



## Mary Ragland

January 16, 1949 - April 24, 2026

On January 16, 1949 two little bright-eyed girls were born (twins) to the union of the deceased David L. and Fannie Mae McKinney.

At an early age she united with Christ embracing her faith joining the Shady Grove Baptist Church where she sang joyfully in the children's choir and served faithfully until her health began to decline. Mary's passion for learning, especially her love of English, fostered her talent for poetry and writing, qualities that she cherished throughout her life. As a graduate of Ophelia S. Hill High School in 1968 within the Talladega County School System, she carried her education into a fulfilling career as a Certified Nursing Assistant, dedicated to caring for others until her retirement.

Her spirit thrived in moments with family and friends, whether it was thrifting, sharing a delicious meal, or praising the Lord through church and gospel singings. Known for her vivacious dance moves that could rival the greats, her joy for life was contagious, and her laughter will echo in our memories forever.

On this 77-year heartfelt journey, Mary was blessed with her soulmate, Mr. George Ragland, and the pride of a mother's heart, her wonderful son, Timothy Undrell McKinney, and later, the joy of a daughter-in-law, Debra.

On Friday afternoon, April 24, 2026 Mrs. Mary Alice McKinney Ragland answered her Master's call saying "Well Done My Good and Faithful Servant" as he entered those pearly gates of the heavenly realm. Welcoming her with opened arms were her devoted husband, Mr. George Ragland, parents, Mr. and Mrs. David L. McKinney, five sisters, Esther, Ruth, Lequertha, Edna, and

Flora, three brothers, Rufus, David, Jr., and William, five brothers-in-law, Aaron, A.C., Edward Lee, Ollis, and Johnny. Mary was a beacon of love and kindness, illuminating the lives of all who knew her

As we reflect on her remarkable life, we remember a woman who was a mother, a sister, a friend, and a guiding light within her community. She leaves behind a legacy of love, kindness, and cherished memories that will be forever be remembered by her beloved son, Timothy Undrell (Debra) McKinney of Scottsboro, Alabama; three dear sisters whom she holds deep in her heart, Mrs. Barbara Dark of Talladega, Alabama, Mrs. Betty Lane, and Mrs. Lillie Mae Picket (that favorite twin) of Cleveland, Ohio; adorable grandchildren, Mr. Te'jon Unrell McKinney, Mr. Tyrell Richardson, Te'auna B. McKinney, Jowanna Ragland, Melvina Colquiti, Britney Ragland, Charlene Bullard, Devina Ragland, Trey Ragland, Stephanie Cunningham, April, Allison, De'angela, Pamela, and Allison; great-grandchild, Onyx Undrell McKinney, two very special nieces, Mrs. Nellie (Michael) Ellis and Maltricka McKinney; oh, and so many dear friends, including these five devoted classmates, Mrs. Gaynell Powell, Ms. Geraldine Williams, Ms. Joyce Williams, Mrs. Lucille Shields, and Dorothy Borden; and a wealth of nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends who will keep her memories etched in their hearts forever.

As we bid farewell to this remarkable woman, let us celebrate her life, recall the joyful days, and find comfort in the legacy of love she leaves behind. May her memory continue to inspire us to dance with joy, sing with enthusiasm, and care deeply for one another, just as she did.

# Cemetery Details

## Cedar Hill Cemetery

502 Parks Avenue  
Scottsboro, AL 35768

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

APR 30. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

S.M. Goodson Funeral Home  
217 Coosa St. East  
Talladega, AL 35160

## Celebration of Life

MAY 1. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Shady Grove Baptist Church  
801 Jennifer Road  
Munford, AL 36268

## Public Viewing

MAY 2. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

St. Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church  
210 Walnut Street  
Scottsboro, AL 35768

## **Celebration of Life**

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# Tribute Wall

DJ

“ Rest in your heavenly home  
Dorothy Boyd Jackson  
Ophelia S Hill Class of 1967

Dorothy Boyd Jackson - May 15 at 12:05 PM

SR

“ Cousin Mary, my heart is heavy. I did not get to say goodbye. Take your rest, you are now with your husband and other family members. You will be missed. Tim and family, you all have my deepest sympathy. It's alright now, I pray for peace and understanding during this difficult time.

