



Mrs. Mary Catherin Richards

February 27, 1946 - January 25, 2026

RICHARDS, Mrs. Mary - Age 79, passed away Sunday, January 25, 2026 at her residence. Family hour 1:00 PM Monday, February 9, 2026, at Grace Cathedral Community Church, 1709 Nebraska Ave., with funeral service commencing at 2:00 PM. Pastor Patrick McNeal, Officiating. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, 4413 Flushing Rd, Flint, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 1:00 PM Monday. Mrs. Richards will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd. and may be viewed from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Sunday.

Mother Mary Catherin (Glover) Richards was born on February 27, 1946, in Waynesboro, Mississippi, the fifth of thirteen children born to the late Percy Pearl and Ora Lee (Rankin) Glover. She spent her early years in Waynesboro, surrounded by a large and loving family that shaped her faithfulness, generosity and strong love for her family and friends.

Mother Mary later relocated to Flint, Michigan at the age of 12, to be raised by her eldest sister, Florasteen and brother-in-law, Harold Bolton. Once Katrina and Lisha were born, she was raised as their big sister. Mary attended Bryant Junior High School and graduated from the "Old" Northern High School in 1963, where she met the love of her life, Curie Columbus Richards. Curie often picked Mary up from high school in his 1963 Pontiac convertible, a moment Mary enjoyed so much that she would proudly invite her friends to ride along. The two were then married in 1964, beginning a beautiful love

story that spanned over 64 years. From their union, three children were born, and together they built a loving family. With the birth of Mary's first granddaughter, SaQuoya this family was blessed to experience the love and devotion of five generations. Mother Mary worked in retail for 10 years and later retired from Comcast Cable after 20 years of dedicated service.

At a young age, Mother Mary accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior, a decision that guided her throughout her life. She was an active member of Magnolia Baptist Church "on the hill" in Waynesboro, Mississippi. After relocating, Mother Mary remained steadfast in her faith and church service. She was a dedicated member of Faith Baptist Missionary Church. Later she joined Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church where she received several honors, including the Faithful Member Award. She served faithfully in her later years at Grace Cathedral Community Church. Mother Mary served with dedication on the kitchen committee, pastoral ministry, and usher board at each church, often as a Head Usher.

Mother Mary was well known for her love of angels, cooking and baking, often sharing fun times in the kitchen with her sisters. While some never had a chance to taste her delicious blueberry muffins, she also had additional baked goods and dishes to share. Her prize-winning pecan and sweet potato pies, 7-Up pound cake, chicken and dumplings, dressing, and potato salad were among the favorites. One of her proudest accomplishments was earning a 1st Place Blue Ribbon at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church's Soul Food Cook-Off for the Best Side Dish. In addition to cooking, Mother Mary enjoyed calling her nieces and nephews to catch up to see how they were doing and to let them know how she was. She also often took her nieces and nephews to the family garden to pick the vegetables. Her son, Tremelle, was also instrumental in helping her pick and prepare the vegetables she shared with family and friends.

At home, Mary found comfort sitting in her favorite chair, watching classic westerns alongside her devoted husband. Mary and Curie also enjoyed traveling together, often visiting Muskegon to look at Lake Michigan, and

taking many trips to Mississippi to spend time with family. One unforgettable highlight of Mary's life was fulfilling her bucket-list dream of flying. At age 73, she took her first airplane trip with Sabrina and Lisha, where she was treated like royalty and earned her "pilot's wings" by taking photos with the pilot and the flight crew while toasting champagne. It was a moment she deeply cherished.

Mother Mary Catherin Richards lived a life of faith, service, love, and generosity. She will be remembered for her ability to remain steadfast in her strong wisdom; and the way she kept track of all of our lives with her phone calls and occasional drive-by's. Mary earned the nick-name "Deputy Dog" from her nephews for the way she kept tabs on the whole family. One of her favorite riding partners was her niece "Deputy Dog Jr." Teresa Bounds. Mary's personality was big (in spite of her stature), strong, expressive, loving and kind. Her legacy lives on through the many lives she touched and the family who she loved so Deeply.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.
Flint, MI 48504

Previous Events

Public Viewing

FEB 8. 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, Inc., Flint
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.
Flint, MI 48505
(810) 789-6666
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com
<https://lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

Family hour

FEB 9. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Grace Cathedral Community Church
1709 Nebraska Ave.
Flint, MI 48506
(810) 422-1015

