



Mary Carolyn Parsons

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Mary Carolyn Parsons, beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister and friend passed away peacefully on Thursday, June 19, 2025. Mary was born in Charleston, West Virginia on December 15, 1940, to parents James L Parsons and Helma L. Parsons.

In 1958, Mary graduated high school from Stonewall Jackson High in Charleston, West Virginia. Throughout her early adulthood, Mary dedicated herself to being a loving and supportive mother to her four children. As her children grew older, Mary began her career as an administrative assistant at Polk State College. Her time at Polk State spanned many years. During her time, she built strong relationships with colleagues and students, earning respect for her professionalism and positive attitude. She later retired in 2009.

Mary loved to spend her time baking for her family and vacationing at Estero Island in Fort Myers Beach. She will be remembered for her warm and caring nature, which touched the lives of many around her.

She is preceded in death by her parents and grandmother Ludema Moris.

She is survived by her brother, David F. Parsons; daughters Laura Gagne (Gerry), Valerie Gay, Alison Moss (Jay); son Perry Gay (Keva); grandsons Riley, Liam, Evan, and Finley Gay; grandsons Daniel Heath (Amanda), Dustin Dusenbury, and Hunter Moss; granddaughters Abbey Moss and Nichole Gagne (Liz); great grandsons Aiden and Jacob Heath; great granddaughters Myah and Hailey Heath.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at 1:00 PM, Gentry-Morrison Funeral Home at Serenity Gardens.



Events

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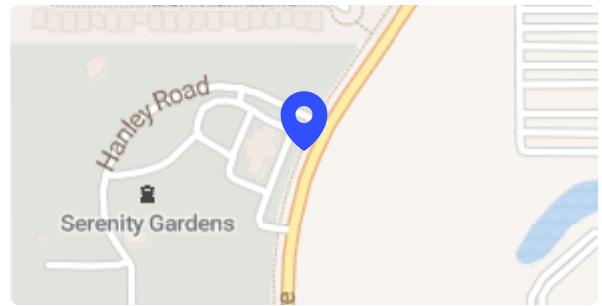
Memorial Service

 **Wednesday**, July 16, 2025

 1:00 PM ET

 **Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Serenity Gardens Chapel**

3350 Mall Hill Drive, Lakeland FL 33810





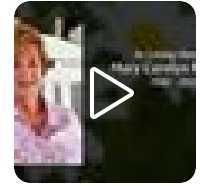
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July 15 at 11:45 AM



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Valerie Gay (Daughter)- July 17 at 11:43 PM

Thank you Judy. She mentioned you quite a bit and surely loved you as well. ❤️



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David Parsons July 17 at 10:33 AM

Thank you to everyone who put together this poignant video.



David Franklin Parsons July 16 at 7:32 AM

Beautiful video tribute to my precious sister.



Bari Chapin lit a candle in honor of Mary.

You and I stuck with each other at Polk Community College. Always a true true friend with a kind heart! Rest in peace special one! You are truly missed!! Will Always Love You Mare!Love,Bari (The Bear)



October 29 at 1:12 AM



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Bridget Fetter posted:

To Mary's family - My heart was saddened to learn of Mary's passing. She was a dear, dear friend and valued colleague at Polk State College. She had a wonderful ability to connect with students. She was a great listener and her bonds with the students was a key to our early success at the Collegiate High School. We all loved the special occasions when she would bake her chocolate & lemon cakes. We shared so much during those years. She loved her family and was very proud of you all. I am so blessed to have known her and worked with her. My sincere condolences to all of you. Bridget Fetter

July 23 at 4:20 AM



David F. Parsons planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Mary.



July 16 at 3:53 AM



David F. Parsons sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Parsons family.



July 16 at 3:53 AM



Hall Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Mary.



July 15 at 1:07 PM



Hall Family sent a Blue Caribbean Bouquet to the Parsons family.



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Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Parsons family.



July 14 at 4:51 PM



Rosa lit a candle in honor of Mary.

Mary, you will be missed. You will forever hold a special place in my heart. You lit up the room with your presence and you always managed to put a smile on my face. I loved talking with you. Your love for your family was undeniable especially for your children. I pray you are at peace and that your family will take comfort in knowing how very special you are.



July 14 at 6:17 AM



Valerie Gay (Daughter)-. July 18 at 12:03 AM

Thank you so very much for all the kind words Rosa. We miss her dearly but it makes it a lil' easier to know how much she impacted those who knew her. I take comfort knowing she is no longer in pain and surely in the presence of our Lord.



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Parsons family.



July 11 at 1:56 PM



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DP

David Parsons posted:

If I had to share ALL the precious memories of my sister, Mary Carolyn Parsons, it would fill a huge bookcase. I cherish all the time I had with my sister. Sis had a way of lighting up a room with her presence. She touched the lives of many people and lived life to the fullest.

July 5 at 12:43 AM

DP

David Parsons July 18 at 9:27 AM

Uncle David loves all of you and is very proud of you.

DP

David Parsons July 18 at 9:13 AM

Don't worry about it.

VD

Valerie Gay (Daughter)-. July 17 at 7:18 PM

Plz forgive the typing errors.

VD

Valerie Gay (Daughter)-. July 17 at 7:15 PM

We love you Uncle David ❤️ Mom had a great life and collected many wonderful memories along the ways. They'll never be another like her. She was the most wonderful Mother. I never realized how wonderful until she was gone. She always made sure we were well taken care of and always let us know how special we were. If I was depressed I'd call her and hang up feeling so much better. She was beautiful in every way and I'll miss her dearly for the v□

MT

Mary Townson posted:

My friend for more years than I care to remember. Fun and laughs and many talks. I know she is in a better place and happy once again. Many prayers were made for her and I know God has her now and she is making everyone smile.

July 3 at 1:52 PM

DP

David Parsons July 18 at 9:24 AM

Sis thought the world of you, Mary. I feel the same way.

VD

Valerie Gay (Daughter)-. July 17 at 7:46 PM

Thank you Mary. She spoke of you often and loved the times you two spent together. I can only imagine all the beautiful memories ❤️



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David Parsons posted:

I miss Sis's delicious cooking among many other things. I could write a book.

July 3 at 1:20 PM



Valerie Gay (Daughter)-. July 18 at 11:40 AM

You bet it is. Her pasta salad was a hit to anyone who had the chance to try it. There were only 4 ingredients but nobody could ever match it if they tried to. It was her loving touch, it truly was.



David Parsons July 18 at 9:17 AM

Granny said your Mom outdid her and our Mom in the kitchen. That is quite a compliment.

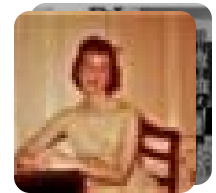


Valerie Gay (Daughter)-. July 17 at 7:48 PM

You and me both. She loved to cook. We loved everything she made. 😊



David Parsons shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Photos** album.



July 3 at 12:48 PM



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Two more of my favorites. They're all my favorites 😊



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Sis, 1954



David Parsons July 4 at 4:44 PM

Mary Carolyn Parsons all dressed up for a dace, 1954.



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Sis on graduation night, 1958



David Parsons July 4 at 4:42 PM

Mary Carolyn Parsons, Stonewall Jackson High School graduation night, June 1958.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Mary by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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