



## Mary Elizabeth Neal

March 6, 1953 - March 11, 2016

Mary Elizabeth Neal was born March 6, 1953, in Portsmouth, Virginia to the late Maggie Harris and Wesley Neal. She was raised by her grandmother, the late Elizabeth Turner, and her sister, the late Maggie White. Mary's family traveled a lot , during her childhood. However, she spent most of her childhood in Cincinnati, Ohio, and attended the Cincinnati Public Schools.

Mary E. Neal met her significant other, Anthony Charles Tolliver, in Cincinnati, Ohio, and gave birth to two children: Jeffrey Neal and Tonie Tolliver. She later relocated to Richmond and gave birth to another son, Walter Neal.

Mary Neal worked 30 years for Richmond Public Schools in the Food Service Department. She also established her own cleaning service, Mary E. Neal Housecleaning.

Mary Neal attended several churches before settling on Woodville Church of the Nazarene, at the invitation of the late Sister Louise Snead. Mary joined Woodville Church in the late 1980's under the leadership of the former Pastor Roland Chopfield, and continued under the leadership of Rev Charles Tillman since February of 2003. Sister Neal sang in the choir, served on the Usher Board and was Pulpit Nurse to Pastor Tillman, where she proudly prepared his tea, water and mints on Sunday morning. More than anything, Sister Neal loved the Lord and would always lend a hand to help her "brothers and

sisters" in the Lord.

Mary Neal leaves to mourn her 3 children, 9 great- grandchildren, aunts, uncles and a host of cousins. She will be greatly missed by her family and church family alike.

# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood Cemetery

3101 Nine Mile Road  
Richmond, VA 23223

# Previous Events

## viewing

MAR 18. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel  
Richmond, VA 23222

## Service

MAR 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

Woodville Church of The Nazarene  
2012 Selden Street  
Richmond, VA 23223

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Elizabeth Neal*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Big Ma, Im sorry we weren't able to fix what was broken. I wish I would have tried a little harder. You will be greatly missed by all of us, especially Donivan. We didn't always agree, but we did agree on one thing, we were family thru and thru. I will miss you so very much. We all love you Big Ma. I wish we could've been there....*



**Kayleigh Brewer (Neal)** - May 03, 2016 at 12:50 PM



*Damn I couldn't believe you really wrote something My bad I kinda carried you when you responded to me telling you she was dead. But anyway you remember your phrsse. Family is who you make it not who made you. When both of your parents are alive you can say that shit. But when they gone you really got to live that shit. And this situation plays out different for everyone... And you loose more life than what you thought, shit that you over look you look at now shit you look at one way you look at different later. people true colors come out. And then you become cold and bitter with chips on you sholder. I had to realize something life is life life is pain life is pleasure and we have to embrace it one way or another so when death come you have to embrace that shit understand it it's life and you can't run from it rather it's you or someone else. So when this shit come your way stick your chest out and hold you chin up because what in your life needs you you can't turn it off you can't tell it hold on you have to stay focus and keep moving like you won something. It's alot of word play here but I think you understand, 🙌👉*

**Jay Neal** - March 17, 2020 at 06:26 AM

AH

“ You have my deepest sympathies for your loss, the sting of death is most painful. It's saddening we have to lose loved ones all the time, and that's because we've inherited sin (Romans 5:12) but we've received a great gift that gives us a future and a hope (Romans 6:23).

Amber Hill - March 19, 2016 at 06:34 AM

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“ Wendy Hanks-Tunstall lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Neal



Wendy Hanks-Tunstall - March 18, 2016 at 03:32 PM

MG

“ Marilyn Gholson-Hinton lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Neal



Marilyn Gholson-Hinton - March 16, 2016 at 07:13 PM

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Thank you so much

Tonie Tolliver - September 13, 2022 at 07:19 AM

EP

“ Mrs. Mary was like a mother to me. She welcomed me into her home and her church without judging me once. She had the sweetest heart, and was truly a women of God. My heart is so heavy right now but I thank God for allowing me to meet her and share the time that we did. God needed an angel. So rest in paradise Mrs. Mary . I love you! I will continue to pray for her family and friends.

*Ebony*

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**Ebony Prentiss** - March 15, 2016 at 10:26 AM

RP

“ Da good memories of ms. mary... working with her during my boy shall years. ... she had me laughing so hard... I remember her saying veda ur son going to be handsome wen he get older... just ur laughter, ur funny stories n more. lol u use to get in trouble by mr. Adams ..lol the fun times. you at peace ms. mary.. n praying for ur family



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**robveda ponton** - March 14, 2016 at 06:44 PM

TK

“ To the family of Sister Mary Neal I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Mary was a wonderful person. I met her at St. Mary's hospital she was a mighty woman of God and she fought a good fight. She has gone from labor to reward. If I can do anything feel free to call me 804-901-7355

*Treina Kelley*



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**Treina D. Kelley** - March 14, 2016 at 04:50 PM

AF

“ We send our condolences to the family. Please remember Psa. 46:1 where it says: God is our refuge and strength a help readily found in times of distress. May you lean upon Him and his word at this time.

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**Armstrong Family** - March 13, 2016 at 10:36 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.

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**March Funeral Homes** - March 12, 2016 at 07:25 PM

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*Thank you so much,*

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**Tonie Tolliver** - September 10, 2022 at 07:42 PM