



Rev. Mary Frances Stiner

May 28, 1938 - November 27, 2022

Rev. Mary Frances Stiner was born in Opelika, Alabama on May 28, 1938. She passed away on November 27, 2022.

She was a professed, licensed and ordained minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, most recently serving as an Associate Minister at the First Gethsemane Baptist Church and receiving First Gethsemane's "Hall of Fame" Award.

She was a graduate of S.C. Taylor Elementary, Madison Junior High, and Central High Schools. She continued her education by graduating with honors from the University of Louisville and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. She was a recipient of the Golden Key, Mortar Board, Phi Kappa Phi, and Fulbright Scholar awards for educational excellence.

Her ministry was based upon Luke 4: 18-19: "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free..."

She served the church and her community in numerous capacities: co-pastor of a small church, director of conferences and retreats, prison outreach, Sunday School leader, worship leader, etc.

In the community she was the first Black secretary in the Mayor's Office, the first Black woman legislative aide for a 3rd District Louisville Congressman, and as the first Black secretary for the first Black President of the old Louisville Board of Aldermen. She also served as an instructor in the Welfare to Work and GED programs. She served as a 4-H leader, secretary for the Urban League Guild, Life and Legacy Member of the Louisville Section, National Council of Negro Women (NCNW), where she served as Chaplain and President, Life Member, Louisville Chapter, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), recording secretary, Louisville Interdenominational Ministerial Coalition, and volunteer Wayside Christian Mission.

She received numerous awards for her service: Kentucky Colonel, 3rd District Congressional, Key to the City, Belle of Louisville Captain, 4-H, etc.

Preceding her in death were the following: Her grandmother who first introduced her to Jesus Christ and the great stories of the Bible, her mother and father, her beloved husband of almost 50 years, Albert F. Stiner, her stepson Michael Stiner, her sister Eranga (James) Ware, her brother Bernard Wilson, her sister Eva Mae Phillips, and her sister Betty (George) Dickson.

Here to carry on her legacy are her children, Michael Perry, Pamela Hill (Andrew), Shannon Todd, and step-children, Albert Stiner, Jr. and Michele Austin. Brothers - Harry, Larry, and Ronnell Avery, Sisters - Alcenia Stephens and Mary Jo Tarver, Grandchildren: Tytiana Ringstaff, Deanisha Griffin, Michelle Perry, Michael Tyler Perry, Lynne Mitchell, Lauren Williams, Brandon Stiner, Jade Jones, and Elon Perry-Stiner, together with a host of nieces and nephews, church members, and friends.

A Celebration to honor her life will be held 12 noon Friday, December 2, 2022

at First Gethsemane Baptist Church, 1159 Algonquin Parkway, Louisville, Kentucky 40208. Visitation will be from 10am - 12 noon Friday, December 2, 2022 at the church.

Burial will be in Cave Hill Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Cave Hill Cemetery

Louisville, KY 40206

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 2. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

1st Gethsemane Baptist Church
1159 Algonquin Pkwy
Louisville, KY

Celebration of Life

DEC 2. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

1st Gethsemane Baptist Church
1159 Algonquin Pkwy
Louisville, KY

Tribute Wall

MC

“ *Ms Conley lit a candle in memory of Rev. Mary Stiner*



Ms Lynda Conley - December 02, 2022 at 11:33 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Rev. Mary Frances Stiner.*



December 01, 2022 at 03:03 PM

DM

“ *My beautiful cousin, full of love and unshakable faith in the Lord. Always encouraging and resilient in her stance as a Black woman. Her and her elegance and classy pearls will be missed.*

Dichiara Winkfield McKissick - December 01, 2022 at 02:42 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Mary Frances Stiner.*



December 01, 2022 at 02:16 PM

AS

“ *Adrienne Smith lit a candle in memory of Rev. Mary Stiner*



Adrienne Smith - December 01, 2022 at 11:55 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. Mary Frances Stiner.*



December 01, 2022 at 10:37 AM

MF

“ *Mitchell Roney Family lit a candle in memory of Rev. Mary Stiner*



Mitchell and Roney Family - December 01, 2022 at 08:21 AM

PW

“ *I will deeply miss my Aunt Mary Frances Stiner. You favored my mother in so many ways. You touched so many lives with your spritual and anointment from God. Prayers to the family. Your nephew, Patrick James Ware, Savannah Georgia.*

Patrick J Ware - November 30, 2022 at 01:23 PM

RC

“ To the family of Rev. Stiner,

It is my prayer that your faith will sustain you during this time of grief and that the hope she placed in Jesus will be a guide for your life as it was for hers. May God's love enfold you, His peace give you comfort, and His presence provide you with assurance of his grace.

*Rev. Dr. Wanda Lott Collins
Associate Pastor
Second Baptist Church - Taylorsville, KY*

Rev. Dr. Wanda Lott Collins - November 30, 2022 at 12:05 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Rev. Mary Frances Stiner.



November 30, 2022 at 02:50 AM

LA

“ Linda Avery lit a candle in memory of Rev. Mary Stiner



Linda Henderson Avery - November 29, 2022 at 06:27 PM

BP

“ To Pam ,Shannon ,Harry, Larry and Ronnie and the family You are in my prayers. I will always remember Mary Frances smiles and her words of wisdoms when we studied the Order of the Eastern Star-Prince Hall Affiliate. Laughing just recently at the Central High school Alumni reunion the fellowship was wonderful. Her Light will ways shine. Love Bobbie Powell.

Bobbie Powell - November 29, 2022 at 12:53 AM

JJ

To the family: I send my sincere condolences. I will miss Rev. Mary Frances. I met her many years in NCNW. She was intelligent, warm, friendly, delightful, wise and had the gift of praying. May God comfort the family & give them peace.

Jo Ann (Stanley) James

Jo Ann James - November 29, 2022 at 04:03 PM