



## Mary Lillian Seward

November 13, 1949 - February 18, 2024

### Legacy of Life

“I have fought a good fight, I have finished the race, and I have kept the faith”

On February 18, 2024, at 12:15 pm Mary Lillian Seward passed away at Henrico Rehabilitation Center. Mary was born to Rosetta Brown Toliver and Willie Barnes on November 13, 1949, in Richmond, Virginia.

She was educated in the Richmond Public Schools system. For a while, she worked at Sally Belle’s Kitchen. On October 11, 1985, Mary married her love, Clarence Seward in Richmond, Virginia.

Mary was an amazing woman who loved her family. She enjoyed listening to gospel music on Sundays. One of her favorite songs was “Silver and Gold”. Oh, how she enjoyed that song.

She had skill for putting puzzles together and a fondness of expensive perfume. Going shopping for shoes to match her clothes was a favorite past-time of hers. Being color coordinated from head-to-toe was her style. Mary had many talents, sewing was one. But she had a deep love for cooking. Holidays especially delighted her. For Thanksgiving and Christmas, she cooked big meals for family and friends. She cooked for days and always had

an overflow of food.

When her health began to fail, she kept going. When asked how she was doing, she always said “Okay” even though she was really in pain. Mary put her faith in the Lord and did not worry about anything.

She leaves to cherish her memories to her loving family: caring husband, Clarence Seward of 38 glorious years; her two adored sons, Marshall Brown (Sheryl) and Clarence Seward, Jr.; one beloved granddaughter, Malasia Cosby; Goddaughter, Sherita Cox; four caring sisters, Bessie Brown, Martha Braxton, Carnie Ingram (Howard) and Viola Toliver; one loving aunt, Nancy Bishop; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

The Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change.  
courage to change the things I can and wisdom to know the difference.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

FEB **26**. 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel  
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.  
Richmond, VA 23222

### Celebration of life with live streaming

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# Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

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**March Funeral Homes** - February 26, 2024 at 09:03 AM



“ *March Funeral Homes created a To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Mary Lillian Seward, Please Click the Link below. in memory of Mary Lillian Seward*



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**March Funeral Homes** - February 20, 2024 at 12:10 PM

BK

*Sorry for your loss. Barbara Kelley and family*

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**Barbara kelley** - February 26, 2024 at 05:03 PM

SH

“ *Rest in peace Aunt Mary love your god daughter*

*Sherita*



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**Sherita** - February 24, 2024 at 10:56 AM

MR

“ *Mo Richardson lit a candle in memory of Mary Lillian Seward*



Mo Richardson - February 22, 2024 at 05:43 PM

MR

*Matthew 5:4 "Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted."*

*The sun has set and eternal life with the King of Kings has begun. Well done Aunt Mary.*

Mo Richardson - February 22, 2024 at 05:55 PM

CI

“ *Carrie Ingram lit a candle in memory of Mary Lillian Seward*



Carrie ingram - February 21, 2024 at 09:22 PM

CI

*Sleep in peace sis!!!! You will truly be missed.*

Carrie ingram - February 21, 2024 at 09:24 PM

VT

“ *Viola Toliver lit a candle in memory of Mary Lillian Seward*



viola toliiver - February 21, 2024 at 06:08 PM

VT

*Rest on my love, you are resting in the arms of all mighty God where you are free . Love always*

**viola tolover** - February 21, 2024 at 06:10 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Lillian Seward.*



February 21, 2024 at 01:15 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** - February 20, 2024 at 12:09 PM