



Mary Lizzie Poe

July 20, 1937 - July 18, 2017

On July 20, 1937, Abraham and Hattie “Tiny” McMillian welcomed their second child, Mary Lizzie into this world. Mary answered God’s Heavenly call Tuesday, July 18, 2017 when her life was fulfilled.

Mary Lizzie was baptized at an early age at Mechanicsville United Methodist Church where she was very active in various church ministries. When she relocated to Paterson, New Jersey, she attended Canaan Baptist Church under the leadership of The Reverend Gadson L. Graham.

“Sister”, as she was affectionately called, attended the public schools of Lee County where she graduated with The Class of 1956 from Dennis High School. She furthered her education at Allen University School of Nursing and earned a degree as an LPN in 1958.

Mrs. Poe was a life-long employee of the Barnert Memorial Hospital in Paterson, New Jersey. During her tenure of forty plus years, she served in many nursing capacities. She retired in July 2014 for the sole purpose of moving back to South Carolina to care for her sister.

Mary Lizzie was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Abraham, Jr. and Willie McMillian.

Left to embrace memories are: her loving daughter, Jacqueline (Rory) Sparrow of Bloomfield, NJ; three grandsons, Jacques (Whitney) and Rory Sparrow, Jr. both of Dunwoody, GA and Stephon Sparrow of Shanghai, China; a great granddaughter, Denver Riley Sparrow of Pittsburg, PA; two sisters, Pauline "Munchie" Davis of Columbia, SC and Alease Diggs of Washington, DC; two brothers, Edward (Shirley) McMillian of Irmo, SC and Richard "Bay" Blanding of Sumter, SC; an aunt, Virginia McMillian of Woodrow, SC; a sister-in-law, Evelyn "Nippy" McMillian of Hillside, NJ; a special life-long friend, like a sister, Pearl Whitaker; other special persons, Valerie, Sharon, Debra and Edward, Jr.; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other loving relatives and friends.

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS, THE FAMILY REQUEST DONATIONS BE MADE TO ANY NATIONAL CANCER RESEARCH OR SOCIETY.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUL **21.** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

A. A. Dicks Funeral Home Sullivan Chapel
6400 North Main Street
Columbia, SC 29203
(803) 254-4673

Church Service

JUL **22.** 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Mechanicsville United Methodist Church
184 Lake Ashwood Road
Sumter, SC

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Jacqui and family,

We wish you peace to bring you and your family comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts and may you be comforted by the outpouring of love surrounding you.

Love Terry and Tonysha

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“ To My Sis Jacque and family:

Through prayer God quenches our thirsty souls, revives our parched hearts, and leads us to a higher place where peace and joy and love will be ours forever.

My family and I will continue to pray for you and your family and know that for you I will stay up passed 8 to be there for you.

I know you loved her but GOD loved her best. No more pain and suffering in the flesh she is FREE.

Hold on to the memories and never let them fade.

Carla Isom - July 21, 2017 at 08:23 AM