



Mary E. Ritchwood

August 15, 1952 - May 14, 2019

Homegoing services for Mrs. Mary E. Ritchwood of Atlanta, GA will be held Saturday, June 15, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home South DeKalb Chapel, 4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy, Decatur, GA 30034. Visitation will be held on Friday, June, 14, 2019 from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with Family Hour from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home South DeKalb Chapel (404)241-5656

Events

JUN **Visitation** 12:00PM - 08:00PM

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Gregory B. B Levett and Sons - South DeKalb Chapel
4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy., Decatur, GA, US, 30034

JUN **Family Hour** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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JUN **Homegoing services** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Me and my aunt mary went to see a scary movie once and she did commentary through the whole movie and couldn't keep quiet, while laughing i couldn't shush her down not to ruin other people's experiance watching the movie.

Savannah Lawrence - June 15 at 08:37 AM



“ Words seem inadequate to express the sadness I feel about Mary's transition, however I pray God's peace and comfort in the days ahead and precious, loving memories to forever hold dear in your hearts. Sharing in your sadness as we all remember Mary's life. Sending healing prayers and comforting hugs.
Sharon Hagans

Sharon Hagans - June 15 at 07:51 AM



“ I have sooo many great memories growing up with Aunt Mary and even into adulthood she was the same. She seemed stern to some, but I think that was a facade because she was incredibly selfless and always giving. Aunt Mary, through one of my most difficult transitions, moving to Alabama, you were the first family member to come and visit us and I was sooo grateful to have a piece of home in Alabama, if only for a little while. Some of my fondest memories of you are how you would question us, asking sternly “what y'all doing?” and then start chuckling. I can hear it clearly in my head. we didn't know whether to run or sing in unison “nothing Aunt Mary”! I love you and your grin and chuckle will absolutely be missed!

Your niece,
Ashley

Ashley Simmons - June 14 at 06:54 PM



“ May GOD bless and keep you.

Irvin - June 15 at 07:16 PM



“ I remember a few times coming home for winter break and New Year's came around instead of hanging out with family or celebrating with friends I was in church with Mary & Tia. She didn't have to invite but she thought enough of me to include me. Or maybe she thought I needed it, but either way I was fortunate to share those moments as well as many others during that time. Ms. Ritchwood was an exceptional mom and will be missed dearly. ~Nasir



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mary E. Ritchwood.



June 13 at 11:38 PM



“ Dyisha P. Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mary E. Ritchwood



Dyisha P. Lewis - June 13 at 08:42 AM



“ Rest well Aunt Mary. I met you only a couple of times, but could tell you were a blessing to many. May all who knew you find peace in knowing you have run a good race and are finally home. You will be missed by many and your memories will live on forever through the family. Shayla, Tiarney and Shyrissa, praying that God will wrap His arms around you during this time of transition. Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning. May you find joy in your memories and peace in your heart knowing the love of your mother will never part from you. Until we meet again, rest well Aunt Mary.

Love you,

Dyisha

Dyisha P. Lewis - June 13 at 08:39 AM



“ I remember when me and aunt mary went to go see a scary movie called insidious it was about a human boy possessed by an evil demon, and terrorized his family. The whole time watching the movie in the theater my aunt mary couldn't stop talking, and i had to calm her down and tell her to keep it down while laughing.

Donna Lewis Lawrence - June 13 at 12:10 AM



“ Mary,a true friend, We have been friends for fifty years. It started out she being my sister's friend and Donna being mine. At that time Mary and I were the quiet ones and our sisters more out going. So we connected. We shared all our deepest secrets good and bad. Years later we got it going. I remember we would go Downtown to the dress shop where Ms. Essie worked, Tuesdays when all the new shipments came in. We would pick out all the best outfits for the weekend outing. Mary was so slow took forever getting dressed. By the time we would get to the party we only have a couple of hours to party. But that didn't matter Mary always fell asleep a half hour in. Lol We went everywhere partying like rock stars, dressed to the nines getting the stares from jealous females. When Mary got married and moved to N.J. we slowed down a lot but not completely. We would visit each other an still travel together. Mary has been sick a long time. I told her she needed to slow down but she just say I know. I could go on forever telling our stories but it would end being a book.(best seller) I just want to say to the family keep your heads up. Mary had a good life and she loved you all. She's probably smiling right now. I love yall.

Barbara Dunn Wright - June 12 at 12:39 PM



“ Grandma the many times you were there for me I'll never forget, Love Hamid. Your in a better place now.

