



Mary Elizabeth Westbrook

August 15, 1928 - September 18, 2020

Ms. Mary Elizabeth Westbrooks was born in Knoxville, TN to Frank Smith and Josephine Brown on August 15, 1928. She was reared in Cross Plains and Gainesville, Ga. Her primary education can be credited to Cross Plains and Northwestern schools. She married the late Oscar Odell Westbrooks and she is the mother of nine children and, at last count 25 grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Saint Paul United Methodist Church was her church home for over fifty years. During her stewardship at Saint Paul she was a faithful and dedicated force. Her leadership roles included, President/Spiritual Presence Choir; Chairperson Council on Ministries; Treasurer Adult Choir; Board of Trustee, Fellowship Hall Building Fund, Committee Chair of Family and Friends, and the unofficial St. Paul Greeter. Ms. Westbrooks' smile could light up any room. She loved meeting new people and was eager to help where ever she could. "It is in my bones" she would say! "It is in my blood" she would say! to help others and she was forever true to her word. She was famous for pulling out her pots and pans when she heard a neighbor or friend was sick or had a death in their family. Ms. Westbrooks' famous vegetable soup had been delivered to many shut-ins; she would stop by their homes and share a "little somethin" with them. She was determined, her living would not be in vain. "She meant that!

Ms. Westbrooks' professional and social community endeavors were: member of the Willing Workers Club, Gainesville Pray Band, Chamber of Commerce Chapter of Business Women, President Sunshine Seniors, Mentor, Enota and New Holland Elementary schools, Meals on Wheels, Salvation Army, Council on Aging, Retired Teachers and Educators Association, Director of Grady Young Foundation to name a few as well as numerous certificates, plaques, and citations flank her walls at "1021."

Notably, Ms. Westbrooks has been a foster parent and caretaker to adults whom she has boarded in her home over the years. If someone was naked, she would clothe them, and if someone was hungry she would feed them, if they was homeless, she would house them. Not to mention, when someone needed a laugh, she had jokes!

Ms. Westbrooks' most memorable and treasured occasions involved everybody singing together. Ms. "West" loved to sing! She did that very, very well and could be witnessed doing so any and every where 'bout town. She was adored for her singing voice, in fact, she was the standing soloist at St. Paul's famous Mother's Day service. She always brought the house down, grown men, women and children alike wept and wailed as she sang.

Ms. Westbrooks, herself, an only child, is survived by daughters Theresa Westbrooks, Deborah Everette, Stephanie Watkins, Vanessa Ellison(Douglas)and Patrice Westbrooks; and by her sons Charles Demory (Juanesshe, Lateef Ha'min (Beverly), and Patrick Westbrooks. She was preceded in death by a son, Michael L. Westbrooks.

Grandchildren are Greg Smith, Serita Holland, Keisha Atem, Brian Harrison, Anika Hamin, Quinshay Hancock, Quintay Hancock, Lamar Demory, Quintin Demory, Deborah Demory, Tony Demory, Tonya Demory, Juan Henderson, Miracle Demory, Shannon Westbrooks, Ian Curry, Caresa Ettienne,

Cassandra Demory, Charlisa Demory, Cameron Drake, Tyra Westbrooks, Jessica Westbrooks, Steve Ellison, Kyla Watkins, Juan Westbrooks, Jazmine Ellison, Nicholas Westbrooks, Tylor Brown, Patrick Brown, Iman Johnson, Carter Westbrooks and a special "daughter" Tanija Westbrooks who lived with Ms. Westbrooks for many years all the way right up to her untimely death. Last but not least. The many great grands and great-great grands to numerous to list.

For the unofficial children, the ones who claim her as "their own", that list goes on and on...

Until her death September 18, 2020, Ms. Mary Elizabeth Westbrooks had "many irons in the fire"

and her dedication, service, and unrelentless energy and fire will forever burn in our collective memories.

