



## Mary Ellen Cowan

March 5, 2018

Mary Ellen Lewis Cowan was born in Petersburg, VA on November 19, 1926 to the late Fred and Irene Lewis. She departed this life on March 5, 2018.

Mary Ellen was the only daughter of six children. She received her education under the Petersburg, VA Public School System.

November 13, 1945 she was united in marriage to Walter S. Cowan in Petersburg, VA and came to Washington D.C. in 1947. She was blessed with two lovely children, Irene and Walter Cowan.

In 1953 she and husband joined St. Phillips Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Rev. Wilbert Cole. She enjoyed singing in the senior choir and was a devoted Deaconess and loved to prepare the communion table at the church until 1991. In 1994, Mary joined New Macedonia Baptist Church under leadership of the late Rev. Robert Walls Sr. and continued her membership until the end.

She was employed at Fort Lee, VA for many years and then worked for the Government Services Incorporated (G.S.I.) with 22 years of service.

Mary Ellen was a loving, caring and devoted daughter. After her father took ill in Petersburg, VA, Mary Ellen brought her ailing father to Washington, DC to live with her and her husband until his death. She was a warm and kind person who cared for everyone.

She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She spent her last few precious years living with her son and daughter-in-law in Jonesboro, Ga.

Preceding her in death, Husband; Deacon Walter S. Cowan, Mother; Irene Lewis, Father; Fred D. Lewis, Four Brothers; Charles Lewis, Fred Lewis, William Lewis and Earnest Lewis.

Mary Ellen leaves to cherish her memories: daughter; Mr. & Mrs. Carl Redd (Irene) of Maryland, son; Mr. and Mrs. Walter D. Cowan (Eva) of Jonesboro, GA; one grandson; LaMar Cowan, Sr., one great grandson LaMar Cowan Jr.; brother; Mr. James O. Lewis of Gaithersburg, Maryland; two sister-in-law's, Mrs. Virginia Lewis of Gaithersburg, Maryland ; Mrs. Gertrude Lewis of Petersburg, VA; seven nieces, six nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **12.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - Prince George's County  
4308 Suitland Road  
Suitland, MD 20746  
(301) 736-1616  
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## Service

MAR **13.** 11:00 AM (ET)

New Macedonia Baptist Church  
4115 Alabama Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20019

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Ellen Cowan*

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October 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM



“ *We the March Family and Marshall-March Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

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**Marshall-March Funeral Homes** - March 07, 2018 at 09:21 AM