



Mary Becton

February 10, 1925 - December 18, 2020

Mary Verneace Fuller Becton was born on February 10th, 1925 in Fremont, North Carolina to the late Leslie and Classie Virginia Pate Fuller. She was their only child. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by two daughters, La Vonchia and Mercedes Avatna Artis.

She attended the Fremont Colored High School where she graduated in 1941, two years early. Mary later on attended Winston Salem Teachers College. After college, she married her first husband, the late Sylvester Artis. To this union four children were born. She remarried in 1964 to the late Robert Lee Becton and they had one daughter.

Mary Becton held a series of jobs including substitute teacher and home health aide. But with her mother's health failing, she returned home to take care of her mother full time. She later took care of her father in his final years as well.

Besides raising her children, she also took care of her grandchildren and great grandchildren during the summer. Mary loved collecting poems and recipes. Most importantly, she deeply loved her family as well as her extended family. She loved her cousins and she would always say "I believe that's some of my peoples." She had loving relationships with several relatives including the Fullers, Pates, Exums, Barnes, Newsomes, McCalls, Vicks, etc.

Mary loved the Lord, and in 1941 she gave her life to the Lord and became a faithful member of Elm Grove Church of Christ in Pikeville, North Carolina. In 2002 she moved to Upper Marlboro, Maryland to live with her daughter, Minnie. Shortly afterwards, she joined Antioch Baptist Church of Upper Marlboro.

She is survived by two sons, Dwight Sylvester Artis (Alphonise) of Lanham, MD and Michael Owen Artis (Rosetta) of Landover, MD; one daughter, Minnie Virginia Becton of Bowie, MD; four grandchildren: Anil, Shomari, Soorya and Sanjeet Artis; five great-granddaughters: Jaylin, La'Crystal, Jasmine, La'Nia and Ara'Zyia; two Special God-Daughters: Laura 'Peggy' Whitley Bell of Goldsboro, NC and Rochelle Ingram Robbins of Washington, D.C.; Special friends: Mrs. Peggy Gray Coley who she loved like a little sister, Mrs. Vivian Coley who was her prayer partner, Mrs. Alyson Haydel, The Antioch Women's Discipleship Group including Mrs. Evelyn Walker and Mrs. Wilma Smith.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Becton*

January 28, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ *Mary Becton*

January 28, 2023 at 10:26 AM



“ *To Michael, Dwight and Minnie, I was so sorry to hear of the passing of your Mother. May the sweet memo you have of her bring you comfort and a smile in the difficult days ahead. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you, may God give each of you comfort.*

Joyce Jones - December 31, 2020 at 02:40 PM



“ *The Family of TanyUa Coley Peacock send condolences and prayers to your Families. God bless y'all* 🙏💕🌹

Tanyua Coley Peacock - December 30, 2020 at 03:05 PM



“ *Staris P Morgan lit a candle in memory of Mary Becton*



Staris P Morgan - December 29, 2020 at 11:52 AM

CS

“ *CONDOLENCES FROM CHESTER SASSER AND FAMILY.*

chester sasser - December 29, 2020 at 08:23 AM

BE

“ *Dear Michael and Dwight, Please accept my sympathy regarding the loss of your mother. Praying God will continue to keep each of you and extended family in his care.*

Bea Edmundson (Class of 65)

Beatrice Edmundson - December 29, 2020 at 01:21 AM

WW

“ *Dwight's, Michael, Minnie My prayers and condolences. I will always remember the genuine kindness of Ms. Vernace. Love Always, Cosmo.*

William Waheed - December 28, 2020 at 02:25 PM

SJ

“ *Condolences To The Becton and Artis Family. May GOD Comfort You At This Difficult Time.*



Sarah Dickerson Johnson - December 28, 2020 at 12:48 PM



“ *Cheeseboard Complete was purchased for the family of Mary Becton.*



December 27, 2020 at 04:52 PM



“ *Thoughts and prayers are with you and I still have the trunk she gave me years ago 😊*

Eula Teen Bizzelle Holden - December 26, 2020 at 04:38 PM



“ *To Dwight and Michael, my prayers are with you at this difficult time, wonderful memories of your mother will carry you through. I know you love her and will miss her, but God loved her more.*
Cynthia Yelverton and Family



cynthia yelverton - December 26, 2020 at 02:24 PM



“ *To Michael and family,
So sorry to hear of the transition of your mom , such a sweetheart I never pass the house on Goldsboro St, without thinking of her she would be sitting on the porch when we would be walking to bible study and she and my mother would talk and laugh it was something to behold , now they can continue to laugh together in Heaven, praying for all of you! Ellen Ryals*

Ellen Ryals - December 26, 2020 at 01:33 PM

EB

“ *On behalf of Trumilla Reid's family - we extend our sincere condolences & prayers of comfort and strength during this difficult time, as we are so familiar. As a neighbor, and just passing while just out and about, your mother was always kind. Emma Reid-Bailiff*

Emma Reid Bailiff - December 26, 2020 at 09:25 AM



“ *Shiletha Smith lit a candle in memory of Mary Becton*



Shiletha Smith - December 26, 2020 at 09:14 AM



“ *So sorry to learn of the passing of Ms Vernice. Such a special lady on so many levels. Prayers of comfort to the Artis and Becton family today and the days ahead.*

Catherine Best - December 25, 2020 at 08:24 PM

EB

“ (possible duplicate)

Dear Family,

My most memorable moment was to have met a person who's heart was good to the core, that's where I met her. She was a mother with a caring heart for others.