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Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **24**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Elizabeth Westbrook*

October 22, 2023 at 04:48 PM



“ *Missing you more and more everyday. Thank you for the life lessons and wisdom you taught us. I love you Granny*

Jazmine - January 14, 2023 at 05:28 PM



“ *Granny we miss u so much !!! Sooo sooo sooo much !*

Grandaughter - October 11, 2020 at 05:45 PM



“ *My deepest condolences
Valerie Bennett*

valerie bennett - October 02, 2020 at 06:19 PM



“ *Dorothy Bolden sent a virtual gift in memory of
Mary Elizabeth Westbrook*



Dorothy Bolden - September 26, 2020 at 03:36 AM



“ Mrs Westbrook Will be sorely missed not only by her immediate family, but by th entire community. Het legacy will live on! . Sending up prayers for the family ,Remember to give each other their flowers now while they can enjoy. Much love and respect to u aol
The Bush family and

Connie Shinuald - September 25, 2020 at 04:46 PM

JH

“ Jamia Hill lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Westbrook



Jamia Hill - September 25, 2020 at 02:05 PM

JL

“ Firstly, I'm sorry for our loss! A beautiful life well spent with no regrets!! I called her moses of Westbrook plus mayor of Gainesville, I will surely miss, ha! My only regret is I didn't give her, her flower before her death, God know I tried. Another unequalled falling spirit, God be with her and us till we meet again, I pray. So sorry, my condolences. 🥺🥺🥺🥺🥺🥺.

Joshua Lawson - September 25, 2020 at 01:29 PM

MC

“ Michelle Chatman lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Westbrook



Michelle Chatman - September 25, 2020 at 01:04 PM

LB

“ *Berderius and Leatrice Bailey (Young) Condolences to the family. Mrs. Westbrook was an amazing woman with a loving spirit. She will be missed.*



Leatrice Bailey - September 25, 2020 at 10:22 AM



“ *Teaching at Fair Street School for 23 years was where I connected with this remarkable person. She was a bright light each and every time we saw each other. I taught some of the children who came to live in her home as a safe haven. We shared stories and laughter! Later, she kept me in fresh vegetables at the "Market" outside Fair Street. My heart is heavy and there are tears in my eyes. I truly loved this woman and her spirit! We will miss her in this world.*
Allene West Kelley

Allene Egan West Kelley - September 25, 2020 at 07:54 AM

JL

I guess that's why she was named MARY & ELIZABETH at the same time! 2 powerful names bestowed to her. Gainesville might not know what they've lost, she actually lived above her name. Till we meet again mama Gainesville.

Joshua Lawson - September 25, 2020 at 01:55 PM

MT

“ *Mary Robinson & Brandy Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Westbrook*



Mary Robinson & Brandy Thomas - September 25, 2020 at 07:23 AM

MR

All of the family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Mary Robinson - September 25, 2020 at 07:24 AM

LD

“ *Larry Davenport lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Westbrook*



Larry Davenport - September 24, 2020 at 07:36 PM

LD

My Prayers and Condolences

Larry Davenport - September 24, 2020 at 07:37 PM



“ *Sending healing prayers and comforting hugs... Edonus and Celeste Strickland*

Celeste Cantrell Strickland - September 24, 2020 at 05:29 PM

TF

“ *Prayers of peace and comfort to the Westbrooks family. We will certainly miss our neighbor of over 43 years. From free late night concerts, to seeing everyone on holidays to just shouting out greeting as we come and go. May fond memories of Ms. Westbrook live on in your hearts forever.*



The Williams Family - September 24, 2020 at 04:15 PM

TF

The Williams Family

The Williams Family - September 24, 2020 at 04:20 PM

CD

*Praying for the Westbrook family that God will give you the strength to go on. At a young age I remember how friendly Miss Elizabeth was. Also loved to hear her sing. .RIP Miss Elizabeth.
Clara Ramsey Dorsey*

Clara Ramsey Dorsey - September 29, 2020 at 12:31 PM

PG

“*May The Word of God be your comfort. Sending our condolences to the Westbrook family and St. Paul United Methodist Church*”

