



Mary Howard

October 30, 1945 - August 19, 2025

Mary Howard, beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, earned her angel wings at age 79 in Atlanta Georgia. Born October 30, 1945, in Harlem, New York, to Perry and Catherine Levan, Mary was the ninth of ten children.

A devoted nurse for 36 years, Mary cared for countless patients and volunteered tirelessly to deliver meals to seniors in her community. Even after retirement, she continued to support children at Trey Whitfield School in Brooklyn NY, where her son and many grandchildren attended. She was deeply devoted to her faith and service, worshiping as a member of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Brooklyn, NY.

Mary was the loving wife of the late Colin “Spot” Howard. She is survived by her children Rania Sanders (James), Ralph Samuels (Anicka), Alfred Samuels (Chasity), and Aaron Howard (Kenya); fifteen grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; her sisters Sarah Levan and Alethea Levan; and a host of nieces, nephews and extended family.

Mary was known for her deep love, wisdom, and unwavering devotion to family. She had a special gift for making everyone feel cherished, whether through her thoughtful cards, her legendary home-cooked meals, hours spent on the phone with loved ones, or her playful spirit that earned her the affectionate nickname “Tomato” in childhood. She cherished family unity above all else.

Her words of guidance— “Pray on it,” “Get it done,” “I love you,” and “Honor

thy mother and thy father”—reflect a life lived with faith, purpose, and care for others. Mary’s warmth, humor, and generosity touched everyone she met, leaving a lasting legacy of love and family.

Services entrusted to Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home, 4347 Flat Shoals Parkway, Decatur, GA 30034.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 5. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Rainbow Park Baptist Church
2941 Columbia Dr
Decatur, GA 30034-4146
(404) 288-1910

Family Hour

SEP 5. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life Service - Attend Live or via Livestream

SEP 6. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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<https://vimeo.com/event/5355291>

Tribute Wall



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White* was purchased for the family of Mary Howard.



September 06, 2025 at 10:16 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Howard.

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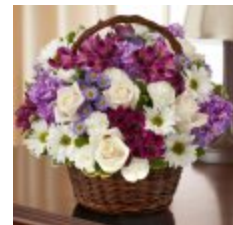
“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy* was purchased for the family of Mary Howard.



September 06, 2025 at 09:18 AM



“ *Gerald, Sonja & Ms. Brenda purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White* for the family of Mary Howard.



Gerald, Sonja & Ms. Brenda - September 04, 2025 at 06:27 PM

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“ *Your GSA Family purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Mary Howard.*



Your GSA Family - September 04, 2025 at 04:27 PM

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“ *Pastor Dave and Lady B Jones - Beacon Light Christian Center Family purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Mary Howard.*



Pastor Dave and Lady B Jones - Beacon Light Christian Center Family - September 03, 2025 at 01:40 PM



“ *Lavender & White Mixed Half Casket Cover was purchased for the family of Mary Howard.*



August 22, 2025 at 02:46 PM