



Mrs. Mary Taylor Lewis

August 16, 1940 - October 20, 2025

Mary T. Lewis (Sista Gates) was born August 16th 1940, in Value, Mississippi, to James Joyner Sr and Molly Olivia Jackson Gates. At the early age of 7, Mary gave her life to Christ at Sandhill MB Church and was a member of the N.C Taylor choir. She also graduated from Carter High School.

Following high school she went to Tougaloo College to go to pursue and achieved her cosmetology license to be cosmetologist. During her time at college, she was a member of the Daughters of Spinx an organization for women associated with the eastern star in Jackson, Mississippi. Following college she had a lifetime of traveling

Mary is proceeded in death by her parents, one sister Aretha Gates Lawson (Suga mama) and five brothers, Willie Gates, Eugene Gates, Roy Gates Jr, James Gates, and Leonard Joyner Sr.

She lived life to the fullest her way no exceptions. She leaves behind two loving sisters Mildred Gates Kelly and Carrie Mae Montgomery of Jackson, Mississippi and three brothers, James, Harold and Alvin Joyner with Two sister in laws Minnie Bell Gates and Ella Joyner. She also leaves behind her beloved children Jeffrey & Gwen Taylor. Along with them she leaves two nephews; Kendrick Gates and Leonard Joyner Jr along with three nieces Tonya, Vicki & Janice Joyner. She leaves her love and memories with her

grandchildren Richard Smith, Justin & Phylicia Kersh, Taneshia R. Calender, and Jeniece and Jeonna Taylor. Along with seven great grandchildren, and other families and friends. Along with Mrs. Susan Schneeflock.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **24**. 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM (CT)

Dean Memorial Funeral Home

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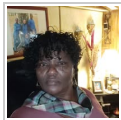
Tribute Wall



“ *Dean Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Mary Taylor Lewis*



Dean Memorial Funeral Home - October 23, 2025 at 07:21 PM



My sincere condolences & sympathy to the Taylor family. May God comfort your hearts and strengthen you during this time of sadness 🙏

Vaddie Correa - October 23, 2025 at 08:34 PM

ET

“ *Evelyn Tillis lit a candle in memory of Mary Lewis*



Evelyn Tillis - October 24, 2025 at 06:19 PM

EW

“ *Eletha Walker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Lewis*



Eletha Walker - October 24, 2025 at 04:51 PM

LK

“ Linda Kersh lit a candle in memory of Mary Lewis



Linda Kersh - October 24, 2025 at 08:17 AM

D♥

“ Deborah Rhodes ♥♥♥ lit a candle in memory of Mary Lewis



Deborah Rhodes ♥ ♥ ♥ - October 24, 2025 at 12:27 AM



“ Vaddie Correa lit a candle in memory of Mary Lewis



Vaddie Correa - October 23, 2025 at 08:26 PM

EA

“ Eddie Ainsworth lit a candle in memory of Mary Lewis



Eddie Ainsworth - October 22, 2025 at 08:47 PM

EK

“ *ELAINE KELLY lit a candle in memory of Mary Lewis*



ELAINE KELLY - October 22, 2025 at 01:14 PM

AB

“ *Alexis Bilbro lit a candle in memory of Mary Lewis*



Alexis Bilbro - October 21, 2025 at 09:19 PM

EY

“ *Evelyn Young lit a candle in memory of Mary Lewis*



Evelyn Young - October 21, 2025 at 07:10 PM