



Ms. Kathryn Maye

September 3, 1952 - April 5, 2025

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted.

Matt. 5:4

In His boundless wisdom and gentle grace, God Almighty extended His hand from Heaven and softly spoke to one of His beloved children, saying, “Come with me, my daughter, for it is time for you to return home.” Thus, on Saturday, April 5, 2025, at 9:15 PM, God gently closed the eyes of our cherished Kathryn at the Hospice House in Greenville, NC, allowing her to enter into eternal peace.

Kathryn Telane Maye was born on September 3, 1952, to Johnnie and Cherrie M. Maye. She attended schools in Pitt County and graduated from J.H. Rose High School as part of the inaugural class of 1970. Kathy later moved to New York, where she welcomed her only child, a daughter named Tula. Shortly thereafter, she returned to Greenville, NC, where she spent the majority of her life.

Kathy was a lifelong member of Mt. Calvary FWB Church, having joined at a young age. Later, she joined Philippi Church of Christ, under the leadership of Pastor Dameion Royal. Her professional career included many years at Empire Brushes, National Spinning Company in Washington, NC, and

Burroughs Wellcome Co., where she dedicated over twenty-three years of service before retiring in 2000.

Kathy had a passion for traveling and cherished numerous trips to New York with her family. She was an enthusiastic online shopper, particularly fond of Amazon. Additionally, she enjoyed watching Food Network Shows and Judge Judy, and she loved spending time with Martha Hopkins (NaNa).

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Johnnie Walter Maye, and a beloved aunt, Eula Royster, from New York.

Her remarkable life will be fondly remembered by her daughter, Tula Maye Garris, of the home; four bonus daughters, Trina S. Watson (Gregory), Martha Moore, Lynn S. Thomas Greenville, NC, and Tisha Tyson, Detroit, MI; two sisters, Helen Wilson Jones of Rochester, NY, and Rosa Boyd of Manhattan, NY; one grandson, Calvin Ali Garris; two bonus grandsons, Kayden Asare Aboagye and Justus Osei Aboagye, one granddaughter, Telaina Garris; and two great-grandchildren, Kylan Garris, and Nyomia Garris; special friends, Trina Ebron, Mary Carter, and neighbor, Debra Bowman; her best friend for over fifty years, Ted "Popcorn" Gray. Kathy also leaves behind a multitude of other relatives and friends that checked on her daily.

Cemetery Details

Homestead Memorial Gardens

4251 E. 10th Street
Greenville, NC 27858

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

APR 14. 12:30 PM (ET)

Philippi Church Of Christ
3760 Philippi Drive
Greenville, NC 27858

Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Congleton Memorial Mortuary - April 14, 2025 at 01:54 PM

PD

“ *Peggy Daniels lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kathryn Maye*



Peggy Daniels - April 19, 2025 at 10:55 AM

CS

“ *Cecily Sene lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kathryn Maye*



Cecily Sene - April 15, 2025 at 01:41 PM

JR

“ *Janice Spain Reid lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kathryn Maye*



Janice Spain Reid - April 15, 2025 at 09:21 AM

BD

“ *Byron D. Tyson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kathryn Maye*



Byron D. Tyson - April 14, 2025 at 04:44 PM

GB

“ *As Kathy rest under God's wings, may the soothing comfort, that only He can give, envelop TULA and the family, To God be the Glory, Kathy has WON! Love you, my class of 1970 classmate.*



Gloria Brewington-Person - April 14, 2025 at 02:26 PM

DT

“ *Delores Tilley lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kathryn Maye*



Delores Tilley - April 14, 2025 at 09:19 AM

VA

“ *Tula. Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. May the God of Peace and Comfort be with you all now and the days to come. Bobby & Vera Atkinson(aka uncle & auntie) of Indianapolis, Indiana*



Vera Atkinson - April 14, 2025 at 03:06 AM

CC

“ Channel C. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Ms. Kathryn Maye.



Channel C. - April 13, 2025 at 08:53 PM



“ Channel Chance lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kathryn Maye



Channel Chance - April 13, 2025 at 08:26 PM

HB

“ 🙏❤️ Tula my prayers are with you and your family through this tough time



Harvette Brown - April 13, 2025 at 08:10 PM

CC

“ Connie Cash lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kathryn Maye



Connie Cash - April 13, 2025 at 01:01 PM

WP

“ *Wanda C Padgett lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kathryn Maye*



wanda c padgett - April 13, 2025 at 09:48 AM

B1

“ *To Tula Wherever a beautiful soul has been there is a trail of beautiful memories You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers Wilbert and Bea Atkinson*



Beatrice Atkinson Classmate 1970 - April 13, 2025 at 09:40 AM

EH

“ *With sincere sympathy---we light a candle to honor the memory of Ms. Kathryn Maye. Alton, Ella, and Amber Nannette Harris*



