



## Mary Alice White

June 26, 1935 - May 9, 2021

On June 26, 1935, a precious daughter named Mary Alice Rutland was born to the late David Rutland Sr. and Odessa Mae Rutland. She was the third oldest of nine living siblings. Her parents, late husband Collie White, brothers Frank Rutland, Dave Rutland Jr, James Arthur Rutland, Walter Rutland, Clarence Rutland, and sister Betty A. McDowell all preceded her in death. Mary made her transition on Sunday, May 9, 2021 at Health Central Hospital in Ocoee, FL. Education While growing up in Barnesville, GA, Mary attended Sand Hill Elementary School and Barnesville Industrial High School (7-12), where she graduated. While studying under Mrs. Grace Bush, she noticed great potential in her abilities and encouraged her to attend college. At the advice of Mrs. Bush and her parent's blessings, Mary was able to attend and graduate with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Home Economics from Fort Valley State College, located in Fort Valley, Georgia (It is now Fort Valley State University) Additional studies were done at Rollins College in Winter Park, FL. Marriage Upon relocating to Florida. Mary met her husband, Collie White. After engagement, they were united in Holy Matrimony in June of 1961 by Reverend Peter L. Lias at Tildenville Missionary Baptist Church. Unto this union, two children were born.(Collie P. White and Valerie A. White) Career While pursuing a career in education, Mary became a full time teacher in the Head Start Program of Orange County for five years in Oakland, Florida. Shortly after, Tildenville Missionary Baptist Church started an aftercare and preschool program where she was employed for forty plus years as a

classroom teacher. She also supervised before and after school students as part of her duties. Her career also included substitute teaching in Orange County Public Schools. Church Membership and Service After being baptized by Rev. Lias and becoming a member of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist in 1959, (now Tildenville Missionary Baptist Church), Mary served faithfully as the church Financial Secretary for more than 22 years. She worked under the direction of Rev. Peter L. Lias and Rev. S.J. Moffett. She was a member of the Finance Board who would oversee financial matters of the church. Her loyal membership and attendance at Tildenville Missionary Baptist Church continued for many years until she relocated to the Orlando area. After relocation, she worshipped with her son Collie and wife Heaven at Majestic Life Church. Hobbies and Enjoyment Arts and crafts were favorite pastimes when teaching and during her mid years of life. She enjoyed making craft items with her class to display in her classroom and at county exhibits for the pre-school program. Mary was also an excellent seamstress where she made everything from men's suits to simple garments. She often read the Bible and enjoyed crossword puzzles.

Her love for traveling included annual Rutland-Parker Family Reunions to Florida and Georgia cities. There she would exhibit genuine love her relatives she had not seen in the past year(s). She would often visit Fort Lauderdale often to see her sister. There she met several friends through attendance at New Mt. Olive Baptist Church and on outings with The Brown Sugar Breakfast Club. In Loving Memory Mary leaves to cherish and celebrate her life and legacy, her son Collie P. White Sr. (Heaven)-Leesburg, FL, daughters Valerie A. White-Orlando, FL, and Pastor Gwendolyn Williams- Columbus, OH. Grandchildren-Collie P. White Jr., Kabreka White-Conwell , leasha White, Tonesha Blair, Shaia Blair, Tony Blair, Talanda Clark, Courtney Clark, Barbara Clark-Weatherspoon, and Pakemma Clark Saint-Fort. She was also blessed to have twenty-one great grands, one great-great grand, and several other grands that she loved dearly In the Orlando area.

Siblings

-Johnny C. Rutland (Yvonne)-Winter Garden, FL, Barbara A. Lumpkins (Joel)-  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL. And a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Oakland-Tildenville Cemetery, Inc.

16673 West Colonial Drive  
Oakland, FL 34760

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 21. 5:00 AM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Tildenville Missionary Baptist Church  
233 Massey Avenue  
Winter Garden, FL 34787

## Service

MAY 22. 2:30 PM (ET)

Majestic Life Church  
821 South Kirkman Road  
Orlando, FL 32811

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Alice White*

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *Collie White (Son) lit a candle in memory of Mary Alice White*



**Collie White (Son)** - May 20, 2021 at 04:10 PM



“ *Faye Harp Maddox purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mary Alice White.*



**Faye Harp Maddox** - May 20, 2021 at 10:26 AM



“ *Dea Charlie & Diane Coleman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Alice White*



**Dea Charlie & Diane Coleman** - May 19, 2021 at 08:17 AM

DC

“ *Dea Charlie & Diane Coleman lit a candle in memory of Mary Alice White*



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**Dea Charlie & Diane Coleman** - May 19, 2021 at 08:17 AM

TW

“ *Tony White lit a candle in memory of Mary Alice White*



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**Tony White** - May 18, 2021 at 01:51 PM

BL

“ *I will ALWAYS REMEMBER AND CHERISH the love, care, and mentoring of my sister, Mary A. White. She often played the role of a second mother guiding my sister Betty and me with words of wisdom and insight. She nurtured us through grade school and college with encouragement and support. I will miss her frequent visits to Fort Lauderdale and the sister to sister fun, laughs, outings, trips and time spent together. You lived a good life that impacted many others. Love you forever, Sis.*

*Barbara A. (Rutland) Lumpkins  
Lauderhill, FL*

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**Barbara A. Lumpkins** - May 18, 2021 at 05:16 AM

RD

“ Rickey Dumas purchased the Rose Tribute for the family of Mary Alice White.



Rickey Dumas - May 16, 2021 at 08:03 AM

FM

“ CONDOLENCES TO THE ENTIRE WHITE FAMILY. SOME PEOPLE YOU WILL NEVER FORGET AND MARY WHITE HAS BEEN A PILLOW IN TILDENVILLE, OAKLAND AND WINTER GARDEN FOR ALL MY LIFE. THANKS FOR SHARING SUCH A WONDERFUL PERSON.



FAYE HARP MADDOX

Faye Maddox - May 14, 2021 at 02:30 PM

VH

*I didn't know miss Mary but for about 2 years, but she was one of the sweetest and kindest person I've ever had the pleasure of knowing. She touched my heart. She would come with her daughter Val where I work. I will truly miss her beautiful spirit.*

Valerie H - May 19, 2021 at 09:07 PM



“ My prayers and condolences with her family. Best child care worker ever...she treated my girls like they were hers. Especially Decoyis.



Lois Morss - May 14, 2021 at 08:22 AM

DR

“ *Deloris Woodard Riggins lit a candle in memory of Mary Alice White* ”



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**Deloris Woodard Riggins** - May 14, 2021 at 06:24 AM