Hamid Pleasant - June 12 at 11:58 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary E. Ritchwood.



June 11 at 11:41 PM



“ Joan Nottingham lit a candle in memory of Mary E. Ritchwood



Joan Nottingham - June 11 at 11:06 PM



“ To Shyrisa, Shayla and Tia,

My deepest condolences for the loss of your mother. My God comfort you and give you strength during this difficult time. May memories of your mom live forever in your hearts. I will miss you Mary and may you forever RIP my dear friend! Another angel has gotten their wings...Gone but never forgotten!!!

Joan Nottingham - June 11 at 11:05 PM



“ To Mrs. Mary,

You can rest now. So happy you are at peace.

Love,
Amber

Amber Hagans - June 11 at 07:41 PM



“ To My Loving Sister Mary,

I love you still and I always will. Thank you for being a wonderful sister, a friend, for being my support and my confidante. Thank you for the good times that we shared and for always being there.

A sister Like You

I just want to let you know, you meant the world to me

Only a heart as dear as yours would give so unselfishly

The many things you've done and all the times that you were there, helped me realize how much you really cared

Even though I might not have said how much I appreciated all that you do

I was richly blessed and proud to have a sister as kind and wonderful as you

I love and miss you
Roz



Rosalyn Fisher - June 11 at 01:04 AM



“ Mary,

I will always love you and I'm forever grateful for blessing you was to my daughter Syhirah. Rest In Peace knowing you was a blessing to many.

Your Brother Babe

Richard Lewis - June 11 at 12:47 AM



“ Mary had a way of laughing that made you laugh even harder and the day she drove by me and splashed that water on me coming from the movies and didn't give me a ride home wasn't funny but seeing her laughing about it made me laugh. I love you big sister and may God keep you and watch over all the family. SIP BIG SISTER, I MISS YOU AND WILL KEEP YOU IN MY HEART FOREVER.

Neno Fisher - June 10 at 02:43 PM



“ My sister was truly a complicated woman. Steadfast in convictions and beliefs. I'm sure you know what I mean. We all loved and cared for her. There was one hysterical moment I will remember always. Back in the day when she and I lived close I heard her screaming and yelling outside the front door getting something said. I went outside to find her looking at a pork chop on the step. Of course I responded with a what the f%#k is that doing there (I wasn't saved then). A jilted boyfriend left it. I said you not trying to cook this thing are you and we laughed and joked about it all day then we hit a club. Best memory ever. We should have more. I will miss my sister!

Donna Lewis Lawrence - June 10 at 11:25 AM



“growing up my grandmother would take us to the state fair to help her sell her merchandise. Looking back on it I feel like that’s where my work ethic comes from. I also remember how she would go to concerts where mostly young people would attend. If that’s not the definition of coolest grandmother than I don’t know what is.

Rashid Pleasant - June 10 at 06:31 AM



“Shyryssa, Shayla and Tia,

May God wrap His loving arms around you during your time of need. May He continue to be in the midst of family and friends and May His love continue to shine on everyone! Love Aunt Cetta-



Cetta Fisher - June 09 at 06:33 PM



“I am so glad that I had the chance to spend quality time with Cousin Mary this past year. I moved from Chicago to Atlanta last March. Probably my first or second week here I asked Shayla for her mother’s address and would see her once or twice a week. She would smile and laugh when I walked in the doorway of her room. I am so grateful for the year that I was able to spend with her reading her the Bible, wheeling her bed outside for fresh air, praying for her, listening to music or watching her sleep. I pray I was able to make her day each time I showed up. I wanted to take some of the load off of Shayla and other family members while being so close.

Rest well Cousin Mary you fought a good fight.

Love you,

Aisha Jackson

Aisha Jackson - June 09 at 02:53 PM



“ Mary was a good sister I loved that no matter how long it has been since I have seen her, it was like xmas . Whether it was July or August, she would have her jewelry and she would say.. "Here get u a few things". I am going to miss my sister, But know in my heart, we will meet again..I love you "Fusty"...

Francine Anthony - June 09 at 01:24 PM



“ Hey Grandma , its still difficult to say you're gone cause i still hear your words . It seems the last conversation we had is turning out to be one of great importance to me . When you come to mind I remember the sleepovers , you letting me and my brothers play all over the place , your sweet potato pies , all the coventions we got to go on and be your helpers . Most of all , was the feeling of love and guidance that you gave us your grandsons a chance to receive . I love you forever i feel better knowing your resting peacefully now . Thank you , love you .

