



Margaret Esther Dale

July 19, 1946 - November 24, 2025

Margaret's Journey

Margaret Esther Deshields Dale, affectionately known as “Piggie,” was the fourth daughter of the late William Garfield and Audrey Mae Corbin Deshields. Born on July 19, 1946 in Snow Hill, Maryland, she transitioned to her heavenly home at 9:25pm on Monday, November 24, 2025 at the Snow Hill Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Margaret attended Worcester County public schools. She was unable to graduate with her class, but knew the importance of education and received her Diploma on January 30, 1982.

Her early Christian Training was at St. James Holiness Church in Snow Hill, Maryland. She surrendered her life to Christ and remained at St. James Holiness Church, being taught the Word of God under the leadership of Elder Viola Dennis, Elder Bridget Dale and Bishop William Davis. Margaret loved the Lord and served Him with all her heart through many different Ministries including culinary, ushering, Glorious Mount Sinai Youth department and Sunday school secretary, St. James Church Anniversary Committee, Vocational Bible school and Sunday School teacher and Cemetery Sexton, just to name a few. Mom was always willing to help wherever needed.

Margaret was dedicated to her family and occupations, working for Buddy Boy Chicken Factory and US North 13 Restaurant, where she learned a lot more about cooking from her mother-in-law, Virginia Shockley. She also worked for Sandy Hill, Satellite and Howard Johnson motels before finally retiring from the Worcester County Board of Education as a custodian at the Snow Hill Elementary School due to health issues.

Margaret's house back in the day was the Pocomoke Road hang out spot. She never turned anyone away. She loved children and sports and would always leave her television on Jimmy Swaggart Ministries. She loved hearing gospel singing, but her favorite pastime was watching her favorite team, Baltimore Ravens.

Margaret is survived by: her children, Tina Hyman of Florida, Dorthea Pye and Tyrone Dale, both of Salisbury, Maryland, India Dale of Berlin, Maryland, and Donathan Purnell, Theodis Dale and Faith Deshields, all of Snow Hill, Maryland; seven grandchildren, Da'Vonte, Antrey, Deshawn, Na'jer, Latoya, Timothy and Titus; four great grandchildren, Bri'anna, Hassan, Shawn and Aiden; siblings, Franklin (Deon) Deshields of California, James (Rebecca) Deshields of Delaware, George (Patricia) Deshields of Maryland, Joseph (Dorothy) Deshields of Maryland, Edith Armstrong of Virginia and Denise (Raymond) Handy of Delaware; four godchildren, Geneva, Devin, Jeremiah, and Makayla; four brothers-in-law, Woodrow (Gloria) Shockley, Jr., Garry (Trika) Shockley, Kenneth Shockley, Jr. and Gerald (Pamela) Shockley; one sister-in-law, Sharon Corbin; a special cousin, Robert (Vivienna) Brown and Margaret's princess, Brielle Clark.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Marvel Lee Dale, four sisters, Dorothy Deshields, Phyllis Timmons, Lola Deshields and Carol J. Tull and one brother, John Deshields.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints

Psalm 116:15

Lovingly Submitted ~ The Family

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 2. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

St. James Holiness Church (Snow Hill)
506 Dighton Ave
Snow Hill
Snow Hill, MD 21863

Funeral Service

DEC 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. James Holiness Church (Snow Hill)
506 Dighton Ave
Snow Hill
Snow Hill, MD 21863

Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Bennie Smith Funeral Home - December 02, 2025 at 05:33 PM

LB

Prayers and condolences to the family and friends 🙏

Lillian Bowden - December 04, 2025 at 09:46 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Margaret Esther Dale.*



November 30, 2025 at 06:43 PM



“ *From the Justice family. purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Margaret Esther Dale.*



From the Justice family. - November 29, 2025 at 12:15 PM



“ *Sorry For Your Loss*



Thomas Widgeon - November 27, 2025 at 07:26 AM

LS

Praying for you and your family.

Lorinda Smith - November 27, 2025 at 09:14 PM

LB

My prayers and condolences to you and your family.

Lillian Bowden - November 28, 2025 at 05:21 PM

LB

My prayers and condolences to you and the family 🙏

Lillian Bowden - November 28, 2025 at 05:21 PM

CF

*Wishing you peace and love during this difficult time.
We will be praying for your family.
With Love,
The Copeland Family*

copeland family - December 01, 2025 at 03:11 PM

LS

Heartfelt condolences to the Family of Sister Margaret Dale, a faithful Soldier in God's Army. I will always remember her kind Spirit . My Prayers are with you . Sister Loretta Smith National Church of God , East New Market ,Md

Loretta Smith - December 02, 2025 at 08:27 PM