

Her Hands - Maggie Pittman

Her hands held me gently from the day I took my first breath. Her hands helped to guide me as I took my first step. Her hands held me close when the tears would start to fall. Her hands were quick to show me that she would take care of it all. Her hands were there to brush my hair, or straighten a wayward bow. Her hands were often there to comfort the hurts that didn't always show. Her hands helped hold the stars in place, and encouraged me to reach. Her hands would clap and cheer and praise when I captured them at length. Her hands would also push me, though not down or in harm's way. Her hands would punctuate the words, just do what I say. Her hands sometimes had to discipline, to help bend this young tree. Her hands would shape and mold me into all she knew I could be. Her hands are more beautiful than anything can be. Her hands are the reason I am me.



*In Loving Memory
Of Mary*

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Acknowledgements

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Celebration of Life



Mary Alice Land

April 10, 1941 - February 23, 2021

*Funeral Service 11:00 a.m.
Monday, March 8, 2021*

*Thomas Funeral Home
4520 Salem Ave., Trotwood, OH*

*Reverend Robert Jackson
Officiating*

Sketch of Life



Mary A. Land, age 79 was born April 10, 1941 to the late Willie Frank McKenzie and Carrie Nell Peterson in Greenville, AL. Mary, affectionately known as (Toot) in her youth, was a retired educator serving the children of Dayton, Ohio for more than 30 years. She loved her work, even taking on extra responsibility by chaperoning many after school events, with her favorite being a Girl Scout Troop Leader. Mary accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior at a young age. She was a past member of Mt. Enon Baptist Church.

Mary loved to cook and bake and was famous for her lemon glazed pound cake. She was a devoted wife and mother and always exposed her children to various cultural affairs and community events. She loved all holidays, especially Christmas, which was a time when she could gather together with family and friends with good food, fun, and laughter.

Mary transitioned from this life on February 23, 2021 to be in the presence of the Lord. She was preceded in death by: her husband, Willie J. Land; mother, Carrie Nell Peterson (AL); father, Willie Frank McKenzie (AL); devoted aunt and uncle, Cassie and Joe Bloxson; siblings, Catherine Hardy and Earnest Peterson both of Alabama, Stella Peterson (GA). Mary leaves to cherish her memories and celebrate her legacy: three children, Cynthia and Angela McKenzie, Dawn Land; grandson, Brian McKenzie (TX); great-granddaughter, Makaylen McKenzie; great great-grandson, Josiah Clow; sisters, Dorothy Berry and Annie Bailey both of Alabama; sisters-in-law, Johnnie Burns, Joanne Brown, Peggy (Bruce) Allen, and Doris Black (GA); a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and many friends.

Lord, when my soul takes flight, may it rise swiftly to live forever in your love and care.

Order of Service

Processional.....Clergy, Family and Friends
Musical Prelude.....Soft Music
Parting View.....The Family
Scripture Readings.....Minister Amanda Sanders
Old Testament – John 14:1-3
New Testament – Psalm 23
Prayer of Comfort.....Clergy
Musical Selection.....Regina Lewis Martin
Obituary Reading.....(Please read silently)
Poem/Acknowledgements.....
Reflections.....(Please limit to 2 minutes)
Musical Selection.....Regina Lewis Martin
Eulogy.....Reverend Robert Jackson
Recessional.....Clergy, Family and Friends
Interment.....Dayton National Cemetery

Only the immediate family will proceed to the Dayton National Cemetery for the Interment.
There will be no Repast, thanks.

Psalm 23 - A Psalm of David (nkip)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over. Surely, goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge shall give me.

II Timothy 4:7-8