



Mary Louise Zanders

April 27, 1946 - July 1, 2025

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The life of Mary Louise Zanders began on April 27, 1946, in Mobile, Alabama. She was the oldest child born to Earl and Minnie Lindsey.

Mary spent her early years in Rupton, Alabama while in the care of her grandparents, Alexander and Marie Lindsey. During her early childhood, her father returned to Rupton and soon relocated Mary and her siblings, Roy and Linda, to Apopka, Florida. There, Earl met the love of his life, Mattie Ezell. Soon thereafter, they relocated to North Florida and settled in the metropolis of Chipley, Florida. Mary, affectionately called "Louise", would spend her formative years in the clay hills of Chipley. She was also the oldest sibling of the now-blended Lindsey family. Nurtured in love by her mother, Mattie, and guided by the strong hand of her father, Earl, Louise accepted Christ at a young age and was baptized at the St. Joseph African Methodist Episcopal Church.

She attended Roulhac High School in Chipley. At a young age, Mary met a gentleman by the name of George Ford, aka "Sugga Babe," Shortly after, Mary would leave the confines of home and travel the "seasons" with "Sugga Babe," and the two would unite in matrimony. Mary would later complete her education in Stuart, Florida and in later years, she would relocate to

Montgomery, Alabama. There, she would further her education and attend Trenholm State Community College.

In 1992, Mary "Louise" returned to Apopka, Florida. After settling in Apopka, she continued her career as a CNA. It was through her expertise, she would meet her guardian angels, Mr. and Mrs. Albert C. Holt, whom she would care for throughout the remainder of their lives. Needless to say, they were a blessing to her, as she was a blessing to them.

In the summer of 1997, while caring for Mr. and Mrs. Holt, Mary was spotted from across the street by this tall, slender man, who would become her best friend and self-proclaimed soulmate, Grady Wells Zanders, and on July 12, 1998, the two were united in Holy Matrimony.

Growing in grace, Mary and Grady would unite with the Mount Olive A.M.E. Church, Orlando, under the pastorate of their nephew, Reverend Marvin C. Zanders II. Upset that Reverend Zanders was appointed to pastor in Jacksonville, Florida, the two would then unite with the Pleasant View Baptist Church in Apopka, Florida, under the leadership of the late Reverend Dr. Michael D. Warren.

Mary had an excitement about growing in Christ. She loved her church and was excited about serving the Master. While at Pleasant View, she joined Usher Board #1 and became a "True Doorkeeper" in the House of the Lord (she didn't play with it). After years of failing health, Mary became unable to physically attend church. However, she was able to find a positive outcome in the midst of the COVID pandemic, and that was to take part in virtual worship. Once again, she was able to assemble with the Saints of God in worship, and she seized every opportunity to hear good preaching.

Mary was always eager to learn about Christ and his desires for her life. She

would attend any virtual "bible class" that she could, be it with New Direction in Apopka, Florida, Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church in Apopka, Florida, Refuge in Zion Temple in Harlem, Georgia, St. Paul A.M.E. in Jacksonville, Florida, and perhaps others. Although Mary was homebound, she made the most of her time, creating precious memories with her family and friends. She ultimately became a social media guru, creating friendships around the country.

Mary Louise Zanders was the last surviving child born to Earl and Minnie. She was preceded in death by her Best friend and spouse, Grady W. Zanders; her parents: Minnie, Earl and Mattie; siblings: Roy, Jessie, Catherine, Carolyn, Judy-ann, Linda, Ray, and Penny; grandson, Tobias; and niece, Shameka.

Those left to cherish her memories: her four children whom she loved as the apple of her eye: George W. Ford, Jr. (Shelia), Sabrina Delancy (Randy), Mattie M. Ford and Pastor Timothy L. Ford (Cassandra); ten grandchildren: Brandi, Sharina (Julius), Jordan, Rishay, Keishunna, Tiara, Timyra, Jacari (Bethany), and Addison; siblings: Freddie Brown, Greg Mitchell (Lagretta), Cassandra Mitchell, Pamela Hogan (Gary), Bonnie Lindsey, Reverend Linda Sheffield (Willie); special nieces: Denise Lindsey, Erica Williams, Helen R. Zanders, Wendy Harpe, Marveen Jefferson (William); a close cousin-sista: Gearldine Curry; four sisters-in-law: Helen Thomas-Lindsey, Doris Lindsey, Nancy Zanders-Greene, Janice Zanders; her extended- family (they were ALWAYS THERE): Mattie Stevens, Laurice Peterson, Cassandra Davis, the late Dave Williams, Carl dernet Davis, Eva Mae Lowery, Betty Hayes Williams, Elnora "Pee- Wee" McHugh, her neighbor, Richard, The Leonard family of Stuart, Florida; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and extended family.