Saeed Pleasant - June 09 at 01:07 PM



“ My condolences to all of Mary's daughters and family. Mary will be missed, tears will shed and hearts will hurt. But she has no more pain, no more worries and is doing well now. Heaven is awaiting her arrival, the golden gates will be open for her. She will be smiling because she did make it and will be see God, who will say to her.... welcome to your new home my Dear.
God bless.
Vincent Ritchwood

Vincent Ritchwood - June 09 at 11:12 AM



“ To my mother n law that I love and respect as my mom RIH. I pray that you continue to watch over us



Rashad Dawuud Pleasant - June 09 at 10:58 AM



“ I'll always remember my sister for the strong, confident, resourceful, and phenomenal mother, daughter, cousin, aunt and friend. May you rest in peace, and your footprints remain a presence and constant reminder to those who are seeking comfort. May God wrap His loving arms around each and every one during this time of need.
Cetta-

Cetta Fisher - June 06 at 10:25 AM



“ Rest well cousin Mary (fusty). We will miss you but we rest in knowing you are now healed from all ailments. I will miss your infectious laughter. Love you! From cousin Neen (NJ)

Janeen Hawkins - June 04 at 08:32 AM



“ I have so many fond memories of my sister, It is hard to pick just one. Rest on Mary, I love you and I will forever miss you...Say Hello to Tony for ne...

Francine - June 09 at 09:18 AM



“ even in her times of stress, when she was fighting her own demons, when she was beyond exhausted, nothing stopped my mother from finding the strength she needed to do for her daughters; she always went above and beyond to find the resources which allowed us to continually move forward and strive for more; we learn from our parents, and from my mother I taught my children to always do their best and strive for more; FIRST LOVE YOURSELF,.. no one will care or love us more than you did
Love Shyrissa



Shyrissa E. Pleasant - June 03 at 09:51 PM



“ I worked with Mary many years. She was always smiling! I loved to buy her jewelry and still have some pieces I bought from her. Sweet person always. She will be missed.

Chantal Fitzgerald - May 28 at 11:25 PM



“ I can't even begin to say how much it hurts me to lose you. My beautiful big sister Mary. You have been there at the beginning of my life. Babysitting me and later helping me care for my own children's. I cannot imagine a life without you being here. I will forever cherish every moment that me and my family had with you. None more crazier than the time we all went to stay with Angie in her time share home. It was in apart of The Carolina's that we have never been before. I remember how the white folks acted as if we were in the wrong place. Even getting the manager because they didn't want us in the pool. You just laughed at them and said if they don't like it. Well than let them leave. Well they did and we had the entire pool on one of the hottest days in the summer. We had so much fun eating and swimming. Than there was the night that I went into labor with Shawn. I was scared to death. You were so calm. Started coaching me instantly. Looking at you showing me how to breathe I started laughing. Which took my mind off of the pain. You had me walking around the house and giving me ice. Shayla and Tia were my extra little coaches. My niece Shyrisa had put my hair into a ponytail. While her sister kept asking me every few seconds. Are you okay Aunt Miles is that baby going to come out right here. Shayla was like a little old woman in a child body. Tia must have been almost a year two by than. Mary kept right on being the coach. Where is your suitcase? Believe me when I say you would've thought that she was having a baby. She made sure that I had everything ready by the door. We spent hours at the house breathing through contractions. When we got to the hospital that was it for her. Sorry Miles I have seen that part enough. She couldn't deal with seeing me laying in pain. She was crying outside of my room.she had to leave and go back home with her girls. When she came back I had my son Shawn. She always wanted a son. I put him in her arms and said well you get to spoil him.,As only a Aunt could. She did just that. She taught me how to change and dress him. Mary stayed on me and made sure that I was taking good care of my baby. At times she and her husband Vincent would take him. Allowing me time to rest. She started out with one son and seem me through the birth of two more sons and finally my daughter Na'Maya. Than year later she and my youngest son Karon would share one special bond. He loved her so much. They spent many days at Englishtown and flea markets all over together. He loved every moment that he spent with his Aunt Mary. He would call her excitedly days before the weekend to see if they were going to the flea market. He would be ready for her at the crack of dawn. We are going to miss you our shopping princess. Going to a flea market will always reminds us of you. Enjoy paradise Mary we will see you again at the welcome table. Love Your little sister Miles and family