Upon consolidation of Norwayne School, she encouraged Mercy to befriend me after learning that we were classmates and she knew that I has lost my mother at an early age. It seems that in those days people knew who was who.

My and Mercy's friendship lasted many years and I a most grateful to have met your mother, I am glad that our paths crossed.

My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Ernestine Tyson Brennan

Ernestine Tyson Brennan - December 24, 2020 at 08:54 PM

BN

“ Years ago Ms V rode with me back to MD. We left Fremont NC bout 8 or 9 that morning. 95N here we come. We had not gotten to Richmond VA, before we were eating FRESHLY FRIED CHICKEN, that she had cooked that morning. We had a ball eating fried chicken that morning on 95. And it was delish. She was a SWEETHEART. ❤️

B F Newsome - December 24, 2020 at 06:39 AM

BN

“ Condolences, love 💕, prayers to Becton, Artis family. Dwight, Michael, Minnie, Anil, Shomari and extended family members. Much love. ❤️

B F Newsome - December 24, 2020 at 06:01 AM

MD

“ *Michael I was floored when Larry gave me the news of your mother passing. Remember the days I would spend the night. Praying for you and family.*



Michael Dickerson - December 23, 2020 at 10:41 PM

BN

“ *Ms. V, a special lady in my life. Another mother she was to me. Loved her so so much.*

B F Newsome - December 23, 2020 at 04:16 PM

MB

“ *To my loving Becton/Artis family my sincere condolences to you all at this difficult time. I will always remember our family times together with Mrs. Vernice. She was soft spoken and loving. She will be missed. Hold on to the good times. She will always be in our hearts.*

Mary Best Barfield - December 23, 2020 at 02:30 PM

AA

“ *One of my most memorable times with my beloved grandmother was when I graduated from college. On one of my happiest times in my life I had my mom and grandma there to share it with me. To see the joy in her face and to hear her say she was proud of me really made my heart smile.*

Anil Artis - December 23, 2020 at 07:46 AM

CD

“ Michael my heart broke when I heard of your mothers passing. My memory of her is she was always the nicest sweetest lady. I will definitely be praying for Strength Comfort and Peace during this time and for the days ahead for you, Minnie, and the rest of the family



Constance Dickerson - December 22, 2020 at 06:06 PM

MA

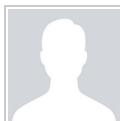
“ I have many fond memories of my mother. I remember when I was in the 2nd grade she substituted for my regular teacher for a couple of days. This was a nightmare for me because I had a bad habit of talking in class and for 2 days I had to be an angel. She also love to try different recipes and every Saint Patrick's day she would make something green like a green jello pie or some other green dessert. She was so sweet and was very articulate and taught us proper etiquette. I will forever be grateful for the lessons she taught us. RIP mom.

Michael Artis - December 21, 2020 at 12:25 PM

SD

Condolences to you & your family.

Stacey Davis - December 23, 2020 at 10:12 AM



You have my deepest sympathy in the passing of your mom. Praying for you and your family

Shirley Howard - December 26, 2020 at 01:05 PM

GH

Dwight and family, the Norwayne Class of 1969 is praying for you. May the love that your Mom showed to you and others, and her well spent life, give you fond memories and comfort you. Her works will follow her and speak volumes, even after death. God bless you and keep you. Love & much prayer, Gerry Harper

Gerry Fleming Harper - December 29, 2020 at 08:52 AM

KR

“ I remember visiting Cousin Vernice and Cousin Minnie in Fremont during the summers when I was just a kid. Cousin Bernice was so loving and sweet. She always had something cool for us kids to drink. I'm saddened by her passing because she meant so much to so many. My deepest condolences to Cousin Minnie and the rest of the family. God bless, Cousin Ken

Ken Reed - December 21, 2020 at 11:58 AM

SR

“ Wishing You strength and comfort through this difficult time. Thinking of you and wishing you moments of peace and comfort. I am here for you during this time of sorrow. Please accept my warmest condolences.

Samantha Rowe

Samantha Rowe - December 21, 2020 at 06:27 AM

SR

“ Samantha Rowe lit a candle in memory of Mary Becton



Samantha Rowe - December 21, 2020 at 06:24 AM