

*Celebration
Of Life
for*



Mary L. Byers

Sunrise: March 27, 1938 - Sunset: May 3, 2026

**Saturday, May 16, 2026
10am**

**Calvary Baptist Church
324 Monroe Avenue, Plainfield, NJ
Rev. Dr. Clinton Parker III, Pastor**

Order of Service

Musical PreludeMinister of Music, Dyshawn McClish

Opening Selection..... “A Closer Walk With Thee”

Scriptures

Old Testament Deacon Clifford Holmes.....Psalms 121:1-8

New Testament Deacon Jerry Thompson....Revelation 21:1-4

Prayer of Comfort Rev. Dr. Clinton Parker III

Selection.....“Amazing Grace”

Acknowledgements..... Deaconess Lisa Thompson

Reflections.....2 minutes

Obituary Silent Reading

Selection.....“God Kept Me”

Message of Comfort..... Rev. Dr. Clinton Parker III, Pastor

Recessional

Interment..... Hillside Cemetery, Scotch Plains, NJ

Obituary

Mary L. Byers, lovingly known as Mary, passed away on May 3, 2026, in Plainfield, New Jersey, at the age of 88, following natural causes. She was born on March 27, 1938, in McConnells, South Carolina, and lived a life marked by faith, devotion to family, service to others, and a spirit that touched everyone who knew her.

Mary was the beloved daughter of the late Kellup L. Moore and James Moore. She was also the cherished wife of the late Napoleon “Nap” Byers. Her life was enriched by the love of her children, Anthony M. Byers Sr., Jacqueline Y. Byers, and Chandra R. Jackson. She was a proud and devoted mother-in-law to Jodi Byers and Nery Ruiz. Mary treasured her grandsons, Anthony Byers II, Bernard Byers, Kasib Byers, and Ismil Raymond. She held a special place in her heart for her nieces, Kimberli Freeman and Kayla Anglin, as well as her extended family. She was also blessed with the companionship and support of her sister, Pamela E. Moore. Mary’s family was the center of her world, and she gave them her love freely and without measure.

Mary received her early education in South Carolina and graduated from Jefferson High School in York, South Carolina. She later attended Benedict College in Columbia, South Carolina, where she pledged Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, an affiliation that reflected her grace, character, and commitment to sisterhood. Her education laid the foundation for a lifetime of dignity, perseverance, and achievement.

As a young adult, Mary joined Mt. Zion Baptist Church in McConnells, South Carolina, where her Christian faith became an enduring part of her life. After moving to Plainfield, New Jersey, she united with Calvary Baptist Church and remained an active and faithful member. She served with dedication on the Matrons Club, the Flower Ministry, the Women’s Fellowship Ministry, The Seasoned Saints, Missionary Ministries and the Plainfield Shut-In Council, offering her time, compassion, and encouragement to others. Mary lived her faith through service, kindness, and a steadfast concern for those in need.

Mary also devoted more than 30 years of service to the Plainfield Board of Education, where she worked as an administrator. Her long career reflected her strong work ethic, professionalism, and commitment to supporting students, staff, and the broader school community. She was respected by colleagues and appreciated for the steady, dependable presence she brought to her work each day.

Outside of her professional and church life, Mary enjoyed simple pleasures that brought her joy. She loved playing Bingo and Pokeno, planting flowers in the springtime, and cheering for her favorite team, the New York Yankees. These interests reflected her warm personality and her ability to find happiness in life’s everyday moments. She was known by those around her as loving, kind, and generous, qualities that were evident in all she did.

Mary will be remembered as a woman of faith, strength, and compassion whose presence brought comfort and encouragement to many. Her life was a beautiful example of devotion to God, family, and community. She leaves behind a legacy of love that will continue to live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved her.

Miss Me But Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the road and the sun has set for me, I want no rites in a gloom filled room, Why cry for a soul set free? Miss me a little-but not too long, and not with your head bowed low. Remember the love that we once shared, Miss me-but let me go. For this is a journey that we all must take, And each must go alone. It's all part of the Master's plan, A step on the road to home. When you are lonely and sick at heart, Go to the friends we know. Laugh at the things we use to do

Miss me-but let me go.

-author unknown



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May God Bless and Keep You!

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