

Mary's Legacy



Lives On...

Saying Goodbye to a Great Woman Her Journey's Just Begun

Don't think of her as gone away -
her **JOURNEY'S JUST BEGUN**,
life holds so many facets -
this earth is only one.

Just think of her as resting
from the sorrows and the tears
in a place of *warmth*
AND COMFORT
where there are no days and years.

Think how she must be wishing
that we could know today
how nothing but our sadness
can really pass away.

In the *Hearts* of those she touched
For nothing loved is ever lost -
And she was loved so much.



Acknowledgement

The family would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation for the thoughtfulness presented to us and love given during our time of bereavement. We greatly appreciate your prayers, love and kind expressions of sympathy shown towards us, and our mother - **MARY JANE JARVIS**. Thank you!!!

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF
our Mother
&
CELEBRATION
of Life



Mary
JANE JARVIS

SUNRISE: AUGUST 16, 1941 SUNSET: AUGUST 24, 2019

MEMORIAL SERVICE
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2019, 1:00 P.M.

GREATER GRACE CHURCH
3690 Pershall Road
Ferguson, MO 63135

BISHOP LARRY O. JONES
Host Pastor

Order of Service

Master of Ceremonies	ELDER SANDRA FIELDS Greater Grace Church
Processional	"Nobody But Jesus" by Vanessa Bell-Armstrong
Prayer	MINISTER REGINA BAUCOM Faith Miracle Temple
Scripture Reading	MINISTER REGINA BAUCOM Faith Miracle Temple
Musical Selection	"Stand" by Donnie McClurkin
Acknowledgement and Condolences	
Tributes	FAMILY AND FRIENDS
Family "Precious Memories"	MEGHAN J. CALDWELL
Her Life Story (Read Silently)	VIDEO PRESENTATION
Hymn of Praise	"Precious Lord" by Aretha Franklin
Eulogy	BISHOP LARRY O. JONES
Benediction	
Repast Immediately Following Service	GREATER GRACE CHURCH

MOMMA ALWAYS MADE SURE THAT EACH OF HER CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN LEARNED THE FOLLOWING SCRIPTURES:

Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Psalms 23:1-6

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me

in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Life Reflections

MARY JANE (KNOX-GANDY) JARVIS was born on August 16, 1941 in Aliceville, Alabama to the parents of Amelia Ann Owens-Knox and Simmie Knox. She was the second oldest of three children, which included two brothers Simmie Knox and Robert D. Gandy.

Mary relocated to St. Louis, Missouri with her parents at an early age. She attended Holy Angels Elementary Catholic School and graduated from Kinloch Senior High School. Before graduating, she met and married Jimmy Jarvis and to this union six children were born.

In 1972, **Mary** gave her life to Christ. She was baptized and filled with the Holy Ghost at Lively Stone Church under the leadership of Bishop Philip L. Scott where she served as a choir member, Missionary and worked in various auxiliaries in the church. After relocating to Missouri City Texas with her children, she later became a member of Windsor Village Church, under the leadership of Pastor Kirbyjon and Suzette Caldwell.

Mary worked several years for Monsanto, Wagner Electric and worked for several other companies during her professional career. She always had a dream of being an entrepreneur so she attended and graduated from Dudley Cosmetology University. Mary finally fulfilled her dream when she was able to open her first business, a salon called "NU Expression."

Because she had a passion for working with people, after relocating to Missouri City, Texas, **Mary** began working at Sam's Club as an Event Specialist, which she enjoyed. Many of the customers loved her, and even tried to hire her on the spot as a private nanny - particularly when customers noticed how their children gravitated towards her and treated her as if they had known her for years.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, and three children, Madelyn Dorece Nunn, Jimmy Albert Jarvis, Jr. and Rhonda Rochelle Jarvis.

Mary leaves to cherish her memory: two daughters, Veronica Renee Jarvis, Mary Ann Jarvis; and one son, Steven Lamont Jarvis; two brothers, Simmie Knox (Roberta) and Robert Gandy (Diana). She also leaves to cherish six grandchildren, Latosha A. Jarvis, Lamar A. Smith, Brittany A. Nunn, Meghan J. Caldwell, Jyair H. Norman, Mariah J. Williams; and two great-grandchildren, Laila Knox and Alan (AJ) Day. Finally, she leaves to cherish a host of Godchildren that she loved dearly, nieces, nephews, family members, close friends, associates, co-workers, church members and neighbors.

PRECIOUS MEMORIES FROM FAMILY MEMBERS

"I will always cherish, love and miss my momma!!!" ~Steven

"I'm not good with expressing myself. However, my feelings about my grandmother are abundant. I do not have one bad memory of her. She made me want to make others happy. Her smile could light up a room..."

Her smile always made me smile. She took me to church EVERY Sunday when I was young. She loved me UNCONDITIONALLY. She will forever be in my heart. I wanted to surprise her with my trip to the Vatican, but she passed three days prior. I love God but I wouldn't have known HIM without HER. I love you Grandma! Now and forever!!!!"

~Lamar

"Every time granny and I were together, we would sit down and watch house hunters... Sometimes, she would make us a bowl of cream of wheat and turkey bacon, and it used to be so good! Oh, and her lemon cake is the BEST CAKE YOU WILL EVER EAT IN YOUR LIFE!!!! If you didn't get the chance to try it, you missed out!!" ~Mariah

"Grandma gave me my first job and opportunity to make my own money at her hair salon. Opening up the door for many relationships with her clients and beauticians, who all became like extended family.

She was good at bringing people together." ~Latosha

"Thank you granny for watching over me when my mother left me in distress....while she took a trip to Jamaica." ~Jyair

"Well, I will always remember her protecting me when I was small, and when she joined the church...Great days!" ~Robert

"Granny there are so many memories I will never forget of us. From spending my summer days with you and Shell at the beauty salon, to you grabbing us some Lee's chicken with a gallon of sweet tea, and parking the car to watch airplanes land and takeoff.

But my most favorite will have to be when you came here to Los Angeles to meet your great grandson. Lord, did you try your best to change Allen's and my carefree lifestyle, lol! But all jokes aside that was the first moment I genuinely felt your joy. All you wanted to do was just hold AJ all day, and he absolutely loved it! Thanks for coming and sharing your motherly wisdom.

I will never forget the expression on your face when we all went to the beach and you finally decided to let go, and enjoy the sand between your toes. If anyone knows you, they know how much of an achievement that was for you. You were so at peace. You even told Allen, me and AJ to pick a beachfront house that we want to live in and we all prayed over it; I cannot wait till that prayer comes true. Granny I'm beyond grateful you were able to come spend that time with us and I will cherish our memories forever. I hope you're finally resting in heaven and receiving the peace of mind and happiness you always deserved. Until we meet again..." ~Meghan