of nieces and nephews, and many other relatives.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Lee Flanagan*

March 25, 2023 at 10:25 AM



“ *Mary Lee Flanagan*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I am truly sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. My love and prayers to the entire family.##imported-begin##Chester Dorsey##imported-end##*

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“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our prayers and love to you and your family in the passing of your loved one. May God's love comfort you in your hours of bereavement.##imported-begin##The March Family and Staff##imported-end##*

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“ *Dearest Aunt Mary Lee: We grieve for your passing we will miss you, and rejoice in the knowledge that you are with the Father in Heaven.##imported-begin##Ronald Colbert (Simms)##imported-end##*

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“ My condolences, and best regards to all family and friends of Mrs. Flanagan##imported-begin##Monroe S. Dennis##imported-end##

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“ To The Family Of Mary Lee Flanagan: Please accept my deepest sympathy. Ms. Mary was a well-rounded lady will be dearly missed. Death is such an enemy of life, and although it is painful, we all have to face it. Here is a passage that I hope brings comfort to the family found at Acts 24:15, which states: "And have hope towards God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust." This is a very comforting passage that I find very comforting, because I know soon I will see my loved one again. I hope this passage bring solace to your family. With sympathy.##imported-begin##Von Holley##imported-end##

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