The Mahaffey family - Mrs. Grace Mahaffey, Preston Jr., Emily, Annette, Sandra, Chris, Jeff and Pamela

Pamela Glasper - September 24, 2020 at 03:26 PM

PG

“*Pamela Glasper sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Elizabeth Westbrook*”



Pamela Glasper - September 24, 2020 at 03:16 PM

AD

“*MRS. WESTBROOK ALWAYS WOULD SAY 240 FOR LIFE I LOVE YOU AND YOU WILL BE MISSED BY ALL*”

Andrea Dukes - September 24, 2020 at 01:28 PM

TF

“ *The Robinson Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mary Elizabeth Westbrook.*



The Robinson Family - September 24, 2020 at 09:43 AM

TT

“ *Granny you will surely be missed, and I am so thankful for your life and many positive contributions you made to me and the community at large. You have certainly left a powerful legacy for your children and children’s children to follow. Thank you for demonstrating leadership, compassion, confidence and the importance of a strong spiritual foundation. I will forever cherish and honor your beautiful memory.* 🦋🏠😊🎵



Tori Nekisa Tabor-Antem - September 23, 2020 at 10:35 PM



*After All...
I have lived my funeral...*

Stephanie Westbrooks Watkins - September 28, 2020 at 12:05 PM

MM

“ *Mattie L Mathis sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Elizabeth Westbrook*



Mattie L Mathis - September 23, 2020 at 09:15 PM

DB

“ *Daphne Brownlee lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Westbrook*



Daphne Brownlee - September 23, 2020 at 08:40 PM



“ *EBN Mother - 9" Ebony Angel Figurine was purchased for the family of Mary Elizabeth Westbrook.*



September 23, 2020 at 06:37 PM

DJ

“ *Derlyn Turner Jones lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Westbrook*



Derlyn Turner Jones - September 23, 2020 at 06:00 PM

DJ

May God grant the family peace at all times only in HIS name, I will miss you Ms Westbrooks memories for life, Peace and love Dale..

Derlyn Turner Jones - September 23, 2020 at 06:03 PM

MO

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Monica - September 23, 2020 at 05:58 PM

GY

“ We extend our deepest sympathies to Greg Smith and the family. Our heartfelt condolences. The Yarbroughs 🙏❤️🙏



Gregory Yarbrough - September 23, 2020 at 04:33 PM

NF

“ Nate Lewis & Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mary Elizabeth Westbrook.



Nate Lewis & Family - September 23, 2020 at 03:47 PM

NF

“ *My deepest sympathies to Greg Smith and Family! The Family has my prayers and may God comfort all of you.*



Nate Lewis & Family - September 23, 2020 at 03:35 PM

DS

“ *Democracy Prep Harlem Middle School purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mary Elizabeth Westbrook.*



Democracy Prep Harlem Middle School - September 23, 2020 at 03:29 PM

SJ

“ *My deepest condolences to the family. May the memories held deep inside your heart help to comfort you.*



Stephanie Jones - September 23, 2020 at 02:55 PM

LM

“ *Lawanda Morrison lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Westbrook*



Lawanda Morrison - September 23, 2020 at 02:36 PM

MY

“ Had a beautiful ‘caring’ conversation with my friend earlier in the final week of her life. Love her for her genuine ‘self’!

Blessings & strength for the whole family - My Children!

Myrtle Figueras

myrtle - September 23, 2020 at 10:39 AM



NM

“ Sending my condolences to the family with love💜

Nisha Morrison - September 23, 2020 at 09:56 AM



JM

“ Our prayers are with the family 🙏

Joyce Mitchell - September 23, 2020 at 07:50 AM



SJ

“ *Star Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Westbrook*



Star Johnson - September 23, 2020 at 02:43 AM

SJ

MY Condolences and all my love to the Westbrook family for the home going of your dear sweet Mother ❤️ Miss Elizabeth Westbrook

Star Johnson - September 23, 2020 at 02:50 AM

RM

“ *Mama Westbrooks will be missed, our prayers are with the many family members and friends...to God be the glory...*



Rev Earnest Mason - September 23, 2020 at 01:05 AM

AG

“ *Apryl Gates sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Elizabeth Westbrook*



Apryl Gates - September 23, 2020 at 12:30 AM

TF

“ Our deepest condolences and sympathy for the family.

