

## Acknowledgement

The family of Mary Elsberry Guyton is most grateful for  
the many prayers, calls, cards, flowers, and kind words.  
They really touched our hearts.

THE FAMILY

## Active Pallbearers

Andre Elsberry  
Eric Jones  
Gerald Jones

Robert Anthony Jones  
Minister Deveckio McNeil  
Rickardo Walton

## Interment

Lagrange Cemetery  
Lagrange, TN



## Together Again

### **Professional Services Entrusted To**

Dixie Funeral Home  
750 Bills Street ~ Bolivar, Tennessee  
(731) 658-3941

**“Dedicated to those we serve”**

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## A CELEBRATION OF

# *Life*



**January 2, 1949 ~ December 15, 2021**

# Mary Elsberry Guyton

### **Services**

Monday, December 27, 2021 ~1:00PM

Dixie Funeral Home ~ Jerome Boyd Chapel  
Bolivar, TN

Pastor Willie McNeil ~ Eulogist  
Greater New Bethel COGIC



## *TO My Mother, Mary Elsberry Guyton*

On December 22, 1972, I was born. You raised me with help from your parents, your sisters, and brothers. I think I am the only grandchild that has lived with every one of those sisters and brothers. So, mom, when you gave birth to me, not only did you gift me with life, you planted a seed that would grow, go places, and achieve things that I could never have imagined. Remember in 1989 when I moved from LaGrange TN to Ca? Even though you didn't want me to go, I cried and didn't want to go. Grandma - she made me go. But because I was thinking, worried and concerned about you, I always came home and I never forgot where I come from, who I am and all the hands that helped raise me.

Mama, I know you've gone home now too and in a better place. I think God said "I'm gonna bring her home where she will be well taken care of, and no one has to worry anymore". Every day I wake up, I know God did His part, now I have to do mine. So Mama, I promise you, on this earth, you will live on through me and I will watch over and do my best to take care of the family as they did for you. One day, we will be together again so I don't want to say goodbye, instead I will just say "See you later!". You will be missed, I LOVE YOU - If it had never been a "you", it would have never been a "me". So, thank you and I will see you later!!!!

*Love your son,*







# GRATEFUL

*Just a few words Mae, I am eternally grateful for us sharing our lives together. I will always love and miss you.*

*Love, your sister, Emma*



# The Broken Chain

We little knew that day, God was going to call your name.  
In life we loved you dearly, in death, we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you. You did not go alone.  
For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.

You left us beautiful memories, your love is still our guide.  
And although we cannot see you, you are always at our side.

Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same,  
But as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.

*Love,  
Your siblings*





*Reflections of  
Mary Elsberry Guyton*

*“And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report: if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.”*

*(Philippians 4:7-9 KJV)*

Mary Elsberry Guyton was born to Willie Connell Elsberry and Dessie Jones Elsberry on January 2, 1949. She attended Fayette County School System. After High School, she attended Hazel Foster Cosmetology College in Mississippi. She worked as a hairstylist for many years.

She confessed Christ at an early age and joined Pine Hill MB Church under the leadership of Pastor Nelson Hunt. She worked diligently under Pastor Hunt’s great and inspiring leadership. After attending Pine Hill for many years, she later joined Greater New Bethel Church of God in Christ to support her sister and brother in law, Pastor Willie and Helen McNeil. She enjoyed working as head usher and remained an active and faithful memory until her death.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, Willie and Dessie Elsberry; brothers, Alonzo, Lawrence, Robert, and Elton; two sisters, Teresa Sanders and Arlene Brown; Romero’s father, Joe Scott;

Mary leaves to cherish her memories: one son, Romero (Vikki) Guyton of Mansfield, TX; two brothers; Bernard Elsberry of North Fork, VA and Willie Elsberry Jr. of Dover DE; three sisters: Emma (Jerry) Liddell of LaGrange, TN, Bennye’ Elsberry Thomas of Gardenia, CA and Helen (Willie) McNeil of Memphis, TN and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends that loved her deeply.

*Order of Service*

Processional

Scripture.....Evangelist Rosie Loyde

Prayer.....Deacon Eugene Norman

Selection.....Minister Andy Walton

Reading by Helen McNeil.....Shayanna McNeil

Words of Encouragement.....Superintendent James Norman  
St. James COGIC

Selections.....Bro. Tavarious Tables

Reading by Bennye’ E. Thomas.....Sis. Rebecca Dorsey

Words of Encouragement.....Pastor Nelson Hunt  
Pine Hill MB Church

Reflections.....(2 minutes).....Family and Friends

Tribute from Romero (son).....Sis. Vikki Guyton

Selections.....Sis. Catherine Brown

Eulogy.....Elder Willie McNeil

Recessional