



## Mary Byrd

August 3, 1943 - April 19, 2024

Mary Elizabeth Parkman was born August 3, 1943 to John Mecklin Parkman and Illma Wicker Parkman. She had two brothers, Johnny and Marion. Mary attended school at Burns High School in Smith County, Mississippi. After graduating, she attended Jones Junior College where she was a JCJC beauty and graduated with honors.

On January 17, 1965, she married Anthony Clifton (Tony) Byrd of Mt. Olive, MS. Following Tony's Marine discharge, they moved to Mt. Olive where their sons, Mike and Jon, were born. Tony attended the University of Southern Mississippi. Upon his graduation, the family moved to Metairie, Louisiana where Tony attended dental school and Mary worked with Allstate Insurance Company. After Tony's graduation, the family moved to Jackson where Tony and Mary established a dental clinic where Mary worked as the Office Manager.

Mary and Tony volunteered with BMDMI to serve as missionaries in Honduras and served there until health concerns forced their return to the states. After returning to Jackson, Mary worked as the Executive Assistant of the orthopedic department at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

Mary had a servant's heart. She was always willing to serve where needed. She worked tirelessly in the church doing anything that was needed. She

loved cooking for people who were ill or who had lost a loved one. She also prepared many dishes for church functions and for family and friends. She served in many other capacities as well. Mary was gifted musically, both in voice and piano and often used those gifts in church.

Mary is survived by her husband: Tony, her sons: Mike (Lupe) and Jon (Virginia), her grandchildren: Jordan (Mary Jo), Morgan (Tim), Logan, Danitza Yarama, Hannah and Jon Hanley (Diana) and eight great-grandchildren. Nieces: Lisa Parkman Ethridge and Lori Parkman Nail, Cousin: Joanne Bailey and beloved caregiver Alicia Smith.

Visitation will 9am-11am Tuesday at Harmony Baptist Church. The service will be 11am Tuesday at Harmony Baptist Church with burial at Harmony Cemetery. Stringer Family Funeral Home in Crystal Springs is handling arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Harmony Cemetery

6057 Harmony Road  
Crystal Springs, MS 39059

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 23. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Harmony Baptist Church  
6057 Harmony Rd  
Crystal Springs, MS 39059  
(601) 892-1121

## Funeral Service

APR 23. 11:00 AM (CT)

Harmony Baptist Church  
6057 Harmony Rd  
Crystal Springs, MS 39059  
(601) 892-1121

# Tribute Wall

DW

“ *Devin and Rosa Whitt purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mary Byrd.* ”



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**Devin and Rosa Whitt** - April 22, 2024 at 03:10 PM

LI

“ *Laurie, Erica and Ixa purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mary Byrd.* ”



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**Laurie, Erica and Ixa** - April 22, 2024 at 02:40 PM

LI

“ *Laurie, Erica and Ixa planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Byrd.* ”

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**Laurie, Erica and Ixa** - April 22, 2024 at 02:40 PM

JS

“ *John and Nancy Summers purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Mary Byrd.* ”



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**John and Nancy Summers** - April 21, 2024 at 09:01 AM

JS

“ John and Nancy Summers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Byrd.

John and Nancy Summers - April 21, 2024 at 09:01 AM

TH

“ Toney, Kim, and Jarred Hollingshead purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mary Byrd.



Toney, Kim, and Jarred Hollingshead - April 20, 2024 at 01:36 PM

TH

“ Toney, Kim, and Jarred Hollingshead planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Byrd.

Toney, Kim, and Jarred Hollingshead - April 20, 2024 at 01:36 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Byrd.



April 20, 2024 at 01:48 AM

EB

“ Eric and Shayna Byrd planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Byrd.

Eric and Shayna Byrd - April 20, 2024 at 01:48 AM

JB

“ Jordan, Mary Jo and Zoey Byrd purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mary Byrd.



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**Jordan, Mary Jo and Zoey Byrd** - April 19, 2024 at 09:37 PM

JO

“ Mary Byrd was a beautiful person both within and out. She lived a life that was beautifully lived and she had a heart that was so deeply loved. Condolences, prayers, and love I sent to the family.  
James Baddley

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**jim baddley, Bartlesville, OK** - April 19, 2024 at 07:24 PM

SH

“ I worked with Mary at University Medical Center and considered her a dear friend. We had many good talks about our faith and I am comforted knowing she is with our Savior. My condolences to you, her family. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Sue Holliday** - April 19, 2024 at 06:40 PM