



Mary Hobbs Richardson

June 26, 2019

Mary passed away in Maryview Hospital on Wednesday, June 26 following a brief illness. Born in Washington, NC, she moved to southeastern Virginia with her parents at an early age. She was predeceased by her parents, Maude and Ivey Hobbs; her brother, Lester; three husbands, Bruce T. Forbes, Jr., Melvin M. Hatchel, and Stuart Richardson.

Left to cherish her memory are her son, Captain Tom Forbes, (USN, Ret.) and wife Pamm of Norfolk; her daughter, Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Burnell and husband J. Robert of Portsmouth; granddaughter Heather Forbes Murphy of Phoenix, AZ; grandson Cameron T. Forbes and wife Julie and three great-grandchildren, Connor, Tucker and Brock Forbes, all of Temecula, CA and one niece, Sharon Thompson and husband Gary of Portsmouth.

Mary lived a wonderful life, moving to Portsmouth, NH with her family, then back to Portsmouth, VA, to Lakeland, FL and finally back to Portsmouth in 2003 to live in Emily Green Shores Retirement Home for the last sixteen years. She was a gracious lady, always quick with a smile and a compliment, and was a very accomplished seamstress noted for fine needlework and she loved travelling around the United States and Europe. She was a lifetime member of the Esther Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Funeral services will be held at Westhaven Baptist Church in Portsmouth on

Monday, July 1st at 11:30 am with private interment to follow in Olive Branch cemetery. The family will receive friend in the church one hour prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Memory of Mary to Westhaven Baptist Church, 4900 Caroline Avenue, Portsmouth, VA 23707.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 1. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Westhaven Baptist Church
4900 Caroline Ave.
Portsmouth, VA 23707

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

SW

“ *Dear Betty and Bobby:
We want to let you know that we are so sorry to hear of your loss.
Please know that we are thinking of you during this sad time . Our
sympathies to you and your family.
Stuart and Susie Wells*

stuart and susie wells - July 02, 2019 at 10:58 PM

BJ

“ *Dear Betty and Tom,
I just learned of your beautiful mother's passing and send my
heartfelt condolences to you and your families.
Love,
Barbara*

Barbara Johnson

Barbara Johnson - July 01, 2019 at 12:51 PM

JH

“ I remembered well my first time meeting Mrs. Richardson . I was The newly hired Administrator at Emily Green Shores. This was March of 2010.

My first thought was what a beautiful woman with such an infectious smile and the most beautiful blue eyes I've ever seen .

I quickly learned that it was her beautiful spirit and her walk with The Lord that was amplifying the beauty in those eyes.

She was quick witted and always smiling . She would find something about everyone that was complimentary. I quickly grew to love and admire her and always felt humbled to be tasked with ensuring that she was cared for as I would want my own mother cared for.

Betty ,

Thank you for sharing your amazing mother with Emily Green Shores for 16 years.

As much as she will be missed it is so comforting to know that she will forever be with The Lord in Paradise . Her 99th Birthday was with The King of Kings and I shall always refer to her as The First Lady of Emily Green Shores.

With abundant love,

Jo Anne Rawls Harrell

Jo Anne Harrell - June 30, 2019 at 10:05 PM

BK

“ *Betty, you and your family have my deepest sympathy upon the loss of your beautiful mother.*

May she be remembered for her kindness and may she Rest in Peace.

Bernie Kirsch - June 29, 2019 at 03:34 PM

CT

“ *It was an honor and a pleasure to have had the opportunity to care for Mary the last 5 months. Although it was only 5 months it feels like a lifetime. She was a true Lady right up to the moment she took her last flight. Prayers for peace to her sweet family 🙏*

Connie Thurnher - June 29, 2019 at 10:34 AM