Previous Events

Public Visitation

JUL 11. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

New Direction Community of Faith Church
232 W. 8th. St.
Apopka, FL 32703

Service

JUL 12. 2:00 PM (ET)

Pleasant View Baptist Church
1202 S. Central Ave.
Apopka, FL 32703

Tribute Wall

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Pastor Timothy L Ford - July 24, 2025 at 07:47 PM

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Pastor Timothy L Ford - July 24, 2025 at 07:46 PM

LS

“ *Lisa Simpson-Spurgeon lit a candle in memory of Mary Louise Zanders*



Lisa Simpson-Spurgeon - July 12, 2025 at 03:06 PM

LS

“ *Ma Mary, you stepped in and became a Guiding Light for my Sisters and I when our Mother passed. I Thank you for the SCARIFIES you made during that time. You meant the world to us and we'll FOREVER keep your Memories in our hearts. We promise to take care of and Love your Son George as you would. He's the GREATEST Brother in Law EVER. You take your Rest in the Bossom of Abraham and ALWAYS know that you were LOVED. Lisa Simpson-Spurgeon and Family*

Lisa Simpson-Spurgeon - July 12, 2025 at 03:05 PM

SL

“ *Sadie Lowman lit a candle in memory of Mary Louise Zanders*



Sadie Lowman - July 12, 2025 at 11:15 AM

SM

“ *Sheila McCluster planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Louise Zanders.*

Sheila McCluster - July 12, 2025 at 10:11 AM

SM

“ *Sheila McCluster purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mary Louise Zanders.*



Sheila McCluster - July 12, 2025 at 10:11 AM

JH

“ *Jimmie & Wendy Harpe purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Mary Louise Zanders.*



Jimmie & Wendy Harpe - July 11, 2025 at 04:14 PM

NJ

“ *Nancy Zanders Green & Samuel Jefferson purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Mary Louise Zanders.*



Nancy Zanders Green & Samuel Jefferson - July 11, 2025 at 04:10 PM

FF

“ *From Karen, Cenithia & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mary Louise Zanders.*



From Karen, Cenithia & Family - July 11, 2025 at 03:40 PM



“ *Eva Mae Laury
Mary I will miss you, rest in Heaven my sister.
Condolences To The Family.*



Sheila McCluster - July 10, 2025 at 10:15 PM



“ *Sheila Walker-McCluster & Family. May You
Rest In GOD'S Heavenly Paradise,
Condolences To The Family.*



Sheila McCluster - July 10, 2025 at 10:12 PM

JD

“ *Juanita (Auntie Nita) Douglas lit a candle in memory of Mary Louise Zanders*



Juanita (Auntie Nita) Douglas - July 09, 2025 at 03:32 PM

AB

“ *Angela Britten sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Louise Zanders*



Angela Britten - July 09, 2025 at 07:49 AM

CW

“ *Charlie Mae Warren lit a candle in memory of Mary Zanders*



Charlie Mae Warren - July 08, 2025 at 01:22 PM

BD

“ *Ms. Mary had a beautiful caring heart. She always had kind words when she visited my FB group or joined in the games. . I met her when her daughter married my brother. Rest in peace Ms. Mary, knowing your caring heart and smile will be greatly missed on this earth.*

Brenda Delancy-Young - July 08, 2025 at 08:31 AM

SJ

“ Samuel James Jefferson lit a candle in memory of Mary Louise Zanders



Samuel James Jefferson - July 07, 2025 at 06:37 PM

DN

“ Dot Newsome lit a candle in memory Mary Louise Zanders



Dot Newsome - July 07, 2025 at 08:28 AM

LP

“ To the family of Mary: my love, condolences and prayers are with you as you are going through this journey of grief. I pray that GOD will continue HIS blessings upon you all.
Laurice Peterson 🙏❤️🌸



Laurice Peterson - July 04, 2025 at 09:27 PM

PB

“ Pamela Brown lit a candle in memory of Mary Louise Zanders



Pamela Brown - July 03, 2025 at 09:58 PM

MS

“ *MONICA DENISE SCOTT lit a candle in memory of Mary Louise Zanders*



MONICA DENISE SCOTT - July 03, 2025 at 10:53 AM

IW

“ *Ira D Westbrook lit a candle in memory of Mary Zanders*



Ira D Westbrook - July 02, 2025 at 08:23 PM

CD

“ *Clara Desue sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Louise Zanders*



Clara Desue - July 02, 2025 at 02:48 PM

GB

“ *Gussie L Baker lit a candle in memory of Mary Zanders*



Gussie L Baker - July 02, 2025 at 12:07 PM