

MARY ALICE McCRAY



Mary Alice Leverett McCray, of north Jacksonville, arrived in Heaven Friday, May 10, 2024. Both of her daughters were holding her hands as she left this world for the far better one that Jesus had prepared. She was saved by Christ in her early 20s at Calvary Baptist Church in Waycross. She was born June 27, 1933 in Brantley County, Georgia, and was raised in Waycross. Her parents were James Fredrick Leverett and Maggie Lee Westberry Leverett.

Mary married the love of her life, Alton Lavern McCray, on September 9, 1950 in Ware County, GA. Alton passed away on August 4, 2012. Mary's last church was Sovereign Grace Family Church, where she joined the choir and she and Alton served where they could. As well as bringing up two daughters, Mary also worked outside of the home. In Waycross, she worked at King Edward Cigar factory but never smoked. In Jacksonville, she was a hair dresser and worked for the Sears catalog. Later Mary and Alton started Southern Diesel where Alton managed and Mary was his secretary.

Mary had many hobbies. She enjoyed working in the yard around her flowers and really loved raking the yard. Other hobbies include quilting, ceramics and oil painting. She also taught oil painting. Mary's favorite time of the year was Christmas. Her home and yard were always decorated for the holiday. Mary is preceded in death by her parents; her husband Alton Lavern McCray; siblings Richard (Ann) Leverett, Larry (Rhonda) Leverett, Doris Smith and Gladys Strickland; and sister-in-law Gloria Leverett.

Mary is survived by her two daughters Karen (Wilson) Faircloth and Macy Darleen (Teddy) Herbertson; brother James (Gloria) Leverett; and five grandchildren Angel (Eric) Bryan, Amy Faircloth (Brian Taylor), Tracie Herbertson, Stacey (Derek) Bellar and Joseph (Eileen) Herbertson; six great-grandchildren Josh Kelly, Kristen Entrekin, Brooke (Hunter) Hutcheson, Logan Douglas, Morgan Herbertson and Reagan McLeish; brothers-in-law Charlie Smith and Jerry Strickland; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held Thursday, May 16 at Hardage-Giddens Funeral Home, Riverside Park. Burial followed at Hardage-Giddens Riverside Park.