The Hawks Family



The Hawks Family - September 22, 2020 at 08:05 PM

AB

“ Our deepest condolences and sympathy for the family. She was a mother to her children, her church and community. She will be deeply missed and never forgotten.

With love

Ashley & Lauren Bell

Ashley Bell - September 22, 2020 at 06:29 PM

CM

“ I am so saddened to hear about Ms Westbrooks passing. Our days together go way back over the years to Enota school when we both worked there. We shared many a good conversation and laugh together! I will miss her! had just been thinking about her a lot recently and how I should call. One should always listen when the Spirit tells you to reach out to someone. My thoughts and prayers are with all her family.

Carolyn Mahar - September 22, 2020 at 02:19 PM

ML

Our loss is Heaven's gain rest in peace

Michael and Lynn Leverette - September 23, 2020 at 08:51 AM

K(

“ Patrick and I wanted to go swimming at Fair Street pool but we didn't have any money. Patrick suggests that we walk to his house and ask his mom for the money. When we get to the house, his mom is sitting on the porch. Patrick tells her that we want to swim but need money. Mrs. Westbrook slowly leans back in her chair and simply says...*"No mon., no fun, in the sun."* I can't remember if Patrick and I ever swam that day, but I'll always remember how she so cleverly told us that if we had no money...we weren't getting it from her. Mrs. Westbrook will be sorely missed. I feel truly honored to have known her. Love you guys...Kashmir

Kashmir Daffin (Wright) - September 22, 2020 at 02:06 PM

HS

“ Harriet Jennings Shirley lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Westbrook



Harriet Jennings Shirley - September 22, 2020 at 11:15 AM

HS

Mrs. Elizabeth was a remarkable woman, and one that our entire family was blessed and privileged to know. She leaves a legacy with her children, grand-children, and great-grandchildren but also in the hearts of all who knew her. She will be missed by the Jennings' family.

Harriet Jennings Shirley - September 22, 2020 at 11:17 AM

AR

“ Mrs. Westbrook will be MISSED by the Gainesville Community. She was an Icon 🙏 I can remember her from when I was a kid coming to my GrandMa house "Kool" singing yes singing all the time and saying " I'm Filled Up! Praying for the Family. God is to Holy to make a mistake. Sang on Mrs. Westbrook

Amena Randolph - September 22, 2020 at 08:20 AM

MB

“ My prayers are with you during your time of bereavement .



Marion Bryant - September 21, 2020 at 09:47 PM

PJ

“ So sorry for your loss thoughts and prayers are with you 🙏



Pamela Jackson - September 21, 2020 at 05:03 PM

GF

“ Gloria Kesler Maddox & Family lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Westbrook



Gloria Kesler Maddox & Family - September 21, 2020 at 03:13 PM

MA

“ *Maddox sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Elizabeth Westbrook*



Maddox - September 21, 2020 at 03:11 PM

SA

“ *Southwest Adjusters purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mary Elizabeth Westbrook.*



Southwest Adjusters - September 21, 2020 at 02:59 PM

KC

“ *Kim Carithers sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Elizabeth Westbrook*



Kim Carithers - September 21, 2020 at 01:20 PM

BM

“ *Bertha Martin sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Elizabeth Westbrook*



Bertha Martin - September 21, 2020 at 10:21 AM

BF

My deepest condolences to you and your family during this time. Your mother was an amazing woman and she will truly be missed."

