



Mary Virginia Gresham

October 2, 1939 - January 13, 2015

Mary Virginia Gresham of Byars, Oklahoma was born to George W. and Emma (Bromell) Windley, Sr. on October 2, 1939 in Burgess, South Carolina. She was raised by Julia B. Days in Plantersville, South Carolina. Mary passed from this life on January 13, 2015 in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma at the age of 75 years.

Mary grew up and attended school in Georgetown, South Carolina. She graduated from Howard High School in 1958 and served as the assistant secretary of her class. She received Christ as her savior at a young age and became a member of St. Paul AME in Plantersville, South Carolina. Mary moved to Pauls Valley, Oklahoma in 1963 and became a member of Flipper Chapel AME. On September 20, 1964 in Pauls Valley, Mary and James Ralph were united in marriage by Rev. C. E. Smith and made their home in Byars, Oklahoma (Blue Branch Community). Mary then became a member of Red Rock Baptist Church. She served as Sunday school teacher, secretary and treasurer for many years. In 1972, after her children reached school age, Mary went to work for Kellwood in Pauls Valley as a sewing supervisor for almost 20 years until its closing. Mary also worked for Cover Craft in Pauls Valley and instructed training classes for the company at Mid America Vo-Tech. She later worked for Century Martial Arts in Oklahoma City as a supervisor. She began work at the Byars Community Center in April 2011 and worked until she became ill in July 2014. Mary was a member of Eastern Star Faith Chapter #55, a member of the Purcell Chapter NAACP and a TARC volunteer, acting

as guardian and advocate for two special young ladies. In her spare time she enjoyed sewing, decorating her home, arts and crafts and cooking. The highlight of her life was the time spent with her family, especially her grandchildren. Mary never met a stranger and always wore a smile.

Mrs. Gresham is survived by:

2 sons: Anthony Gresham and wife Melanie of Ardmore, Oklahoma

Byron Gresham and wife Beverly of Augusta, Georgia

1 daughter: Andrea Gresham and fiancée Glenn Ford of the home in Byars.

1 God daughter: Sheila Grier of Charleston, South Carolina

2 brothers: George P. Windley, Sr. and wife Linda of Manning, South Carolina

Otis E. Windley of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

5 sisters: Ida Green of Louisville, Kentucky

Emma Jackson of Louisville, Kentucky

Rev. Carolyn Braxton of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

Emma Session of Columbus, Ohio

Rosa Jackson of Yonkers, New York

11 grandchildren: Christian, Ashley, Ashley Nicole, Eboni, Andrea, Jullian, Amber, Payton, Gabby, Mya, and Antionette

1 great-grandchild: Carter

2 very special sister-in-laws: Dimple M. Dillard and Anita E. Gresham

Many loving nieces and nephews and a host of dear family and friends

Mrs. Gresham was preceded in death by:

Her husband: James Ralph Gresham on June 7, 1997

Parents: George and Emma Windley, Sr. and Julia B. Days

3 brothers: Chappell Windley, George Windley, Jr. and James C. Windley

6 sisters: Dorothy W. Porter, Margaret W. Green, Annie Bell Windley Days, Juanita Windley, Gladys Windley and Justine Windley

Father-in-law and Mother-in-law: Johnnie & Myrtle Gresham

Funeral services are scheduled for Monday, January 19, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. in the Wooster Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. George P. Windley, Sr.

officiating. Interment will be in the Red Rock Cemetery at Byars, Oklahoma

under the direction of Wooster Funeral Home. You may send a condolence to the family at www.woosterfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Red Rock Cemetery

Rosedale, OK

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 17. 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Wooster Funeral Home and Cremation Services (Pauls Valley)
1601 South Chickasaw
Pauls Valley, OK

Visitation

JAN 18. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Virginia Gresham*

November 12, 2022 at 02:44 AM



“ *My dear sister...rest in peace my love..
Otis*

otis windley - February 01, 2015 at 04:47 PM



“ *Elizabeth Dixon lit a candle in memory of
Mary Virginia Gresham*



Elizabeth Dixon - January 28, 2015 at 03:09 AM



“ *Mary was a beautiful lady mother i have
known her and her children every sense they
the children was going to school she was a
loving mother and loved the Lord and her
family and friends!*



Debra (Boydston) craig - January 20, 2015 at 08:16 PM



“ *A Beautiful lady inside and out. Loved God, Wonderful Mother to
many, She will truly be missed, Prayers for you all. Thankful I know
this family, God Bless*

JoLynn (George) Brandt - January 19, 2015 at 10:54 AM

HN

“ I can remember when aunt Mary came home to Plantersville I made it a priority to see her. She had such a beauty that shined in her smile as well as in her soul. I love her so. She will truly be missed. Earth have no sorry that heaven can not heal.