Ella Elizabeth (Tyson) Harris - April 13, 2025 at 08:29 AM

SR

“ Tula and Family, heartfelt condolences are shared with you during this difficult time. Praying that the peace of God will rest with you (and us all) for the journey ahead, past this storm. Ms.Kathryn, always known for her sincere warmth and vibrancy, always so very loving, and that love is reciprocated by so many. 💔
Tula, you have done excellent in caring for Ms. Kathryn. We Love You!!!!
Ms Barbara, Sherree & Rhonda



Sherree Waller Rogers - April 13, 2025 at 06:42 AM

MA

“ Magalene Scott ,Oliver Vera Armwood, Ang lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kathryn Maye



Magalene Scott ,Oliver Vera Armwood, Ang - April 12, 2025 at 09:27 PM

PP

“ Tula, I was so saddened to hear of your mother's passing. Kathryn was my classmate.
May the countless memories she left behind remain in your heart.
Please accept my condolences and know that your mother was loved by many.

*Phyllis Taft Price
Charlotte, NC*

Phyllis Taft Price - April 12, 2025 at 09:12 PM

DA

“ *Denise Armwood lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kathryn Maye*



Denise Armwood - April 12, 2025 at 11:56 AM

CB

“ *Carol Brewington lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kathryn Maye*



Carol Brewington - April 12, 2025 at 10:33 AM

B1

“ *The lost of a parent leaves a void that words cannot fill Please accept my heartfelt condolences and may you find comfort in the arms of those who care about you*



Beatrice Atkinson Classmate 1970 - April 12, 2025 at 08:53 AM

LF

“ Dear Tula,

My heart goes out to you during this time of loss. Having known you and your mother for as long as I can remember, this loss feels deeply personal. Your mother was such a special woman—gracious, kind, and always greeting others with her warm, infectious smile. Her presence lit up any room, and I feel truly blessed to have known her throughout the years.

What stood out most was the beautiful bond you shared. The love and care between you was inspiring—built on deep devotion, mutual respect, and unwavering love. It was a joy to witness.

May you find comfort in the many treasured memories you created together and in knowing how deeply she was loved by all who knew her—myself included.

*With love and heartfelt sympathy,
LaVette Ford*

LaVette Lang Ford - April 12, 2025 at 06:30 AM



SM

“ Sheila Moore lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kathryn Maye



Sheila Moore - April 11, 2025 at 08:04 PM

KB

“ Tula,

You and the family are in my prayers. Ms. Kathy will definitely be missed.

*Love Always,
Keisha Council Barrett and Family*



Keisha Council Barrett - April 11, 2025 at 07:22 PM

GS

Tula, know that I am sending prayers to you and the grands as you prepare for your Mom's services. I will always cherish our talks (especially comparing our doctors and medications). Kathy and I didn't talk everyday but we both knew that we could count on each other. Much love❤️

Gladys , Herman and Boys

Gladys Smith - April 13, 2025 at 02:19 PM

NP

“ *Kathy Maye I truly will miss our talks and laughs...I thank you for being in my life for over thirty years and you were a blessing to my son and thank you for just loving on us...you allowed us into your home as if we were family and for that I am grateful...I love you always until we meet again 💜*

Nancy Pierce - April 11, 2025 at 01:30 PM

PB

“ Sam/Patricia Brown extends a heart felt sympathy to the Maye/Garris family during the loss of Kathy. She and I birthdays were one day apart and my sister Abigail always got our birthdays mixed up. But we had a good relationship anyway. She will be greatly missed , and her funny stories too.



Patricia Brown - April 11, 2025 at 01:24 PM

HO

“ Henry & Angela Ormond



Henry & Angela Ormond - April 11, 2025 at 10:31 AM

BG

“ Praying for the family.

Belinda McLawhorn Gallop



Belinda McLawhorn Gallop - April 11, 2025 at 05:36 AM

WC

“ My sincere condolences in the loss of your mother. I have many memories of the times we all had together. You are in my thoughts and prayers.



Wanda Carmon Chrisp - April 11, 2025 at 01:51 AM

EC

“ My sincere condolences to you Tula, and the family. I will always cherish the precious memories of your Mom. Remember that earth hath no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal. You are in my thoughts and prayers! 🙏❤️🙏



Evangelist Wanda Carmon Chrisp - April 11, 2025 at 12:14 AM

GH

“ Gayle Hardy lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kathryn Maye



Gayle Hardy - April 10, 2025 at 09:10 PM

MW

“ Tula, praying for your peace and comfort during this time. May God continue to strengthen you.
Mitchell and Rene' Wooten

Mitchell and Rene' Wooten - April 10, 2025 at 08:06 PM

SW

“ Know that you are never alone. God is with you, holding you, comforting you and most of all loving you no matter what!
Sharon Williams and Family

Sharon Williams - April 10, 2025 at 07:07 PM

TM

“ I'll miss your beautiful smile, Aunt Kathy. I thought I'd see you one last time. Rest with the Lord. Tell Grandma and Daddy I said "hello".



