



Mrs. Mary Alice Dowdell

December 9, 1941 - October 17, 2023

On December 9th, 1941, Mr. Samuel Byrd and Mrs. Ida Harper Byrd were blessed with a daughter. They named her Mary Alice. Mary Alice began her life journey in Auburn (Lee County), Alabama. Her greatest joy was serving the Lord. She worshiped at St. Luke CME church, where she became a very dedicated member. She served as a Stewardess, and in other church organizations. Mary's education was obtained at Lee County Training School. She remained settled in Auburn after graduation where she became employed with Data Tech., and Vermont of America, until retirement. She was a wonderful mother and grandmother who was always there when anyone needed her. She enjoyed shopping, and making sure she looked great on Sunday mornings for Church. She enjoyed puzzles as well. She made it a daily hobby to complete a few crosswords puzzles a day. She also took care of her beloved dog, Pee Wee, who she cared for dearly. And she also made it a habit to care for and lend a helping hand to anyone who was in need. At the age of 81, her departure from this life allowed her to be reunited with her

parents Samuel and Ida Harper Byrd, her late husband Norman Dowdell, her beloved daughter Cortrillia F. Dowdell, her sisters Sandra Byrd and Mildred Byrd

Matthews, and her brother Samuel Byrd Jr, who all proceeded her in death.

Left to cherish her memories are her two beloved daughters Christine (Tarzen) Black and Uyvonne (Stacey) Harris, her beloved grandson Cranston Black, her

beloved granddaughter Madi Dowdell, her great-granddaughter Camillia Tapley,

her nieces Alvis (James) Akerson-Martin and Cassandra (Daniel) Byrd-Scolaro,

and several nephews, cousins and friends.

Cemetery Details

Westview Cemetery

700 Westview Drive
Auburn,, AL 36830

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **22**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Peterson and Williams Funeral Home
1016 McCoy Street
Opelika, AL 36801
(334) 745-6473
pw1016mccoy@hotmail.com

Service

OCT **23**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Luke C.M.E. Church
213 N. Donahue Dr.
Auburn, AL 36832

Tribute Wall

CE

“ *Constance Echols lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Alice Dowdell*



Constance Echols - October 24, 2023 at 01:18 AM

DL

“ *Sending my condolences and praying for the family. She will be missed.*
Deborah Lyles

Deborah Lyles - October 23, 2023 at 02:30 AM

EB

“ *Ethel Brock lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Alice Dowdell*



Ethel Brock - October 22, 2023 at 09:36 PM

FF

“ *From Cassandra and your New York Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Mary Alice Dowdell.*



From Cassandra and your New York Family - October 22, 2023 at 02:51 PM

FF

“ From Cassandra and your New York Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Mary Alice Dowdell.

From Cassandra and your New York Family - October 22, 2023 at 02:51 PM

RH

“ Ruth Dowdell HEARD lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Alice Dowdell



Ruth Dowdell HEARD - October 22, 2023 at 07:08 AM

BH

“ Betty Hardnett lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Alice Dowdell



Betty Hardnett - October 21, 2023 at 04:29 PM

PM

“Miss Mary Alice will be missed so much by me.
Growing up on Canton Avenue 1 door from her I was at her home every day....everydayyyy and not once was she ever mean to me or rude...she accepted me as I was.
I would just stare at her all the time because she was a very beautiful, stylish lady and humble.
She looked good and smelled good.
The most important thing I remember about her was her Mothering. I never had seen anything like this until Insw her do it. She was an amazing 'single' mother to Christine, Cortrilla (bae) and Uyvonne(bug) when her husband died!
I absolutely admired her strength, intelligence and grace. She put all three of those girls through college!
I often thought of her as I was raising my son Xavier as a single mom. She as so proud of me when I told her that he had graduated from High School and College because she knew my struggles growing up and as an adult but she always encouraged me with her kind words.
I will miss her very much. We talked a long time in August, laughing and talking.
I always called her on her Birthday, December 9, and we would talk about her day...she loved her Birthday day....when I called she would say....'I was waiting on you!!!'
Oh my goodness....when I tell you I would be smiling so hard, because I knew mattered to her!!!
I thank God I knew her! I thank God I got to love her and told her and she told me.
She was my heart....thank You God for allowing me to know her.
Rest in peace my beautiful one.
I will see you again.”

Peggie M. Martin

Peggie M. Mrtin - October 20, 2023 at 09:29 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Alice Dowdell.*



October 20, 2023 at 08:10 PM