



Dr. Mary Nell Hunt Harrell Mosley

June 10, 2024

Dr. Mary Nell Hunt Harrell Mosley was born June 27, 1927, in Bowdon, GA, to the late Lee and Lizzie Kight Hunt. She transitioned to her heavenly home on June 10, 2024. She was preceded in death by her brother John Wesley Hunt, sister Annie Lee McGhee, a nephew, John Lee Hunt, and five nieces: Jacqueline Cole, Barbara Wimberly, Vivian Springer, Gwinnett Ladson, and Janice Thomas. She accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age and was a member of New Hope United Methodist Church in Bowdon, GA.

Mary Nell, as she was affectionately known, spent her early years of learning in the segregated school system in Carroll County GA. She graduated with honors from George Washington Carver High School in Carrollton, GA. Upon finishing high school, she entered Rust College in Holly Springs, MS, and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree. She continued her educational pursuits and earned a Master's and Specialist Degree in education from Mississippi State University. Additional graduate study was also done at Tuskegee University, Mississippi Valley State University, and the University of Mississippi. In 2003, she received an Honorary Doctor of Humane Arts from her alma mater Rust College in Holly Springs, MS. Mary Nell was an active alumna of Rust College and served on the Board of Trustees for over 25 years. She supported her alma mater by recruiting numerous students over the years.

Mary Nell was united in holy matrimony to the late Loye Edmond Harrell. To

this union, two sons were born. In 1959, Loye Edmond Harrell transitioned to his heavenly home. In 1967, Mary Nell married the late Rev. John Wesley Mosley. They remained married until he transitioned to his heavenly home in 1983.

Her educational career path in secondary education began in the early 1950's at Liberty Hill School. The school served grades 1-12 and was the only high school for African Americans in that portion of Oktibbeha County. In 1953, she began a teaching and leadership role at Chapel Hill School in the southwestern portion of the County. She served as a teacher, basketball coach, and eventually principal at Chapel Hill. From 1955-1961, she not only taught students, but she also served in the role of cafeteria manager at Sturgis Elementary School. In 1961, she began three years of service with Maben Elementary Schools.

In the fall of 1964, Mary Nell ended her long-standing and stellar career with the Oktibbeha County Schools and began a new career with Starkville Public Schools. This career began at Ward Elementary School and on to Overstreet Schools and ended in 1970. She was one of the first African American teachers deployed to Overstreet Elementary School at the beginning of the court-ordered desegregation process in Starkville. Her late husband, Rev. J. W. Mosley was assigned as District Superintendent of the United Methodist Church, which was based in Winona, MS. While in Winona Mary Nell taught sixth grade. After five years in Winona, Rev. and Mrs. Mosley moved back to Starkville where he returned to the role of Pastor at Griffin United Methodist Church. Mary Nell returned to Overstreet Elementary School where she finished her career and retired in 1987. In totality, she provided over thirty-seven years of service to the citizens of Oktibbeha County.

Mary Nell's affiliation with Griffin Chapel United Methodist Church began in the early 1960's. She immediately emerged herself into the various youth and children ministries and served in numerous capacities for over 40 years. As

the coordinator of the Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF), she ensured that the Griffin youth were greatly involved in activities at the local, district, and conference-wide levels. One of the stellar activities each year was the annual UNICEF fundraiser that was also associated with the youth travel from home to home to do Christmas caroling to seniors and shut-ins. She was also instrumental in organizing educational trips for the youth of Griffin and other area United Methodist Churches to various national sites, museums, and historical locations. This also included numerous trips to the Gulfside Assembly of the previous Central Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church, Waveland, MS. Mary Nell also served Griffin as church school superintendent, coordinator of the summer vacation bible school program, Sunday school teacher, class leader, membership secretary, kitchen coordinator, and many other capacities. She was also a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, and a chartered member of the Pi Iota Zeta Chapter.