Tonya McSwain - April 10, 2025 at 06:40 PM



“ Missing you Aunt Kathy. I will always keep you in my heart. My prayers and condolences to my cousin Tula and family



Ronishia Carney - April 10, 2025 at 06:30 PM

JA

“ Juanita And James Anderson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kathryn Maye



Juanita and James Anderson - April 10, 2025 at 05:40 PM

BW

“ Praying 🙏 for all of you!



Betty Weaver - April 10, 2025 at 05:37 PM

TS

“ Tula,
Sending our deepest Condolences to you and
your family on the passing of your mom. 💕🕊️



From Hattie "Sis" Crandell
Toni & Angie



Toni Staton - April 10, 2025 at 05:23 PM

MC

“ Sister you will forever be missed, take your
rest with the Master!
Love you! Mattie Carr



Mattie Carr - April 10, 2025 at 05:17 PM

CB

“ Corey Baker sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms.
Kathryn Maye



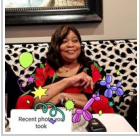
Corey Baker - April 10, 2025 at 12:31 PM

SE

“ Sondra Early sent a virtual gift in memory of
Ms. Kathryn Maye



Sondra Early - April 10, 2025 at 11:51 AM



“ Prayers for the entire family. God be with you and give you strength during this time.

Bernice Coward - April 10, 2025 at 09:29 AM



“ Gwendolyn G Carmon lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kathryn Maye



Gwendolyn G Carmon - April 10, 2025 at 09:23 AM



“ Ms May was a sweet lady. She had a heart of gold . She will truly be missed.



Cynthia Powell - April 10, 2025 at 08:13 AM



“ Ramona W. Williams lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kathryn Maye



Ramona W. Williams - April 09, 2025 at 07:23 PM

EP

“ To Mrs. Tula and your Family, You all are in my prayers, she will truly be missed!!!

Elder Sharon Bush Paige



Elder Sharon Bush Paige - April 09, 2025 at 05:50 PM

CP

“ My condolences and prayers for Tula and the Maye family.



Craig Parker - April 09, 2025 at 03:23 PM

BN

“ Betty Nurse lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kathryn Maye



Betty Nurse - April 09, 2025 at 02:22 PM

LS

“ So sorry to hear of Kathy's passing. Condolences to Tula and family!



L. Sparkman - April 09, 2025 at 02:21 PM

LB

“ *Condolences and prayers for the family. 🙏
Kathy will surely be missed by all who life she touched.*



Linda C Baker - April 09, 2025 at 01:54 PM

BW

“ *BEN WOOTEN lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kathryn Maye*



BEN WOOTEN - April 09, 2025 at 09:11 AM

EH

“ *My Thoughts And Prayers Are With The y*



Evangelist Gwen Hudson - April 09, 2025 at 07:43 AM

TF

“ Tula and family, God has plucked a special flower from His garden. A loving daughter, a caring and dedicated mother and a one of a kind grandmother and great grandmother. Knowing Kathy for a lifetime has been a storybook of laughter, tears and unbelievable great memories. These memories will live on forever and create a smile when you think of her. Family trust in the Lord with all thine heart and He will wipe all your tears away. Be bless and know we love you dearly.
The Family of "Honey" Ebron



The Ebron Family - April 08, 2025 at 09:07 PM

TP

Sending my condolences to you and your family,Such an Sweet and humble person.RIH Ms.Kathryn 🌹🌹🙏🙏🙏

Theresa Pope - April 09, 2025 at 02:49 PM

PD

“ Peggy Daniels lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kathryn Maye



Peggy Daniels - April 08, 2025 at 06:30 PM

CS

“ Congleton Funeral Home and Staff wishes to express our sincere condolences on the passing of your love one. We light this candle in their memory.



Congleton Funeral Home and Staff - April 08, 2025 at 01:22 PM

DT

Tula, our prayers are with you and the family during this heartbreaking loss, although it's an earthly loss but a heavenly gain. Stay strong and know that God is right there with all of you 🙏🙏🙏

Dee and Doug Tyson

Delores Tyson - April 10, 2025 at 01:53 PM

SG

Tula, please accept my deepest condolences in the loss of your dear mother. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. I will keep you in prayer.

sheila godette - April 11, 2025 at 08:21 PM

AB

*Tula, Really sorry to hear of your mother's passing. She was always so warm and kind and will certainly be missed.
My prayers are with you and your family.
With Love,
Ann Brown*

Ann Brown - April 15, 2025 at 12:18 PM