



MARY DOUGLAS

September 26, 1939 - June 28, 2017

Mary Magdalene Douglas, 77, left us on Wednesday June 28, 2017 after a long progressive illness, with her family at her side, in Corona, California.

Mary was born September 26, 1939 in Pembroke IL, to Clara (Tetter) Reed and Loxie Sanders Sr. She attended Momence High School before marrying Talmadge Douglas in November of 1954. To this union six children were born.

Mary's passion for helping others led to her work with the Housing Authority in Kankakee, IL. In 1984, Mary relocated to Southern California where she continued work in housing with the Los Angeles County Housing Authority (HACOLA). She earned a Bachelor degree in 1996 and Master's degree in 2000. In 2007 she retired from HACOLA after 23 years in Housing Management.

Mary spent her free time with family, friends, her beloved dog, Tinley, and great-grand-dog Olivia. She successfully completed four things on her bucket list - a vacation in Paris, France, attending Dancing with the Stars (twice); visiting HGTV Magnolia Farms in Waco, TX and most recently an audience member on Let's Make a Deal. Mary was preceded in death by her parents, Clara Reed & Loxie Sanders Sr.; one sister, Eula Polk; two brothers, Leroy Sanders and Loxie Sanders II; one step-sister, Carla Sanders and one step-brother, John Frazier.

She is survived by one daughter, Clarice (Keith) Crossley of Corona, CA; five sons, Donald (Tracy) Douglas of Kankakee, IL, Michael (Arronda) Douglas of Corona, CA, Thomas (Sonjia) Douglas of Joliet, IL, Derek (Ruth) Douglas of Fayetteville, GA and Rodney Douglas of Fort Collins, CO; one sister-in-law, Euralene (Loxie II) Sanders of Carrier Mills, IL; four step-sisters, Regina Mason of Ann Arbor, MI, Marcia Smith of Chicago, IL, Susan Sanders-Jackson of Park Forest, IL and TaMorie (George) Harris of Aurora, IL; 16 grandchildren, Andrea, William (Billy), Michael II, Janice, Heather, Stephanie, Latisha, Herve (Tad), DeAnna, Theresa, Tara, Lavar, John Michael, Rodney, Robert and Reggie; 28 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Visitation in CA is scheduled for Wednesday, July 5th from 2:30 – 8:00 PM at Forest Lawn Mortuary - Covina Hills, CA. Wake Services at Lax Mortuary in Kankakee will be Sunday, July 9th from 4 – 6 PM, with prayer and remembrances from 6 – 7 PM, led by her son Thomas (Sam) Douglas. Funeral Mass will be held on Monday, July 10th at 10 AM at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Momence. Burial will follow at Mound Grove Gardens of Memory in Kankakee, IL.

Tribute Wall

TF

“ *Our deepest condolences in your loss. Earth has no stories that Heaven can not heal. Prayers for strength as a family.*

The Floyd Family - July 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ *My condolences to the family. I had never met Miss Douglas, but I do know her stepdaughter, Regina Mason. Regina is a sweetheart, and I feel pretty certain Miss Mary had quite a bit to do with that. Love & prayers. God Bless!*

Timothy Burroughs - July 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

FF

“ *Our condolences to the family*

Farrell family - July 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ *I am honored and blessed to have known and come in contact with Ms. Douglas thru the Polk family over the years. She was truly a sweet lady and will be missed. My daughter, Savannah Athill, and I sends out our condolences to the family.*

Kelvin Athill - July 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *my condolence*

JOANN BOX - July 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *Hang in there family.
God rest her soul in peace.*

Big Hug.

janice - July 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ *So sorry for your loss, May God grant you comfort and strength.*

Priscilla Simpson-Jackson - July 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My deepest sympathy to the Douglas Family.2834*

ELAYNE COFFIE, GRAND PRAIRIE ,TEXAS - July 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ *My condolences and prayers are with the Douglas family.*

Patricia Jamison - July 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *My condolences to the family.*

Cheryl Wilson - July 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ *My deepest sympathy of the death of your mom. I pray that the Lord comfort your entire family. You all have my condolences..*

Terry Wilson Lloyd - July 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM