



Ms. Mary Catherine Reed

March 29, 1957 - November 24, 2025

A mother, grandmother, sister, and friend to many, Mary Catherine Proctor was born on March 29, 1957, in Brandon, Mississippi, to Robert "Hank" Dawson and Ola Mae Stapleton Proctor.

Mary received her early education at Carter High School in Brandon, MS, and later continued her training through Job Corps in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Much of her career was devoted to serving others during her employment at Mississippi State Hospital.

Mary was known for her fierce love and unwavering Loyalty to her family and friends. She did not play when it came to the people she loved. She told you the truth exactly how it was, but still wrapped you in unconditional love. She had a special gift. She could tell you about yourself and then pray for you in the same breath.

Mary's Christian journey began at an early age. She sang in the choir and participated actively in various church ministries throughout her youth. Although life took her through some difficult seasons, her faith never left her heart. About fifteen years ago, Mary rededicated her life to Christ and became a faithful member of Rehoboth International Ministries in Pearl, Mississippi, where she served and worshipped until her passing

After raising her children in Mississippi, Mary spent most of her life there before moving to Lithonia, Georgia, to live with her children Paulette and Gary Jonathan.

Mary leaves behind a legacy of love, resilience, and faith.

She was preceded in death by her beloved son, James Reed Jr.; her parents, Robert "Hank" Dawson and Ola Mae Stapleton Proctor; and her cherished siblings: Lonnell McGee (Gennette) Author Magee (Katy), Jimmy Magee (Barbera), Howard Proctor (Ruby) and Charles Bird.

She is survived by her three children: Gary Jonathan Parker and Paulette Coleman in Lithonia, Georgia, and Daryen Proctor (Mechelle) of Jackson, Mississippi. She also leaves to cherish her memory her siblings: Evelyn Young, James Proctor (Geraldine), Earnest Proctor (Bobby), Robert Lee Spann (Carolyn) and Betty Sykes (Charley); her grandchildren: LaRoderick Hardy, Ricca Otesia Dimitri Proctor, Jocquai Proctor, Daryen Proctor Jr., Jaylon Proctor, Corey Proctor, Trey Proctor, Javeon Green, Javyan McNight, Kennedi Proctor, Lincoln Proctor and Ashton Proctor; and 25 great-grand kids.

She also leaves behind her lifelong friend of 60 years, Nita Quarles, along with a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, extended relatives, church family, and friends who loved her deeply.

Mary's life was a testament to strength, honesty, humor, and unwavering faith. She loved boldly, prayed faithfully, and lived with a heart big enough to hold everyone she cared about. Though she will be deeply missed, her legacy will continue to shine through the many lives she touched.

Cemetery Details

Sylverena MB Church Cemetery

1220 Johns-Mayton Rd
Brandon, MS 39042

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 5. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Dean Memorial Funeral Home
745 Highway 468
Brandon, MS 39042
(601) 825-3884
<https://deanmemorialfuneralhome.com/>

Family Hour

DEC 5. 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM (CT)

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745 Highway 468
Brandon, MS 39042
(601) 825-3884
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Homegoing Service

DEC 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

Sylvarena M. B. Church
1220 Johns-Mayton Rd
Brandon, MS 39042

Tribute Wall



“ *Dean Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Mary Catherine Reed*



Dean Memorial Funeral Home - December 03, 2025 at 05:57 PM



“ *Karen McCoy lit a candle in memory of Mary Reed*



Karen McCoy - December 08, 2025 at 08:45 AM



“ *Prayers & strength to the family! Tiffany L.*



Tip Les - December 07, 2025 at 10:12 PM

RD

“ Ms. Mary was full of life and it was an honor to meet her. She loved her family and I will always remember her. Gary, Daryen, Paulette, Ms. Evelyn and family of Ms. Mary Catherine. I send you my condolences and sympathy during this time of bereavement. Praying for you all.



Robert Dixon - December 05, 2025 at 03:22 PM

SJ

I would just like to offer my prayers and condolences to the family I come ask God to give you strength and your time of sorrow. May God comfort you and may God keep you we ask Lord that you throw your loving and unconditional love & peace to this family and to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord we know that sister is with the Lord now so Daryen and the rest of your siblings continue to keep your hand in God's hands love you all in Jesus Name 🙏❤️❤️

Sam Jones - December 05, 2025 at 09:08 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Ms. Mary Catherine Reed.



December 05, 2025 at 08:22 AM

BM

“ Barbara Magee sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Reed



Barbara Magee - December 04, 2025 at 06:52 PM

CC

“ *Ms. Mary was a beacon of light and a true example of Gods love. There was a testimony behind her “Thank You Lord”. I am going to miss her so much. To Paulette I send my love and my deepest sympathy to you during this time. Always remember and know you are loved and she was truly proud of you. Continue to shine and make her proud she is now your angel*

Cathy Caballero - December 04, 2025 at 04:32 PM

AQ

“ *ANNICE QUINN lit a candle in memory of Mary Reed*



ANNICE QUINN - December 03, 2025 at 09:49 PM

JM

“ *Jennifer Mclaurin lit a candle in memory of Mary Reed*



Jennifer Mclaurin - December 03, 2025 at 07:31 PM

CA

“ *Carolyn Anderson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Reed*



Carolyn Anderson - December 02, 2025 at 08:14 PM

MM

“ *Mary McCoy lit a candle in memory of Mary Reed*



Mary McCoy - December 02, 2025 at 07:13 PM

MM

“ *Mary McCoy sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Reed*



Mary McCoy - December 02, 2025 at 07:13 PM

WC

“ *Sorry to hear of your loss!! Prayers for you, your family and friends!! 🙏🙏❤️*



Willie Cameron - December 01, 2025 at 03:45 PM

LM

“ *Praying for the Family. Mary was a good friend to my Family. We have laughed and cried together over the years. She was a Sharing and Caring Person. Her Laugh was Infectious. Take you Rest Friend.*

Linda McLaurin - December 01, 2025 at 12:23 AM

BT

“ *Bessie Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mary Reed*



Bessie Taylor - November 30, 2025 at 10:00 PM



“ *Willie Purvis lit a candle in memory of Mary Reed*



Willie Purvis - November 30, 2025 at 10:43 AM

GP

Thank you so much Willie Mae ❤️

Gary Jonathan Parker - December 01, 2025 at 02:09 AM

KM

Wishing fair winds and following seas to my dear cousin and friend.

Kenneth McElroy - December 08, 2025 at 02:02 PM

EA

“ *Eddie Ainsworth lit a candle in memory of Mary Reed*



Eddie Ainsworth - November 30, 2025 at 07:34 AM

EY

“ *Praying For My Family That God Will Give Us Peace And Comfort During Our Time Of Sorrow. My Sister Mary Catherine Is Resting In The Arms Of Jesus And She Will Always Remain In Our Hearts. To God Be The Glory.*

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Evelyn Young - November 29, 2025 at 08:33 PM

EY

“ *Prayer*



Evelyn Young - November 29, 2025 at 08:21 PM