Funeral Service

FEB 9. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

BW

“ *Betty Wesley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Catherin Richards*



Betty Wesley - February 10 at 11:19 PM

DK

“ *Delores Keith sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mary Catherin Richards*



Delores Keith - February 09 at 05:55 PM

KM

“ *Kim McNeal lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Catherin Richards*



Kim McNeal - February 09 at 01:11 PM

GR

“ *Glynis Rice lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Catherin Richards*



Glynis Rice - February 09 at 07:51 AM

DY

“ DeWayne Younger lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Catherin Richards



DeWayne Younger - February 09 at 07:35 AM

JJ

“ JoAnn A Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Catherin Richards



JoAnn A Jackson - February 09 at 06:41 AM

RL

“ We share in our family's grief, with the loss of our auntee Mary. We're certainly going to miss her "World Famous" Bananna Pudding when walking in the house. The Labor Day cookout will be missing it's best cook. Rest well auntee, all the pain is gone now. Your memory will live on in our hearts.

With love

The Smith Family

Aunt Evelyn, Orlando, Reggie, Kelvin, & Darwin

And Roxie Lee and Family

Pemberton, NJ

Roxie Lee - February 07 at 11:04 PM

NO

“ *Narotha Ogden lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Catherin Richards*



Narotha Ogden - February 07 at 07:21 PM

SF

“ *Shirley Ann Williams-Bankston and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Mary Catherin Richards.*



Shirley Ann Williams-Bankston and family - February 07 at 03:46 PM

RL

“ *Roxie Lee And Lionel Lee lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Catherin Richards*



Roxie Lee and Lionel Lee - February 07 at 12:32 AM

YB

“ *Yolanda Balknight lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Catherin Richards*



Yolanda Balknight - February 06 at 07:05 PM

MC

“ *My condolences to the entire family. I worked with Mary at Comcast, such a beautiful lady.*

Marion Donan and Trinity Carter - February 06 at 12:49 PM

GW

“ *Gerald & Mary Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Catherin Richards*



Gerald & Mary Wilson - February 06 at 05:43 AM

CH

“ *Rest in peace Mrs. Mary you was such a angel on this earth your going be greatly missed* 💔 🙏



Cheryl - February 02 at 06:03 PM

NO

“ *Narotha Ogden lit a candle in memory of Mary Richards*



Narotha Ogden - February 02 at 09:39 AM

BL

“ *Barbara Lakes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Catherin Richards*



Barbara Lakes - February 01 at 06:58 PM

SK

“ *Condolences to the family of Ms. Mary. My prayers and heart is with you. Rest in heaven my dear friend.*



Shirley Kirby - January 31 at 04:24 PM

CC

“ *Cindy, John, Tia and Pooter Canty purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Mary Catherin Richards.*



Cindy, John, Tia and Pooter Canty - January 31 at 12:33 PM

FS

“ *Faye Starling sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mary Catherin Richards*



faye starling - January 30 at 11:53 AM

AR

“ *Heartfelt condolences to you and your family, may God bless you and your family during this time of bereavement.*



Aniska Roper-Craig - January 29 at 04:25 PM

LP

“ *Lynda Pitts lit a candle in memory of Mary Richards*



Lynda Pitts - January 29 at 03:03 PM

DS

“ *Deidre Spight-Woodson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Richards*



Deidre Spight-Woodson - January 29 at 01:08 PM

MG

“ *My prayees & condolences to the family.*



Melissa Griggs - January 28 at 07:00 AM

CB

“ *Christine Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Catherin Richards*



Christine Brown - January 27 at 05:22 PM

RS

“ *Rosalind Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Richards*



Rosalind Smith - January 26 at 05:55 PM

KC

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Mary's passing. We worked together years ago & she was a good friend.*



Kim E. Carpenter - January 26 at 05:09 PM

KB

“ *Mere Words can't express the hurt I'm experiencing within my heart. And, Nothing could ever erase the memories I shall cherish of you. Rest in Peace, my dear Aunt/Sister. Love and Smooches,*



To my family, I pray that God would comfort our broken hearts and wrap us in His love.

Katrina Bolton - January 26 at 11:23 AM

JB

We lived next to each for years growing up together, you have our love and prayers.

Gerald & Joy Browning

Jerry Browning - February 07 at 02:36 AM