Harrison Neal - January 19, 2015 at 08:53 AM

NY

“ Nanneeusha Brewer Young lit a candle in memory of Mary Virginia Gresham



Nanneeusha Brewer Young - January 18, 2015 at 08:38 PM

SG

“ Tony, Angie & Byron,

Auntie Mary was as beautiful inside as she was on the outside. Her beautiful spirit and bright smile will be remembered and missed.

Cousin,
Shelia

shelia grier - January 17, 2015 at 06:57 PM

CB

“ Cheryl Gaylene Brewer lit a candle in memory of Mary Virginia Gresham



Cheryl Gaylene Brewer - January 17, 2015 at 06:45 PM

CB

Wonderful woman!!!! She will be greatly missed!!!! 🌸🌸🌸❤

Cheryl Gaylene Brewer - January 17, 2015 at 06:49 PM

SC

“ *I'll always remember Mary's beautiful smile when she'd walk through our church doors. She looked years younger than what she was and always dressed to impress! This woman was the epitome of beauty on the inside and out. I will miss seeing your beautiful face, but may you rest in peace with your heavenly father. I love you Andrea, Ash, Eb, and Amber.*

Stephanie Cooper - January 17, 2015 at 03:41 PM

IT

“ *For Angie, Byron, and Tony, (Mary) the most considerate, compassionate, caring, loveable person anyone ever could meet. It's said that there are angels walking on the earth and she could very well hold that title. Now that she has made her transition know for her she is walking around heaven all day.*



The light of God surrounds her, the love of God enfolds her, the power of God protects her and the presence of God watches over her, wherever she is God is and all is well.

Stay together as 1.

*Love Always your cousin,
Iretta (Love) Thomas
Wichita, Ks*

iretta love thomas - January 17, 2015 at 02:05 PM

BF

“ *Mary and I worked together at Kellwood there will be no nicer wonderful lady ever. So sorry for your loss. Brenda foster*

brenda foster - January 17, 2015 at 09:36 AM

CT

“ *Cynthia Turner lit a candle in memory of Mary Virginia Gresham*



Cynthia Turner - January 17, 2015 at 01:27 AM

CL

“ *Craig Love lit a candle in memory of Mary Virginia Gresham*



Craig Love - January 17, 2015 at 01:16 AM

AR

“ *Amy Robertson lit a candle in memory of Mary Virginia Gresham*

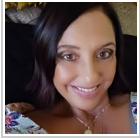


Amy Robertson - January 16, 2015 at 11:04 PM

SH

“ *Mary was an angel on earth. I have never met anyone like her in my lifetime and I doubt I ever will again. She will be greatly missed by all those who were fortunate enough to meet her.* ”

Shawn Hunley - January 16, 2015 at 10:40 PM



“ *Rena Short Morris lit a candle in memory of Mary Virginia Gresham* ”



Rena Short Morris - January 16, 2015 at 10:35 PM

A(

“ *Beautiful lady inside and out. So many wonderful memories growing up in her house and sharing my wonderful childhood and school life with my best friend Andrea. I send prayers of comfort and big arms to hug you all tight. Until we see each other again mama Mary, I love you.* ”

Anna Diaz (Walker)

Anna Diaz (Walker) - January 16, 2015 at 10:28 PM



“ *Share a memory of Mary Virginia Gresham or send condolences to the family.* ”



Laveta Gillispie - January 16, 2015 at 10:21 PM

CL

“ *Connie Love lit a candle in memory of Mary Virginia Gresham*



Connie Love - January 16, 2015 at 09:57 PM

DF

“ *Dorothy Jackson & Family lit a candle in memory of Mary Virginia Gresham*



Dorothy Jackson & Family - January 16, 2015 at 02:42 PM

CJ

“ *To the family of Mary,we are sadden of the loss, Mary was like a family member of the Jackson's she will be missed. we will leave this with you all, God knows your heartache and pain, you know the promises God made are true, we will continue to pray the strength of God to go through this difficult time. TRUST GOD*

Connie Jackson - January 16, 2015 at 02:41 PM