Mary Nell is survived by her two sons; Dennis (Yvonne) Harrell and Joel (Sandra) Harrell, seven grandchildren; Kimmerly Harrell, John (DeShelle) Harrell, Christopher Harrell, Denita Canada, Chaconda Harrell, Dennis Calvin Harrell II, and Remel Watson, 13 great-grandchildren; Jason Harrell, Justin Harrell, Gyasi Harrell, Donya Fleming, Chris Keeling, Caleb Harrell, Gabriel Canada, Jua'Nay Harrell, Montey Kelly, Taylor Williams, Bianca Williams, Unique Williams, and Elijah Williams, three great-great grandchildren; Tamira Keeling, Loyal Cook, Honor Cook and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Family has requested that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to the following:

John W. & Mary N. Mosley Endowed Scholarship
Rust College

150 Rust Avenue

Holly Springs, MS 38635

Cards and other expressions of sympathy may be mailed to the following address:

4709 Tugalo Trail

Douglasville, GA 30135

Please keep the family in prayer during their time of bereavement.

“His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.”

~Matthew 15:23

Cemetery Details

Bowdon Community Cemetery

875 Highway 100 South
Bowdon, GA 30108

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 17. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Hairston & Hairston Funeral Homes - Starkville
112 Earnest H Jones Jr Dr
Starkville, MS 39759
(662) 323-5854

Funeral Service

JUN 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

Griffin Chapel United Methodist Church
212 West Main Street
Starkville, MS 39759

Will be "Live-Streamed" on Hairston & Hairston Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064211884971&mibextid=LQQJ4d>

Committal Service

JUN 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

BB

“ I have known Mrs. Mosley from my most early days in my childhood in the ‘60’s when she and Rev. Mosley were at Rust College (Asbury Methodist Church in Holly Springs) She was a wonderful mentor with her gentle spirit. Then to my delight she and Rev. Mosley moved back to Starkville. She was the true definition of a Christian.



Barbara Jackson Brown - August 23, 2024 at 08:53 AM

AB

“ Sending my heartfelt condolences to the entire family 🙏🙏🙏



Ann Bishop-Harris - July 26, 2024 at 03:33 PM

MM

“ Mrs McGull lit a candle in memory of Dr. Mary Nell Hunt Harrell Mosley



Mrs McGull - July 22, 2024 at 02:04 AM

PW

“ Mrs. Mosley was a beautiful, intelligent, friendly and kind woman. She loved Rust College Choir and was a loyal supporter and alumnus. She will be missed.



Patricia Wynn - June 24, 2024 at 02:56 PM

RB

“ My condolences to the family



Rose Billups - June 22, 2024 at 11:38 AM

MC

“ Dr Mary Nell Mosley,
Precious memories from my childhood, young adult, and now my senior life. Thank you for being a dear friend to my loving mother Mrs Hattie Bardwell Pace. As for her children, you inspired is to believe in ourselves and trust in the Lord. Rest beautiful
Kindhearted sweet women of God 🙏❤️🌹



Mrs Yvonne B Cox - June 20, 2024 at 11:29 PM

VI

“ VirginiaGandy sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Mary Nell Hunt Harrell Mosley



VirginiaGandy - June 19, 2024 at 02:14 AM

DH

“ Truly sorry to hear about your mother passing away. I am thankful that I had the honor to meet her last year. When she told me her maiden name was Hunt, I said you are my cousin. My grandmother's maiden name was Hunt. Rest in Heaven Dr. Mary Mosley



Delois Hammett - June 19, 2024 at 12:06 AM

BF

“ Bessie Ann Ferguson lit a candle in memory of Dr. Mary Nell Hunt Harrell Mosley



Bessie Ann Ferguson - June 18, 2024 at 08:58 PM

DW

“ Deborah Williams lit a candle in memory of Dr. Mary Nell Hunt Harrell Mosley



Deborah Williams - June 18, 2024 at 02:52 PM

DB

“ Sincere condolences to the family of Mrs. Mosley. She was my sixth grade teacher and my mother's best friend. The world is a much better place because of all the kindness Mrs. Mosley shared with the youth of Starkville. Rest well.

