



Mary L. DeLaughter

October 19, 1934 - April 21, 2026

Mary L. DeLaughter was born in Leon County (Miccosukee, Florida) on October 19, 1934 to the late Charlie and Mamie Hawkins. Mary was the last of five children and the only girl. She accepted Christ at an early age and joined New Jerusalem Baptist Church in Leon County, Florida. She graduated from Lincoln High School, Tallahassee, Florida in June of 1952.

Mary lived in Tallahassee, Eatonville and Orlando, Florida. During this time, she was a member of Bethlehem Baptist Church Orlando, under the leadership of the late Reverend James Smith and Reverend L.W. Wilson. She was a member of St. John Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend Fred Maxwell and Reverend Rolous Frazier, Jr. Mary's last membership, when she returned to her home church, Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, was lead by Reverend Peter L. Lias and currently under the tutledge pastorage of Rev. Willie C Barnes. Macedonia is where she served on the usher board in the 70's and 80's. It was at Macedonia where Pastor Barnes nicknamed her the "Queen". She was also known as the "Candy Lady."

Mary lived a fruitful life. She was employed by Woolworth, Winter Park, General Dynamics, Longwood, Starks Funeral Home, Orlando, and Marvin Zanders Funeral Home, Apopka. She retired from Graybar Electric after 28 years of service.

She is preceded in death by: her husband, William; daughter Mary Elizabeth Barrington Knight; parents Charlie and Mamie Hawkins; brothers, Burrell Hawkins, Tommie Hawkins, Willie Hawkins, and Charlie Hawkins, Jr.

Mary DeLaughter is survived by: DAUGHTERS, Almeda Barrington Alexander and Jacqueline DeLaughter Thompkins (Roland); GRANDSONS, Darius Alexander-Jones I (Juanita) and Bradford Thompkins; GRAND-DAUGHTERS, Anitra Alexander, Anisia Holmes, and Johnna (Brandon); GREAT-GRANDSONS, Brian II, Darius II and Justus; seven great grand-daughters; best friends, Kate Fedd, Minnie Paramore, Lula Williams, Louise Franklin and Artisher Pittman-Blue; special god children, Artice Seward (Phyllis), Annette Alston and Yvonne Deboles; and a host of nieces, nephews, god sons and daughters, and sorrowing friends.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Memorial Park

400 Woodlawn Cemetery Road
Gotha, FL 34734

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 30. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Zanders Memorial Chapel
232 W. Michael Gladden Blvd.
Apopka, FL 32703
(407) 886-3388

Service

MAY 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

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“ *Larry & Gail Newton lit a candle in memory of Mary L. DeLaughter*



Larry & Gail Newton - May 02 at 03:21 PM

HZ

“ *You will be dearly missed your niece Helen Ziegler*



Helen Ziegler - April 30 at 09:51 PM

TM

“ *Theresa Moore lit a candle in memory of Mary L. DeLaughter*



Theresa Moore - April 30 at 12:43 PM

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“ *The Barrington Family Monticello, FL purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mary L. DeLaughter.*



The Barrington Family Monticello, FL - April 30 at 10:43 AM

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“ The Barrington Family Monticello, FL planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary L. DeLaughter.

The Barrington Family Monticello, FL - April 30 at 10:43 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary L. DeLaughter.



April 29 at 08:18 PM

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“ The Hibbler Family purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Mary L. DeLaughter.



The Hibbler Family - April 28 at 09:09 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary L. DeLaughter.



April 28 at 09:40 AM

MS

“ *MONICA SCOTT lit a candle in memory of Mary L. DeLaughter*



MONICA SCOTT - April 28 at 09:29 AM