



Mary Alice Brooks-Williams

December 8, 1941 - November 13, 2024

Mary Alice Brooks Williams, 82, departed this life on Wednesday, November 13, 2024.

Mary Alice was born on December 8, 1941, to the late William Brooks Sr. and Willie Mae Brooks in

Austin, Texas. Mary became an active member of GMZ at an early age. She loved going to church

and Sunday school. Mary loved to sing and became a spirit filled soloist. She sang in the choir as a

child through adulthood and whenever she came home to visit.

A significant event in Mary Alice's life was that she was one of seven students who integrated Austin

High School in 1955 as a part of Texas history.

On February 13, 1958, Mary Alice married Grover Lee Murphy and to this union 3 children were

born, and a bonus daughter was gained along with her siblings. Mary moved overseas and

eventually graduated from Taipei American School, in Taipei, Taiwan, China, in 1960.

Mary Alice married Don A. Williams Sr. on August 8, 1965, and to this union a son was born. Mary

moved to Mansfield, Ohio with her husband and children.

Mary Alice became a member at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in Mansfield and

served, worked, and supported the church in a variety of capacities. Her special loves were choir director, and Chairperson of Committed Women for Christ. Mary was a well-known gifted soloist. She was requested to sing at Mary Kay conventions, on ships, for weddings, guest soloists at churches etc. Mary Alice's work career was varied, from being a receptionist at Sears, to being a clerk for the Municipal Courts for Richland County. She also had two successful independent careers as a Mary Kay Consultant and in the travel business with Worldventures. She was preceded in death by her parents, her sisters, Vivian Berkley, Carol Ann Johnson, and Eloise Brooks and brother, William Brooks Jr. She leaves to cherish her memories sons: Don "Fella" (Samone) Williams of Atlanta, Georgia and Gerald "Dell" (Lisa) Murphy of Dublin, Ohio; daughters: Mary Jo (Greg) Simmons of Tucker, Georgia, Jacqueline "Jackie" Murphy-Ealey and Gloria "Baby" Murphy of Pflugerville, Texas, (bonus children), Elgean Woods and Billy Bounds; 10 grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren; sisters: Grace (Jerry) Smith of Indian Land, South Carolina and Brenda Rogers of Austin, Texas, and brother: George (Carolyn) Brooks Sr. of Severn, Maryland, a special nephew Michael Walker of Mansfield, Ohio; sister in love Sarah Brooks of Austin, Texas and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. She also was a mother and grandmother to many, as she collected children

and grandchildren like others collect trinkets.

Cemetery Details

Private Burial

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV **23**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Greater Mt. Zion Baptist Church
4301 TANNEHILL LANE
Austin, TX 78721

Tribute Wall

LD

“ *What a gal ! Mary Alice and both went to Austin High in the early days, some of the first students from East Austin. We were in Latin I with one of the best teachers in the entire school. Mary Alice was a kind and generous woman.*

Libbe Dennard - December 01, 2024 at 05:58 PM

NH

“ *I extend my heartfelt and deepest condolences to the family of Mary Alice Brooks-Williams. Our families have been very close dating back to my grandparents, Jesse and Eloise Akins. May the Most High grant you all peace and comfort during this time and beyond. Prayers and much love! 🙏*

Nelson Hollins - November 26, 2024 at 09:34 AM

CL

“ *Catherine Lee lit a candle in memory of Mary Alice Brooks-Williams*



Catherine Lee - November 23, 2024 at 06:01 PM

AM

“ *We send our prayers and condolences to the family of Mary Alice Brooks. To Debra, Tera and Terrance we love you. From the Martin family*

Auntie Lori Martin - November 23, 2024 at 02:20 PM

DF

The Dennis Family Send Our Deepest And Heartfelt Condolences, To The Family Of Mary Alice Brooks-Williams. We Are Praying For Comfort And Peace During This Difficult Time. Our Pray Hearts, And Love Are With You All.

Diane Johnson-Dennis & Family. - November 23, 2024 at 02:47 PM

JR

“ *Janice Rogers lit a candle in memory of Mary Alice Brooks-Williams*



Janice Rogers - November 22, 2024 at 08:22 PM

GS

“ *Gloria Edwards Serrano lit a candle in memory of Mary Alice Brooks-Williams*



Gloria Edwards Serrano - November 19, 2024 at 02:29 PM

GS

*Love to Brenda. George, and Grace
Gloria and Ernestine*

Gloria Edwards Serrano - November 19, 2024 at 02:31 PM

CD

“ *Cynthia M. Davis purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mary Alice Brooks-Williams.*



Cynthia M. Davis - November 19, 2024 at 10:14 AM

DB

“ Debra B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Alice Brooks-Williams.

Debra B. - November 19, 2024 at 10:13 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Alice Brooks-Williams.



November 18, 2024 at 05:18 PM

JJ

“ I am sorry to hear about the death of Mary Alice. I James and Brooks families lived in the rosewood projects together and we were very, very, close. Take care, and keep the faith, Amen.

Johnny James - November 14, 2024 at 03:08 AM