Shelia Ragland - May 01 at 01:40 PM

JS

“ My condolences to the family and friends. She was my good good friend ❤️ on Facebook when we kut up like nobody knows killing ourselves laughing at each other and sharing childhood memories 😊 🙏 love you Tim

Jerry Samuel - May 01 at 02:03 AM

LF

“ Love, George, Dionne Cox & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mary Ragland.



Love, George, Dionne Cox & Family - April 30 at 07:30 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mary Ragland.*



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April 30 at 10:58 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Ragland.

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April 30 at 10:58 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Ragland.*



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April 30 at 09:16 AM



“ *Patricia Turner lit a candle in memory of Mary Ragland*



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**Patricia Turner** - April 29 at 06:24 PM



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“ *Carressa Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mary Ragland*



**carressa taylor** - April 27 at 11:21 PM



*To the family of Mary Alice, condolences, peace, love and the blessings from God continue to be upon you, forever.*

*A classmate from O. S. Hill.  
Henry Charles Hawkins*

**Henry C Hawkins** - April 29 at 05:20 PM

CT

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



carressa taylor - April 27 at 11:12 PM

CT

*Auntie Mary, you will always be my second mother since you was my mom's twin and you never had a daughter I was always your daughter. I love you so much. You would always say that I reminded you of you. You don't have to worry about my mom. I will take care of her for you. So rest up Auntie 🍷🍷🍷🍷*

carressa taylor - April 27 at 11:19 PM

HT

*Great Lady you will be greatly missed. You were all about family. I always love the way you gave accurate accounts of the historicity of our family. I love you deeply and know you held a notable marker in my life.*

Henry Dean Traylor - April 28 at 09:53 AM

DF

*My thoughts and prayers go out to all of you*

Delissa fleming - April 28 at 09:58 AM

DF

*With a heavy heart I'm sending loving prayers for you and family I loved her dearly she will be forever missed ❤️ ❤️*

Dorothy Fluker - April 28 at 05:57 PM

GR

*Geraldine Curry Mary you will be truly missed. Your laughter was full of joy until we meet again. ❤️*

Geraldine RhodenCurry - April 28 at 06:45 PM

GR

*You will be truly miss Mary your smile, laughter, and talking. The kind words you used to say to me really meant alot. "I LOVE YOU" Until we meet again.❤️*

**Geraldine RhodenCurry** - April 28 at 07:01 PM

QN

*Sending my Prayers to the entire family 🙏🏻 I'm gonna miss you auntie Mary💜love you*

**Quesha Akles im her niece** - April 28 at 11:45 PM

BL

*I call Mary my protector. From my first day of school until she graduated from Ophelia Hill, she watched over me like a mother hen. I will hold those memories in a special place and cherish them for as long as I live. Rest well sweet sister until we meet again.*

**Betty Lane** - April 29 at 11:12 AM

VB

*“ We miss and Love you Auntie! It was a blessing to have had you as our Aunt! Always been a stern and kind lady*

**Vertis Beavers** - April 27 at 09:50 PM

VB

*“ Vertis Beavers lit a candle in memory of Mary Ragland*



**Vertis Beavers** - April 27 at 09:44 PM

SF

“ I remember when Mom (Bobbie Jean) died.. you were my comforter. I would call you three times a day. no matter what time of the day or night, you were at the end of the phone for me.. for that I am grateful.. Alicia, Damon, and I will always cherish and love you in our hearts. Love, always your daughter. Sheryl Friday-Ray.

Sheryl Friday-Ray - April 27 at 09:38 PM

KB

“ My condolences and prayers to the Family!!

Kandrika Barclay - April 27 at 08:20 PM

KB

“ Aunt Mary, I will miss u!!! You are definitely an angel!! You were always so sweet to me and girls when we saw u. The dancing machine is rejoicing and dancing in Heaven with her loved ones. Tell Aunt Lee and Uncle AC i said Hello. Oh and I'm sure my mother is happy to see you too. A time in heaven is to be had.. A beautiful soul..

Kandrika Barclay - April 27 at 08:18 PM

LP

“ Sending up my prayers and condolences to her family and such a beautiful soul! Rest in peace beautiful



lori pope - April 26 at 03:58 PM