Bertha Martin & Family - September 21, 2020 at 10:27 AM

PM

“ *Priscilla Martin lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Westbrook*



Priscilla Martin - September 21, 2020 at 10:19 AM

BF

“ *Betty Hopkins And Family lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Westbrook*



Betty Hopkins and family - September 21, 2020 at 09:36 AM

RH

“ *Regina Harris sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Elizabeth Westbrook*



Regina Harris - September 21, 2020 at 06:40 AM

SJ

“ *Star Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Westbrook*



Star Johnson - September 21, 2020 at 12:42 AM

SJ

Love to the Westbrook family thanks for sharing your beautiful mother with the world.!!!

Star Johnson - September 21, 2020 at 12:43 AM



“ *Michelle Poole Bell lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Westbrook*



Michelle Poole Bell - September 20, 2020 at 10:25 PM

RT

“ *Richard Trammell lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Westbrook*



Richard Trammell - September 20, 2020 at 09:22 PM

AS

“ *Angelia Thompson Swann lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Westbrook*



Angelia Thompson Swann - September 20, 2020 at 07:34 PM

NT

“ *Nikiya Few Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Westbrook*



Nikiya Few Thompson - September 20, 2020 at 07:17 PM

A?

“ *Arianna Banks ❤️ lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Westbrook*



Arianna Banks ❤️ - September 20, 2020 at 06:20 PM

TK

“ *Thomas Kendrick lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Westbrook*



Thomas Kendrick - September 20, 2020 at 06:15 PM

RO

“ Sending our Condolences & Prayers. Mrs. Westbrook was a loving, caring & Strong Spirit! Rest easy Beautiful❤️



Rodney&LisaYoung&Family - September 20, 2020 at 06:02 PM

NA

“ Nathan Ann lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Westbrook



nathan ann - September 20, 2020 at 05:32 PM

LH

“ Linda Hutchens lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Westbrook



Linda Hutchens - September 20, 2020 at 04:03 PM

SB

“ Loved ms westbrooks will always remember her.
What a blessing to call her a friend
How awesome to have her as your Mom



shirley blake - September 20, 2020 at 02:50 PM

CW

“ Clairese B Wright lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Westbrook



Clairese B Wright - September 20, 2020 at 12:01 PM

JG

“ Joycelyn Hailey Glasper sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Elizabeth Westbrook



Joycelyn Hailey Glasper - September 20, 2020 at 11:59 AM

BC

“ Bobbie Cox lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Westbrook



Bobbie Cox - September 20, 2020 at 11:29 AM

JS

“ Jeraldine Sewell lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Westbrook



Jeraldine Sewell - September 20, 2020 at 10:49 AM

JS

“ *The Sewell family offer our sincere condolences to the family and friends and church family. Mrs. Westbrook will always be remembered for her singing and exuberant persona. May the Lord keep you all in his loving arms.*

Jeraldine Sewell - September 20, 2020 at 10:46 AM

AD

“ *Mrs, Westbrook will be missed,my condolences goes out to the Family,St Paul Church will not be the same,Mrs.Westbrook was a woman of God,n she said what was on her mind,n she was my daughter grandmother.Now she is going to be an Angel to watch over us, Love Always Ann Davenport.*



Ann Davenport - September 20, 2020 at 09:54 AM

LR

“ *My Condolences to the family of Elizabeth Westbrook,May God bless you and keep you.*



Louise Randolph - September 20, 2020 at 09:54 AM

TP

“ *Theresa Puryear lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Westbrook*



Theresa Puryear - September 20, 2020 at 08:11 AM

HM

“ *Hattie Norman Moon lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Westbrook*



Hattie Norman Moon - September 20, 2020 at 08:11 AM

HM

“ *Hattie Norman Moon sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Elizabeth Westbrook*



Hattie Norman Moon - September 20, 2020 at 08:08 AM

JM

“ *Juanita Muckle sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Elizabeth Westbrook*



Juanita Muckle - September 20, 2020 at 07:02 AM

NT

“ *Mrs. Westbrook was a strong pillar in our community. She never met a stranger. She was such a sweet woman. I'm glad that I knew her through out my childhood until she left this earth for her eternal home. Rest well Mrs. Westbrook! God has said well done my child!*



Nikiya Few Thompson - September 19, 2020 at 06:59 PM