



Mary Katherine Byars

April 25, 1948 - September 16, 2022

Mary Katherine Byars

She was a courageous, beautiful, and breath-taking woman. Mary passed away Friday September 16th.

She was a caring daughter to James and Mary Jameson.

A Big Sister to so many amazing human beings:

Virginia Clare Jameson, Vicky Jameson, and Terry Burkley - Jameson
Rusty Jameson, Bernard Jameson, Tony Craig Jameson, and John Marshall Jameson.

A Remarkable Mother to Trevor Ray Byars and Kerri Renee Byars.

A Gentle Grandmother to Bryce Zachary Byars, Myles Ray Byars, and Ella Camille Byars

Bigger Question: Who was she?

Simple. Mary was and is GOD'S CHILD! She was a spiritual being having a human experience.

What did she do on this earth?

She DREAMED - like our courageous Leader, Martin Luther King.

She could LEAD - like our great Sojourner Truth. (Don't you try to take what was due to her and her family.)

She could FIGHT – like Ali. (All the way to the supreme court!)

Oh, and how she could THINK – like Maya Angelou. (You may be busy running while she's out thinking you!)

She was EDUCATED – like Baldwin. (Do not try and debate facts with her

because she was right! And you find out you were Wrong! As she was a ferocious reader and soaked up knowledge.)

She could DEFY - like Rosa Parks. (I remember being the first black family on the block! Do you?)

She was a BELIEVER – like Frederick. (Agitate! Agitate! Agitate! We will move forward.)

And she had those beautiful, gifted hands. She was a HEALER... like NO other. A splendid and Gifted Nurse for over four decades. Yes! Four. Mary SERVED and brought significance to this world.

Amen.

We send out a tremendous THANK YOU to all the beautiful people who supported her in this world.

We also send out a special THANK YOU to our professional work families who have supported us through this process.

Be well marvelous people.

The family will be available to receive guests on Friday, September 30, 2022 from 6:00 PM til 8:00 PM at Dettling Funeral Home, 14094 Memorial Drive, Houston, Texas 77079 for visitation. Beginning at 7:00 PM, the microphone will be opened for friends and loved ones to share tributes about Mrs. Mary Byars. The funeral service will take place on Saturday, October 1, 2022 at 11:00 AM inside the Chapel of Dettling Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **30**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home
14094 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77079
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Funeral Service

OCT **1**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dettling Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Katherine Byars* ”



Dettling Funeral Home - September 30, 2022 at 10:37 AM



“ *Mary Katherine Byars* ”

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Mary Katherine Byars* ”

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Mary Katherine Byars* ”

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Mary Katherine Byars* ”

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM

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“ Audrey McDowell lit a candle in memory of Mary Katherine Byars



Audrey McDowell - October 09, 2022 at 11:37 AM

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“ The Veolia WTS Beaumont Team purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mary Katherine Byars.



The Veolia WTS Beaumont Team - September 30, 2022 at 01:40 PM



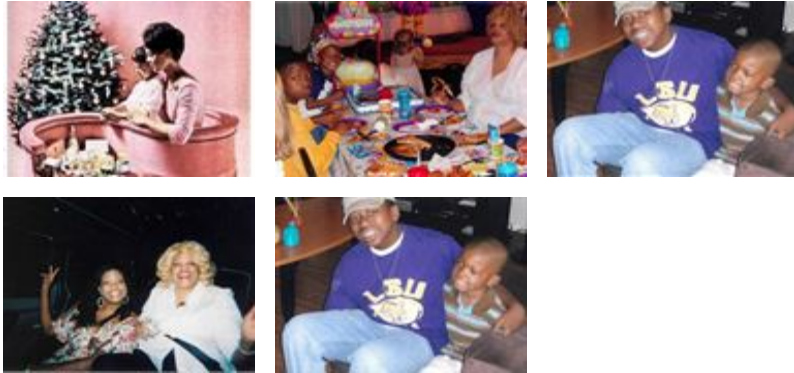
“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Mary Katherine Byars.



