



Mary Will "Sarah" Hairston Glenn

February 15, 1932 - March 18, 2022

Mrs. Mary Will Hairston Glenn (Sarah) was born in Crawford, Mississippi on February 15, 1932, to John Mosley Hairston, Sr. and Mary Ella Samuel Hairston, the fourth of thirteen children. She was baptized at Fairview Baptist Church. Her years of service to the Lord were completed at Greater Mt Zion Church in Columbus, Mississippi. She served as a member of the Women's Missionary Society, Usher Board, as well as Deaconess and Mother of the Church.

Mary and Andrew David Glenn, Sr., were married on March 22, 1949, a union that would span 63 years. Mary and Andrew made a home for their eight children that was full of love and never a dull moment. The door was always open to relatives and friends. She was a great cook, and her homemade ice cream rivaled any store brand. She created special memories for her children and grandchildren and never missed an opportunity to remember them on special occasions. Her love and selflessness for God, family, and friends were always the center point of her life.

Mary's love for children led her to pursue a career in education, in 1967 she accepted a teaching position at Head Start with the Early Childhood Program where she worked for 49 years. Having taught three generations of students, extending her love and dedication to educating the young in the public sector and retiring October 10, 2016. Throughout her career as an educator, she achieved many awards and professional child development accreditations and completed additional course work offered through American College, Mary

Holmes College, Mississippi University for Women and Mississippi State University. Her devoted leadership was an illuminating beacon of promise to the students, faculty and staff.

Her hobbies included reading the Bible - Psalms 91 was her favorite, gardening, using her sharp mind to solve Wheel of Fortune puzzles, sharing her wisdom with others and staying connected with her friends, and traveling to visit family for special occasions and family reunions.

Mary prayed that God would allow her to celebrate her 90th birthday and her prayer was answered recently with her many family members and friends.

Although her health was declining, she was elated and thankful for all the love shown her. The last words of endearment she shared with her guests was, "I love ya'll and ain't a thing you can do about it!" She will be dearly missed by all her loved ones.

On Friday, March 18, 2022, Mary passed away, at 90 years of age, at home. She will be lovingly remembered by her eight children: Elder Andrew (Mildred) Glenn Jr., Alvin Glenn, Sandra (Sammie) Williams, Allen (Denise) Glenn, Maxine Morgan, and Darrell Glenn of Columbus, Mississippi; Joyce (Ernest) Strother, Philadelphia, PA; and Mary (Calvin) Elam, Irmo, SC; 21 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great grandchildren; a brother, John (Irene) Hairston, Jr., and sister, Wordley (David) Beard, Columbus, MS; brothers-in-law Albert (Lillie) Glenn, Sr., Memphis, TN; Aaron Arthur (Nancy) Glenn, Columbus, MS and Joe Whitfield, Detroit, MI; and a host of loving nieces, nephews and friends.

Mary Will Hairston Glenn is predeceased by parents, John Mosley Hairston, Sr., and Mary Ella Samuel Hairston; her spouse, Andrew David Glenn, Sr.; siblings: 2 infant siblings, Mamie Hairston, Walter Hairston, Katie Williams, Mattie Malone, Ella Sturdivant, Virginia Whitfield, Charlie Hairston and Ernest Ruth Pippins.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Gardens

176 S Frontage Rd.
Columbus, MS 39701

Previous Events

Funeral Services - Graveside

MAR 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

GREATER MT ZION CHURCH
5114 HWY 182 E.
Columbus, MS 39702

Tribute Wall

BF

“ Although I’m just finding out that this sweet and adorable lady has left to be with Jesus, I will never forget all those years that she mentored and encouraged me to continue my education to become a teacher. She fought for me and went above and beyond to get me hired on in the head start program where I had the pleasure of working with her for over seven years before I left the program to work for the school district after receiving my teaching degree. Mrs. Glenn was like a second mother to me she never saw color of a person skin and invited me into her home and even took me to her church on many occasions , she also watched and even taught my daughters when I was in college pursuing my degree she loved all people great and small her live shined brighter than the sun, and she will now join all the little children and teach/ live them once more . We will meet again one day in Heaven my friend/ mentor.

Barbara Fondren - March 02, 2023 at 12:51 AM

SF

“ Our Condolences to the Glenn Family .

Shirley Ryan Fields - April 01, 2022 at 09:07 PM

TM

“ Tracy Hairston, Michigan lit a candle in memory of Mary Will "Sarah" Hairston Glenn



Tracy Hairston, Michigan - March 28, 2022 at 12:14 AM



“ 4 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Hairston & Hairston Funeral Homes - March 27, 2022 at 12:56 AM



“ *The Michigan Glenn's and Hester's purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mary Will "Sarah" Hairston Glenn.*



The Michigan Glenn's and Hester's - March 26, 2022 at 09:57 PM



“ 83 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Hairston & Hairston Funeral Homes - March 26, 2022 at 06:00 PM

ID

“ *To God Be The Glory*

Sellus & Irma Dickerson



irma Dickerson - March 26, 2022 at 05:47 PM

DJ

“ *Doris Jones lit a candle in memory of Mary Will "Sarah" Hairston Glenn*



Doris Jones - March 26, 2022 at 11:23 AM

DJ

My prayers and thoughts to your family

Doris Jones - March 26, 2022 at 11:24 AM

EH

“ *Earnestine Hughes lit a candle in memory of Mary Will "Sarah" Hairston Glenn*



Earnestine Hughes - March 26, 2022 at 11:20 AM

DJ

Mrs Glenn wow 🥰 such an elegant and sweet and humble spirit. She always always had a smile for me and told me take care and love you. I thought of her often during pandemic and missed seeing her smile. So glad she saw her 90th birthday , she's an angel 🙏

Doris Jones - March 26, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Will "Sarah" Hairston Glenn.*



March 26, 2022 at 08:52 AM



“ *To the family of Aunt Mary,
My deepest sympathy & heartfelt
condolences are with you at this time as well
as my thoughts and prayers. I have many
fond & loving memories of Aunt Mary that I
will cherish and may the wonderful memories that you have of her
bring you some measure of comfort in the days to come.
Love you,
Your cousin,
Cassandra "Sandy" Whitfield*



Cassandra Whitfield - March 26, 2022 at 08:14 AM



“ *Our Deepest Sympathy to the Family !!! Such
a sweet lady !! Sherry Guyton & Taheata Neal*



sherry Guyton - March 25, 2022 at 11:52 PM

DJ

“ Dr. Kevin M James purchased the Pink Tribute S
pray for the family of Mary Will "Sarah" Hairston
Glenn.



Dr. Kevin M James - March 25, 2022 at 11:18 PM



“ Natalie Shepherd lit a candle in memory of
Mary Will "Sarah" Hairston Glenn



Natalie Shepherd - March 25, 2022 at 08:39 PM

CS

“ Cynthia Sims lit a candle in memory of Mary
Will "Sarah" Hairston Glenn



Cynthia Sims - March 25, 2022 at 08:29 PM

AB

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



Ann Bishop-Harris - March 25, 2022 at 04:11 PM

TF

“ *Tina Hairston-Turner & Family lit a candle in memory of Mary Will "Sarah" Hairston Glenn*



Tina Hairston-Turner & Family - March 25, 2022 at 01:33 PM

EP

“ *Mrs mary was a very sweet person .I was always welcome when I visit their home , to visit and play with her children. We kept up noise and she never said a word.*

Elemuel petty - March 25, 2022 at 12:09 PM