Debra Rucker Bunkley

Velma Rucker

Debra Bunkley - June 18, 2024 at 10:50 AM

AN

“ Annie Norman sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Mary Nell Hunt Harrell Mosley



Annie Norman - June 18, 2024 at 10:42 AM

WO

“ Walter And Lois ONeal sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Mary Nell Hunt Harrell Mosley



Walter and Lois ONeal - June 18, 2024 at 10:28 AM

FW

“ Frances Wilson lit a candle in memory of Dr. Mary Nell Hunt Harrell Mosley



Frances Wilson - June 17, 2024 at 09:17 PM

SW

“ Susie Wynn lit a candle in memory of Dr. Mary Nell Hunt Harrell Mosley



Susie Wynn - June 17, 2024 at 07:12 PM

KS

“ Kristen Self-Burnett sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Mary Nell Hunt Harrell Mosley



Kristen Self-Burnett - June 17, 2024 at 05:38 PM

KS

Sending sincere condolences to the Dr. Joel Harrell and the family of Mrs. Mosley. Ms. Mosley was a such an inspiration to the Starkville Community. Her presence will be missed but her legacy remains.

Kristen Self-Burnett - June 17, 2024 at 05:43 PM

AD

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Mosley family 🙏🙏



Annie and Clara Dancer - June 17, 2024 at 03:49 PM

MP

“ *Margie A. Peters lit a candle in memory of Dr. Mary Nell Hunt Harrell Mosley*



Margie A. Peters - June 17, 2024 at 12:40 PM

TB

“ *Tonya Bond lit a candle in memory of Dr. Mary Nell Hunt Harrell Mosley*



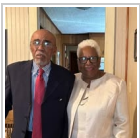
Tonya Bond - June 17, 2024 at 11:29 AM

LN

“ *Lance Nichols lit a candle in memory of Dr. Mary Nell Hunt Harrell Mosley*



Lance Nichols - June 17, 2024 at 11:22 AM



“ *Lorene Osby sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Mary Nell Hunt Harrell Mosley*



Lorene Osby - June 16, 2024 at 11:43 PM

UF

“ *Urma Falkner-Goodrich lit a candle in memory of Dr. Mary Nell Hunt Harrell Mosley*



Urma Falkner-Goodrich - June 16, 2024 at 07:52 PM

JS

“ *Jackie Selvie lit a candle in memory of Dr. Mary Nell Hunt Harrell Mosley*



Jackie Selvie - June 16, 2024 at 06:52 PM

LB

“ *Rest in Love my sweet and dear Soror Dr. Mosley. You were the Epitome of FINER. You will be truly missed as you were one of the most influential Zetas to always motivate and push others to be better.*

LaToya Bledsoe - June 16, 2024 at 12:40 AM

PP

“ *R.I.H Mrs Mosley* 🙏🏾🙏🏾🙏🏾



Pamela Kennard Pleasant - June 15, 2024 at 02:11 PM

HG

“ *Helen Glenn sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Mary Nell Hunt Harrell Mosley*



Helen Glenn - June 15, 2024 at 11:59 AM

BH

“ *Barbara W Hill sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Mary Nell Hunt Harrell Mosley*



Barbara W Hill - June 15, 2024 at 09:15 AM

WE

“ *Willene Edwards sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Mary Nell Hunt Harrell Mosley*



Willene Edwards - June 14, 2024 at 10:47 PM

AW

“ *Addie Walker lit a candle in memory of Dr. Mary Nell Hunt Harrell Mosley*



Addie Walker - June 14, 2024 at 08:37 PM

SF

“ Sending love your way and prayers for your family. Mrs.Mosley was a dear friend to our family as well as her granddaughter,Kimmerly,may you find comfort in your memories.
The Franklin Family (Alvin,Shirley, Beverly, and Stephanie)