September 30, 2022 at 12:14 PM



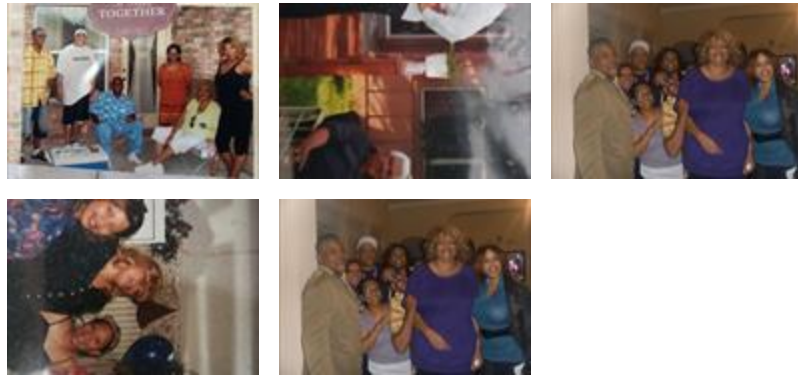
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Detting Funeral Home - September 30, 2022 at 10:35 AM

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“ 19 files added to the tribute wall



Kerri Byars - September 30, 2022 at 12:16 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of *Mary Katherine Byars*.



September 28, 2022 at 05:35 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Katherine Byars.*



September 28, 2022 at 02:35 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Katherine Byars.*



September 27, 2022 at 09:43 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Katherine Byars.*



September 27, 2022 at 03:24 PM



“ *Bernard Jameson & Family purchased the Laver Reflections Spray for the family of Mary Katherine Byars.*



Bernard Jameson & Family - September 27, 2022 at 09:24 AM

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“ *Tara Converse purchased the Lovely One Spathi phyllum Plant for the family of Mary Katherine Byars.*



Tara Converse - September 25, 2022 at 03:11 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Katherine Byars.*



September 25, 2022 at 02:25 AM

“*Mary Byars my mother was a strong woman and a force of good. She taught me how to “Rise” to any occasion and show up with Strength and Grace. This poem represents her well.*

Still I Rise

BY MAYA ANGELOU

*You may write me down in history
With your bitter, twisted lies,
You may trod me in the very dirt
But still, like dust, I'll rise.*

*Does my sassiness upset you?
Why are you beset with gloom?
'Cause I walk like I've got oil wells
Pumping in my living room.*

*Just like moons and like suns,
With the certainty of tides,
Just like hopes springing high,
Still I'll rise.*

*Did you want to see me broken?
Bowed head and lowered eyes?
Shoulders falling down like teardrops,
Weakened by my soulful cries?*

*Does my haughtiness offend you?
Don't you take it awful hard
'Cause I laugh like I've got gold mines
Diggin' in my own backyard.*

*You may shoot me with your words,
You may cut me with your eyes,
You may kill me with your hatefulness,
But still, like air, I'll rise.*

*Does my sexiness upset you?
Does it come as a surprise
That I dance like I've got diamonds
At the meeting of my thighs?*

*Out of the huts of history's shame
I rise
Up from a past that's rooted in pain
I rise
I'm a black ocean, leaping and wide,
Welling and swelling I bear in the tide.*

*Leaving behind nights of terror and fear
I rise
Into a daybreak that's wondrously clear
I rise
Bringing the gifts that my ancestors gave,
I am the dream and the hope of the slave.
I rise
I rise
I rise.*

Thank you Mom

Kerri Byars - September 21, 2022 at 11:42 PM

EL

Kerri you and Trevor stand together and smile. Your Mother would be proud. This is hard, however I know time and memories good and bad are what mold us and allows us to continue to stand strong. Hold on to what helped you two to wake up and continue your journey each day. This world is temporary. Make the best of each second. I am proud of you. Your mom is proud of you guys and her grand children. Hold your heads up, shoulders back. Remember, you're a Byars 😊🤔
❤️ Aunt Evelyn Byars

Evelyn Byars Cleveland - sister n Law - September 22, 2022 at 06:07 AM

DM

My condolences to the family and all who loved Mary Katherine Jameson Byars. Mary and I were close friends when we were growing up in San Antonio. She was a sweetheart, always willing to help others. Rest in Heaven Mary K. 🙏🏻✝️

Deborah McVea - December 09, 2022 at 08:19 AM