



## Maria A Elston

August 23, 1971 - June 3, 2022

On August 23, 1971, in Anniston, Alabama, Elijah and Paula Spinks Elston welcomed to the world a beautiful bubbly baby girl named Maria Antionette.

Maria was a God-fearing woman who loved the Lord with all her heart. She accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior at a young age when she united with Mt. Calvary Baptist Church. Maria was a true servant of God's who worked in his vineyard countless hours and years as she not only served in many organizations in the church but was also over several organizations until her health began to fail. She was a member of the choir, the trustee board, the Pastor's Aid committee, was over the matron's ministry, the youth ministry, and the feeding and clothing ministry.

Maria attended school in the Anniston City School System and was a 1989 graduate of Anniston High School. Upon her completion of school, she continued to further her education by attending Talladega College and later at Gadsden State College earning a certification in Office Management. At the time of her passing she was employed with HGS Engineering, Inc. working in the accounting department.

Maria was a fun-loving person who loved her children and her beautiful grandchildren. They were the apples of her eyes and the joys of her life. She enjoyed dancing and spending time with her family and friends, but most of all

being the matriarch of her family and planning their family reunions. When it came to food, she would definitely let you know that she loved to eat and that "Food Was Her Ministry". Although Maria loved dedicating her time to the Lord, she was also an avid sports fan and enjoyed football and baseball season cheering on the Auburn "War Eagles" and Atlanta "Braves".

Maria was a mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend who will be missed immensely by all the hearts she has touched while traveling on the journey of life.

God had better plans for Maria in his vineyard. On Thursday evening, June 3, 2022, while under the care of Huntsville Hospital, in Madison, Alabama, Maria peacefully departed this walk of life as she transitioned to her heavenly home dancing her way through those pearly gates joining hands with her parents, Elijah and Paula Spinks Elston, one brother, Vincent Elston and sister, Jacqueline Elston.

Maria leaves to cherish and remember her loving memories: her daughter, Eleisia (Jeremy) Mastin; one son, Christopher (Tamekia) Staples; honorary parents, Dr. Sloan Gresham, Jr. and Mrs. Carnie Gresham; two brothers, Robbie Elston and Odis (Sandy) Elston; five loving grandchildren, Christyn Gooden, Harmony Gooden, Christopher Staples, Jr. Ezra MASTIN and Kyrie Mastin; eight nieces and nephews, Rodriquez Elston, DeMario Elston, Niah Elston, Marico Kirby, Tedarious King, Jessica Kirby, Nigel Mosley, Donovan "Kyle" Elston and Aquerevior Sherre Staples; and a host of other relatives and friends.

**WAR EAGLE!!!!!!!!!!**

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUN 11. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church  
1130 W 14th St  
Anniston, AL 36201  
(256) 237-5091

# Tribute Wall

JM

“ My sincere condolences to the family may the LORD strengthen and comfort you all during this most difficult time Maria will be truly missed 💕🙏💕

janice mcCoy - June 11, 2022 at 11:25 AM

SH

“ Oh our dear cousin, Maria. You will be missed so so much. Much love to our family!!❤️❤️❤️

Sandra Hall - June 11, 2022 at 09:48 AM

KC

“ It breaks my heart to loose someone whom has been genuine through your entire life. Maria was my manager at Taco Bell and we built an relation beyond my college days. She was a friend, sister, and an overall spirited and GOD FEARING WOMAN. Sis I love you and I am truly at a loss but I know GOD makes no mistakes. I pray for understanding through this process.

Kelsey Commings - June 10, 2022 at 10:33 PM

KI

Such a sweetheart beautiful inside and out rest in GOD'S HOLY HOLY ARMS ANGEL 🙏🙏❤️

Kimberly - June 11, 2022 at 03:11 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Maria A Elston.*



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June 10, 2022 at 09:24 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Maria A Elston.*



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June 10, 2022 at 03:40 PM



“ *MY BEAUTIFUL SWEET FRIEND THE TIMES WE SHARED TOGETHER WILL ALWAYS BE CHERISHED IN MY HEART. THE LAST TIME THAT WE SPOKE YOU SAID TO ME BOOBIE THERE IS A HEAVEN AND I NOW KNOW THERE IS A HEAVEN BECAUSE WHEN GOD CHOOSE YOU I KNOW WHY HE CREATED HEAVEN.REST WELL LOVE* ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️



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**Angela Thomas** - June 10, 2022 at 12:45 PM

NH

“ *New Shiloh Church Ministries, HSV purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Maria A Elston.*



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**New Shiloh Church Ministries, HSV** - June 10, 2022 at 10:31 AM

MG

“ *MSG KELVIN GORLEY purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Maria A Elston.*



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**MSG KELVIN GORLEY** - June 10, 2022 at 08:20 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Maria A Elston.*



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June 09, 2022 at 07:12 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Maria A Elston.*



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June 09, 2022 at 07:07 PM

DR

“ My Friend it was an honor as well as a privilege to be your Pastor these last past six years. I will always remember going on trips with the church and eating out at Mama B's house on Sunday but most seeing you in Worship and telling me “PREACH IT LIKE YOU FEEL IT”. And the Last time I saw you was Mothers Day at the church that smile I will always cherish.

Servant Of God Well Done Until We Meet Again.

Dr.T.R.Roberson Senior Pastor

Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church

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Dr.Titus R.Roberson - June 09, 2022 at 04:48 PM

SM

“ I send my condolences to Maria family and friends. She was a beautiful person in side and out side. A another beautiful angel 🙏 has received her wings fly high. Me and Narda are going to miss you. I know you will be looking over us. Rest in Heaven Beautiful soul. Love you 🥰🥰  
💜🙏👊



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Sinetra Maffett - June 09, 2022 at 01:36 AM

SL

“ Maria I'm going to miss your smile, you calling me She-She and your strut. Always ready to lend a helping hand to anyone you met. You got to use your Ticket I know you dancing, bouncing around saying Victory Victory. Until we meet again. Love you Ria

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Sheila Garrett Lee - June 07, 2022 at 12:22 AM



“ *May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow. Maria and I worked together for the last 17+ years. I’m so blessed to have known her and will miss her more than words can express.* ”



**Jill Arizola Wrobel** - June 06, 2022 at 09:10 PM

DJ

“ *With Deepest Sympathy from the loving AHS Class of 1989. We will truly miss her beautiful spirit and smile. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Elston Family! Love DeeJay* ”

**Darrellyne Jackson** - June 06, 2022 at 05:18 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Maria A Elston.* ”



June 05, 2022 at 03:48 PM

KF

“ *Kazie And Timothy Ferrell lit a candle in memory of Maria A Elston* ”



**Kazie and Timothy Ferrell** - June 05, 2022 at 03:02 PM

MM

*Rip cuz, this is so hard to accept, u were a very special person/cuz*

**Martha Murph** - June 09, 2022 at 11:11 AM

NC

“ *My deepest and sincerest condolences to the Spinks and Elston family. Maria meant soo much to me words can't describe. Thank you all for embracing me like I was family. Maria wasn't just a friend she was my sister. My precious God daughter she was so very proud of you. The love she had for those grand babies was immeasurable. Lord give this family peace of precious memories that they have of Ria. My sister I'll love you forever and I can't wait until I see you again.*

*Narda Christian-Munford*

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**Narda Christian-Munford** - June 05, 2022 at 02:21 PM