Shirley Franklin - June 14, 2024 at 05:32 PM

CW

“ Charlene Walker lit a candle in memory of Dr. Mary Nell Hunt Harrell Mosley



Charlene Walker - June 14, 2024 at 05:23 PM

CJ

“ Clara Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Mary Nell Hunt Harrell Mosley



Clara Jones - June 14, 2024 at 04:57 PM

AC

“ My condolences to the family ❤️sweet Lady



Annette Collins - June 14, 2024 at 04:12 PM

AB

“ *Ann Bishop-Harris sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Mary Nell Hunt Harrell Mosley*



Ann Bishop-Harris - June 14, 2024 at 03:50 PM

SM

“ *Shamiko Malone lit a candle in memory of Dr. Mary Nell Hunt Harrell Mosley*



Shamiko Malone - June 14, 2024 at 02:55 PM

GW

A woman of God and an example of Proverb 31. Rest on my Sister!

Gwen B. Ware - June 15, 2024 at 10:02 AM

AE

“ *Antuan Edwards planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Mary Nell Hunt Harrell Mosley.*

Antuan Edwards - June 14, 2024 at 01:59 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Mary Nell Hunt Harrell Mosley.*



June 14, 2024 at 01:59 PM

EM

“ Emma Mays lit a candle in memory of Dr. Mary Nell Hunt Harrell Mosley



Emma Mays - June 14, 2024 at 01:38 PM

LW

“ We are 🙏 the Family Strength doing this Difficult time. With our Deepest Sympathy. (Student) Lula (Billups) Watson. 🌻



Lula& John Watson - June 14, 2024 at 01:31 PM

DF

“ Doris C.Garmon & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Mary Nell Hunt Harrell Mosley



Doris C.Garmon & family - June 14, 2024 at 12:53 PM

DB

“ Darlene Brooks sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Mary Nell Hunt Harrell Mosley



Darlene Brooks - June 14, 2024 at 10:37 AM

LF

“ Linda Ferguson & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Mary Nell Hunt Harrell Mosley



Linda Ferguson & Family - June 14, 2024 at 10:04 AM

YJ

“ One of the sweetest ladies I have had the pleasure to know. My prayers are with the family.



Yolander Jones - June 14, 2024 at 08:20 AM

GR

“ Glenda Roberts sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Mary Nell Hunt Harrell Mosley



Glenda roberts - June 14, 2024 at 07:55 AM

AB

“ Praying for the family 🙏🙏🙏



Ann Bishop-Harris - June 14, 2024 at 05:32 AM

G1

“ Gretel Chandler



Gretel Chandler 19572018@gmail.com - June 13, 2024 at 08:22 PM

G1

“ Gretel Chandler 19572018@gmail.com lit a candle in memory of Dr. Mary Nell Hunt Harrell Mosley



Gretel Chandler 19572018@gmail.com - June 13, 2024 at 08:16 PM

RF

“ Deepest sympathy to the Mosley family. Your loss is our loss as was deeply loved by so many!! Prayers for the family. 🙏🙏



Ross Crawford and family. - June 13, 2024 at 08:08 PM

MC

“ Maggie J. Waldrip Cooks sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Mary Nell Hunt Harrell Mosley



Maggie J. Waldrip Cooks - June 13, 2024 at 07:06 PM

BR

“ *Barbara Roberson lit a candle in memory of Dr. Mary Nell Hunt Harrell Mosley*



Barbara Roberson - June 13, 2024 at 06:59 PM

WC

“ *Walter And Gloria Conley sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Mary Nell Hunt Harrell Mosley*



Walter and Gloria Conley - June 13, 2024 at 06:43 PM

AR

“ *Allen & Cynthia Robinson lit a candle in memory of Dr. Mary Nell Hunt Harrell Mosley*



Allen & Cynthia Robinson - June 13, 2024 at 04:06 PM