Celebrating the Life of



Mary Sanders

Sunrise
December 19, 1936

Sunset
October 27, 2026

Friday, November 13, 2026
Viewing|9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. ~ Service| 10:00 a.m.

McCall's Bronxwood Funeral Home

4035 Bronxwood Avenue • Bronx, New York 10466

Reverend Sheldon Williams, Officiating

Dhar Bryant, Organist

Order of Service

Organ Prelude ..... Dhar Bryant

Processional

Selection ..... "When We All Get To Heaven"

Scripture Reading
New Testament
Old Testament

Prayer of Comfort .....Reverend Sheldon Williams

Selection ..... "Blessed Assurance"

Tributes ..... (2 Minutes Please)

Obituary .....Ms. Charlie Sutton

Selection ..... "Soon and Very Soon"

Eulogy.....Reverend Sheldon Williams

Committal & Benediction

Remarks by the Funeral Director

Final Viewing

Recessional

Final Resting Place

Rose Hills Memorial Park
Putnam, New York

Obituary

Mary Alice Sanders was born December 19, 1936 to Fannie and Edward Hunter in Raleigh, North Carolina. She had two sisters, Shirley and Sally, and one brother Edward (Ben). She attended public elementary and middle school in Raleigh. Mary attended Ligon High School and was a member of the school's debate and basketball teams. After graduating from Ligon High School, she attended Shaw University in Raleigh, N.C. She earned her Bachelor's of Science.

On January 25 1958, Mary married her high school sweetheart Leroy Sanders. Together, they moved to New York City to start their new life together. After moving, Mary continued her pursuit of education and earned her Master's of Education from Hunter College. After earning her second degree, she continued to acquire more college credits and kept learning. Mary was blessed with two daughters, Monica Renee (Arthur) and Gail Lynette (Glen), and a goddaughter Nyria Davis. Mary was not just a mother to her two children because she was a mother to all of her children's friends as well. Mary's best friends were Dorothy Tompkins and Dolores Davis. Mary always enjoyed hosting family and friends for get-togethers at her home, especially for birthday parties, baby showers and New Year's Eve celebrations.

Mary worked as a public school teacher for the New York City Board of Education for almost 32 years, retiring in 1993. After retirement, she devoted her time to her family, friends, and hobbies. Sewing was one of Mary's interests and she made a variety of clothing for the family with her sewing machine. Her favorite color to wear was red. She enjoyed traveling and going on vacation, especially to the Caribbean. Mary also loved trying out many food recipes and baking. She also enjoyed gardening and would plant a variety of vegetables in her garden during the summer. Mary was affectionately known as "Ms. Mary, the Lotto Lady" due to her love of scratch-offs and lottery games. Mary will be remembered by her quick-witted, sassy personality. She was very clever and always had a comment to make about everything.

Mary was predeceased in death by her parents and siblings Sally and Ben.

She leaves behind her husband, Leroy; her daughters, Monica and Gail, and her grandchildren, Grant, Charlie, and Ayanna. She also leaves behind her sister, Shirley Patterson as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Mary was deeply loved and will always be remembered for her kindness, joy, and the love she shared. Mary was a very special person who will be missed but not forgotten because our memories with her live inside all of us.

PSALM 23

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 path 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.

Acknowledgments

The family would like to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them during their time of bereavement.

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