



## Mary Starnes Street

November 4, 1925 - September 12, 2020

Mary Evelyn Starnes Street, 94, of Johnson City, received her Angel Wings passing away peacefully in the early morning hours of September 12, 2020 while living at NHC in Johnson City. Mary was born on November 4, 1925, in the Embreeville Community of Washington County. She was the first daughter of Henry Clifton (H. C.) and Florence Kemmer Starnes.

Mary was very loving, friendly, and caring. She also was very nostalgic and loved relating stories of growing up in Bumpass Cove during the depression years. She loved her family and enjoyed their visits and never passed up the opportunity to visit them. She truly lived up to the adage of, "never meeting a stranger" and treated everyone with equal respect and honor. She will be remembered for her love and kindness to family and friends.

Mary was a 1943 graduate of Lamar High School. She married Preas L. Street in 1946. Mary was a dedicated homemaker, but in the early years of marriage she worked at the former Auto Sales, Inc. in Johnson City. She later worked for several years at Litle's Grocery, formerly on West Walnut Street. She loved gardening, scrap booking, and reading, especially reading her bible. She would proudly tell you she had read her Bible "all the way through" more than once.

Mary was an ever faithful servant of the Lord. She was a Founding Member of the Johnson City Baptist Temple (in 1970) where she served as the Church Pianist for many years. She enjoyed playing the piano and would often join her church friends in entertaining the residents of Colonial Hills Nursing Home.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 38 years, Preas L. Street, in 1984.

Surviving Mary to cherish many sweet memories are her sister, Reba Starnes Dill, Jacksonville, FL; a son, Colonel (U. S. Army Retired) Preas Lewis Street (Diana), Martinez, GA; and her daughters, Melva Howell (Michael), Dayton, TN, and Theresa

White (Robert), Johnson City. Mary also is survived by five grandchildren, nine great grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren. Also surviving is her very special friend, who she always thought of as another daughter, Joyce Gillette.

Rest in peace, Mom. We love you!

The family wishes to thank the staff and caregivers of NHC and Caris Hospice for the professional and loving care provided our mother allowing her to meet her Lord with pride and dignity.

A memorial and committal service is scheduled for Friday, September 18, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at Mountain Home National Cemetery with Pastor Wilkie Brookshire officiating. Those wishing to attend are asked to assemble at the historic side of the cemetery ten minutes prior to the service. In keeping with Department of Veterans Affairs COVID-19 pandemic policies, it is required that all family and friends attending wear masks and practice social distancing. Those attending without a mask will be required to remain with their vehicles.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Johnson City Baptist Temple (905 Milligan Highway; Johnson City, TN 37601) in Mary's Memory.

# Cemetery

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**Mountain Home National  
Cemetery**  
215 Heroes Dr  
Mountain Home, TN, 37684

# Events

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<b>SEP</b>	<b>Graveside Service</b>	11:00AM
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	Mountain Home National Cemetery 215 Heroes Dr, Mountain Home, TN, US, 37684	

# Comments

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Starnes Street.



September 15, 2020 at 09:42 PM

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“ Thinking of you and your family Prease. Love The Ceres

**Bill** - September 15, 2020 at 09:25 PM

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“ To Mary's family. .I am so sorry to hear of the passing of sweet Mary. Did not know she was in nursing home..I always loved to hear of the "cove" stories .I took her daddy up there one day and I learned a lot..she was a special lady. Prayers are eith you

**Rita starnes garst** - September 15, 2020 at 05:59 PM

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“ Rest in peace my friend. Thank you for sharing your generous heart.



**Becky Campbell** - September 15, 2020 at 03:29 PM

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“ My parents have been part of Johnson City Baptist Temple for over 30 years. I went there for the first 18 years of my life. I loved hearing Mary play the piano. I have even ran into her at my job a couple of years back and she was just as sweet as ever! I am praying for the love ones of Mary. Heaven is sure lucky to have her :)

**April Hamilton** - September 15, 2020 at 02:38 PM



“ Lewis and Diana, you both are such sweet dear friends and I pray for comfort from our Lord during this very difficult time. I did not know your mom but knowing her son, she surely was a very precious, sweet lady. Lean on the Lord and He will comfort you! , Your friendship is and has been so special to me. Love and many prayers for you and your sweet family. Pat Gerard

**Patricia Gerard** - September 16, 2020 at 06:55 AM

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“ Things I didn't say often enough or didn't say at all...I love you, Mom, and I thank you for everything you gave our whole family and me. You made many sacrifices for us to help shape us into (I think) the good children we have become. Thank you for teaching us so many good things so that we might live right. You taught us to love...friends, family, even strangers, and God. You taught us to work hard and to appreciate what we have. You taught us to share our blessings with others. I hope you knew how much we loved you and will continue to follow your teachings, as we love you forever. Rest in Peace, your loving son.

**Preas Lewis Street** - September 15, 2020 at 01:49 PM



“ I loved Ms Mary! She was such a huge part of my church family at Johnson City Baptist Temple. She was always a true blessing and God fearing Lady. Can't wait to see you again in Heaven Ms Mary ! I love you always!!

**Mary Britt** - September 15, 2020 at 10:15 PM



“ Lewis, although I never met your Mother, based on your comments, I can tell that she must have been a wonderful person and a great mother. I know you will cherish her memory forever.

**Dan Miller** - September 16, 2020 at 04:50 PM



“ Preas, so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing but overjoyed she has her wings. As a Godly woman, she has made it home to be with the Lord. Our prayers are with you and your family.

**Sandra Black** - September 16, 2020 at 09:08 PM