



Ms. Mary Lee Saunders

September 14, 1933 - August 3, 2025

Mary Lee Brown Saunders, age 91, passed away peacefully on Sunday, August 3, 2025, in Goldsboro, North Carolina.

Mary was born on September 14, 1933, in Bethel, North Carolina, to the late Henry A. Brown and Mary B. Brown. She spent her early years in Bethel before relocating to Baltimore, Maryland, at the age of 15 to continue her high school education. Upon graduating, she attended what was then the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing and began her career as a nurse.

After several years in the nursing field, Mary returned to North Carolina and embarked on a new journey in radio and broadcasting. She became a director and promoter for various gospel music groups, including those associated with Maleceo Records and other labels. Mary dedicated 13 years to gospel radio promotion before retiring due to health challenges.

In addition to her parents, Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Lee Saunders; her six brothers; her five sisters and one granddaughter.

She is survived by two loving sons: Alphonse A. Brown and his wife, Gloria Brown of Kinston, North Carolina, Edward L. Holmes and his wife, Angelica Holmes of Baltimore, Maryland; one beloved sister, Mildred Carr; ten grandchildren—Kya, Winter, Taevon, Brian, Tinka, Kristian, and Jettina all of Baltimore, Maryland; Ron and Aaron of Kinston, North Carolina; and Dominique of Cleveland, Ohio; four great-grandchildren: Zane, Zaria, Tinka III, and Samantha all of Baltimore; two God-children, Denise Bowler, Clarence Fulton; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, extended family members, and

dear friends.

Mary will be remembered for her strength, dedication to family, and unwavering faith. Her legacy lives on in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

Previous Events

Viewing

AUG **16**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Congleton Funeral Home and Cremations
3205 E. 10th Street
Greenville, NC 27858

Celebration of Life Service

AUG **16**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Congleton Memorial Mortuary - August 28, 2025 at 11:27 AM



“ *Joseph & Peggy Slade sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Mary Lee Saunders*



Joseph & Peggy Slade - August 13, 2025 at 10:54 PM



“ *Gingerly Home Care.... Wish to extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family. 🙏 She will be missed.*



Ginger Green - August 13, 2025 at 11:01 AM



“ *Praying for the family
Alice Bailey
Rocky Mount*

Alice Bailey - August 10, 2025 at 07:40 PM

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“ Hazel Brown Davis lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mary Lee Saunders



Hazel Brown Davis - August 10, 2025 at 08:43 AM

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“ My Condolences And Prayers Are With The Family 🙏🙏🙏



Evangelist Gwen Hudson - August 06, 2025 at 12:08 PM

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“ Cecily Sene lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mary Lee Saunders



Cecily Sene - August 05, 2025 at 01:43 AM

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“ 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 - August 04, 2025 at 06:47 PM

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My Prayers And Condolences With Love For The Family Of Ms. Mary Lee Saunders. And God Bless You All And Your Heart And Soul Will Be At Peace With In Your Life.

*From: Mother Alfreda Knight
With Love The Famy*

Mother Alfreda Knight - August 07, 2025 at 01:34 PM

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*My condolences and comfort to the family May God wrap his loving arms around you and comfort you as only he can
From Carolyn King and family*

Carolyn king - August 11, 2025 at 06:18 PM