



Mary Lizzie Pugh

January 4, 1956 - August 22, 2023

Obituary

“If you see a sunset, it's me, smiling from behind it.
If I go away far, and you see a star
If you find it, I'm inside it”

Mary Lizzie Pugh was born on January 4, 1956 to Paul and Elizabeth Pugh. She was the fifth child from this union. Mary departed this life on Tuesday, August 22, 2023 at her home in Portsmouth, Virginia after a lengthy illness.

Mary graduated from Washington High School in Princess Anne, Maryland in 1974. Furthering her education, she graduated from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, also in Princess Anne, Maryland in 1979, earning a Bachelor of Science degree.

Mary was employed by Dove Pointe as a house manager in Salisbury, Maryland for 10 years and she also worked at Western Tidewater CSB for 20 years as a Quality Assurance Technician in Portsmouth, Virginia. Additionally, she worked at Pine Residential Center in Norfolk, Virginia from 1999-2012 as the Lead Direct Support.

Mary also enjoyed working with children who had special needs. She started

her own business and became the CEO of Quality Care Community Service, Inc. for 19 years. Mary enjoyed her job and she loved helping people.

To know Mary was to love Mary. She was just a kind person who would do anything for you. Mary also was a caregiver for mom. She would come home on weekends to give her sister Corine a break. Mary loved God, music, along with shopping and traveling.

Mary accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized under the leadership of the late Bishop Isaac Jenkins, Sr. where she was a member of New Macedonia Baptist Church. She never switched her membership, but she attended church in Portsmouth, Virginia.

Mary was a hard worker, and she was dedicated to any job/task that was given to her. Mary liked challenges and doing things that required her to think out of the box. Mary loved her family and friends. She will truly be missed.

Mary leaves to cherish her memories: her mother, Elizabeth Pugh; her siblings, Willie (Lula) Pugh, Paul, Jr. (Gloria) Pugh, Corine Pugh, Lenwood Pugh and Floyd Pugh; one grandchild, Alani Bowen; two step daughters, Nateisha Bowen and Tiffany Bowen and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and beloved co-workers.

She was preceded in death by her father, Paul Pugh, Sr., nephew, Calvin Handy and her favorite preacher/pastor Bishop Isaac Jenkins, Sr.

SUBMITTED WITH LOVE ~ THE FAMILY

Previous Events

Live Stream Broadcast on Facebook

SEP 9. 12:00 PM.

Bennie Smith Funeral Home MD / VA

Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Bennie Smith Funeral Home - September 12, 2023 at 10:19 AM

TB

“ *Mom. I'm still missing you and thinking about you. I know you're watching your baby girl get big. We love you always and forever.*

Tiffany O Bowen - October 29, 2025 at 09:16 AM

RJ

“ *We were sadden to hear the passing of Mary, she was such a sweet person. Her family and I go way back. Mary often called my dad her brother, whom she loved dearly. She was faithful In coming home on weekends to take care of her mother. Our families have a special bond. Her family joined New Macedonia under the leadership of my dad. When she moved, she would come home and visit the church, which she never changed her membership. Sleep on Mary, we will see you in the morning, we love you .*

Rotunda Jenkins - September 16, 2023 at 06:52 AM

LJ

“ *Auntie you will be truly missed. Rest easy, keep watch watch over us. Love you auntie!! I can still hear your response “Love you NEPHEW” with your high pit voice.*

Linwood Pugh Jr - September 11, 2023 at 04:27 PM

FT

“ *Faith Tull-Church lit a candle in memory of Mary Lizzie Pugh*



Faith Tull-Church - September 11, 2023 at 09:37 AM

PM

“ *God chose one of His best flowers to embellish heaven. May your soul rest in peace. Gone but Never Forgotten. Your Cousin Priscilla & Family Miami FL*



Priscilla McCrimmon - September 08, 2023 at 07:27 PM

CS

“ *I remember Mary as one of the most kind hearted individuals you could ever meet. She was on our 20-year Class Reunion Committee held at Webster's in Salisbury in 1994, and was the most responsible, dedicated, motivated, and humorous member on it.*

In memory of Mary, the Washington High School Class of 1974 would like to extend our sincere thoughts and prayers to the Pugh Family, relatives and friends. She was such a lovely person and will be truly missed. RIP, Mary 🙏

"Washington High School Class of 1974"

Cheyenne Scarborough - September 08, 2023 at 09:47 AM

JE

“ Going miss you auntie 😞□□□



Jerrica - September 07, 2023 at 06:36 PM

SH

“ We went to Washington High together she was always nice. Sheila Jones Harmon



Sheila Jones Harmon - September 07, 2023 at 03:04 PM

SW

“ Sharon P Watson lit a candle in memory of Mary Lizzie Pugh



Sharon P Watson - September 06, 2023 at 05:28 AM

MP

“ She had a beautiful smile and heart. 😊She was an amazing friend to my family. I love her 😍 may she rest in eternal happiness.



Mackenzie Perry - September 05, 2023 at 07:20 PM

VA

“Gone but you will never be forgotten 🥺💔. A cousin like you is one in a Billion and Tyrone said that it was a Pleasure having you as a family member. You talked a lot of trash but we wouldn't have it no other way. Missing you 🥺💔.RIP cousin 🥺”



Valerie Anderson - August 31, 2023 at 08:58 PM

RC

“Rose M. Cottman lit a candle in memory of Mary Lizzie Pugh”



Rose M. Cottman - August 30, 2023 at 11:26 AM