



Mary Lee Ashford

March 14, 1944 - June 8, 2022

Mary Lee Ashford, affectionately known as Mae Lee, was born on March 14, 1944 to Jack William Ashford and Mary Ann Johnson Ashford, in Choctaw County, Mississippi.

Mae Lee and her family moved to Eatonville, Florida in 1961. She made many friends in the quaint community. Her spiritual journey began when she joined Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church in 1972 under the leadership of Rev. Peter L. Lias, and continued being a faithful member under Rev. Willie C Barnes. Mae Lee loved her church and served in many ways. She loved to cook and serve meals, especially for the Youth Ministry on 4th Sundays. Mae Lee was loved for her famous caramel corn, sweet potato pies, and candy apples during the Church's Annual Fall Festival. She was a youth worker and taught Vacation Bible School for many years. Mae Lee was one of the first members of the Voices of Praise, where she served for 13 years.

Mae Lee was a humble servant of the Lord. She would do anything for anybody, especially those that were less fortunate than her. She demonstrated the love of Christ to all who crossed her path. She will be truly missed by those who knew and loved her.

Mae Lee departed this life on June 8, 2022 and is preceded in death by her parents, and Ean Ashford (grandson). She leaves to cherish fond memories:

her children, Annette Ashford Glenn (Larry), Nanette Ashford, and Guy Ashford (Monica); her only sibling and sister, Mattie Parker; her grandchildren, Shara King-Ricketts (Deaton), Jennifer DeLaughter Curry (Detrick), Tonier King, Charles DeLaughter II, Cory Wortman (Bryittany), and Kai Ashford; her great-grandchildren, Jada Buford, Ronald Smith III, Kyra Brown, Nyla Johnson, Khloe Wortman, Oshun Mitchell, Carter Wortman, Charles DeLaughter III, Londyn Shazier and Skylar Curry; her nieces, Rosalyn Washington (Rodney) and Megan Parker; her great nephews and nieces, Michael J. Spears, Kamryn Parker, Jordyn Spears and Rodney Washington, Jr.; her god-children, April Stephens, Ashlee Hopkins and Dallas Mack; her very special friends, Jackie Kelly, Alice Haire, Winnie Norfsinger, Rafaela, Nancy and Clay Johnson; her mentee, Natalie Sanders, as well as a host of loving relatives and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **30**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church
412 E. Kennedy Blvd.
Eatonville, FL 32751

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Lee Ashford*

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *I am shocked to learn of her passing and though I had not seen her in awhile, I will never forget her smile and her willingness to help even if you were a stranger. Rest my friend and my condolences to the family as well.*

Shelia Reid - June 29, 2022 at 03:28 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Lee Ashford.*

June 29, 2022 at 10:12 AM



RW

“ On the evening of Wednesday, June 8, 2022, the world lost a rare jewel, heaven gained an angel, and our family lost its "backbone."

"Maelee," as she was affectionately nicknamed, overcame several obstacles in her life, only to become victorious in all of them. From being a teenage mother to becoming a very successful housekeeper for over 50 years; surviving the brutality of Jim Crow laws in Mississippi during the 1950's, learning how to drive and going back to school for reading. Both of them were accomplished by Maelee in 1990 at the age of 46.

Her biggest accomplishment in life was being a true servant of God. It took nothing for Maelee to give her "last" to help others. This was her very own ministry, her "calling." Maelee couldn't be happy if she could not help people. She made everyone around her feel good about themselves.

Maelee loved to travel. She visited close to half of the states in the U.S. and to the Bahamas.

The full life story of this awesome lady would take several days to tell. If someone were to start talking about her, it would be difficult for that person to stop.

Memories of our beloved: mother, sister, aunt, grandmother, great-grandmother, friend and fellow church member will forever be etched in our hearts and souls.

Rest in peace, beautiful lady. We love you ALWAYS!

Submitted by Rosalyn Washington (niece) , on behalf of: The Ashford, Parker, Johnson and Glenn families



Rosalyn Washington - June 24, 2022 at 07:12 PM

RL

Rosalyn, You hit the “nail on the head” with your perfect description of sweet Mary. She was such a dear soul, who would do anything for all her many friends and family, and did so through the years. When asked to write his senior essay in high school about the “person he most admired,” my son wrote about dear Mary and what a wonderful person and inspiration she was. We will all miss her big smile, big heart and deep wisdom. May she Rest In Peace in God’s loving arms.

Rafalar Lynch

Rafalar Lynch - June 26, 2022 at 03:03 PM

AS

Cousin Maelee was such a lovely person. She and I used to talk the time and she truly is missed. I'll always remember our talks and her smile. My Prayers and condolences are with the families. My is Angie Suddeth 💕💕

Angie Suddeth - June 29, 2022 at 04:29 PM

MW

Rosalyn thank you for a beautiful tribute to a beautiful person. When I think of Mary I think of sunshine. The brightest smile and sweetest demeanor! She was my friend who I miss terribly. Rest In Peace beautiful friend.

Michele Winchester - June 30, 2022 at 05:01 PM

SR

“ If nothing else, the one thing that he granted us as part of your many wishes while on earth out of all the wishes is that he saw fit for you to go well enough to travel to NC and be a part of my big day. To capture my real photo with you is truly a blessing and for that I am forever grateful. Thank you Lord! Grandma you will be truly missed...

Love Always your Shara K.

#atrueangel#themostbeautifulgirlintheworld#atruerepresentationofstreer



Shara K Ricketts - June 23, 2022 at 10:08 PM

DA

She was a beautiful woman and will be missed by so many. Happy that I had the opportunity to know her. RIP grandma. ❤️🙏

Donna Alexander - June 25, 2022 at 08:38 AM

VG

“ Valerie Gore lit a candle in memory of Mary Lee Ashford



Valerie Gore - June 22, 2022 at 03:01 PM

MS

“ *Ms.Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mary Lee Ashford*



Ms.Jackson - June 16, 2022 at 03:17 PM