



Mary Odell Pharagood

March 1, 1934 - January 3, 2026

MARY ODELL ALSTON PHARAGOOD TRANSITIONED FROM HER EARTHLY HOME ON SATURDAY JANUARY 3, 2026. HER HUSBAND LYNDON CHARLES PHARAGOOD PRECEDED HER IN DEATH ON DECEMBER 14, 1968.

SHE NEVER REMARRIED.

MOMMY, GRANDMA, GREAT GRANDMA, OR AUNT MARY WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN IMPACTING THE LIVES OF COUNTLESS OTHERS THROUGH SERVING, ENTERTAINING, AND WORKING AS ONE OF THE OWNERS OF CASSANDRA AND FELICIA'S GROCERY STORE FOR OVER 35 YEARS. MARY, THOUGH SLIGHT IN SIZE (5' 4 1/2"), WAS UNMATCHED IN CHARACTER, AND LOVE. MARY ODELL ALSTON PHARAGOOD WAS BORN IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, NC ON MARCH 1, 1934, TO THE LATE JOSEPH BENJAMIN ALSTON AND THE LATE MABLE WILSON ALSTON.

MARY ODELL WAS A SWEET, KIND, AND INTELLIGENT WOMAN. SHE HAD A BUSINESS DEGREE. HER FAVORITE FOOD WAS CHOCOLATE AND POTATO SALAD. SHE WAS A PRAYER WARRIOR AND AN AVID READER, PARTICULARLY, OUR DAILY BREAD DEVOTIONAL. SHE WAS ALSO AN AVID WATCHER IN TOUCH MINISTRIES WITH DR. CHARLES STANLEY. SHE ADORED HER WHOLE FAMILY, ESPECIALLY HER TWO (2) DAUGHTERS, HER TWO (2) GRANDCHILDREN AND HER ONE (1) GREAT

GRANDCHILD.

HER FAVORITE MUSIC WAS SAM COOKE'S A CHANGE IS GONNA COME
AND
AL GREEN'S LOVE AND HAPPINESS.

MARY WAS DEARLY LOVED, CHERISHED, AND RESPECTED.

SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER LEGACY:

* TWO (2) DAUGHTERS CASSANDRA SANTOS DRYDEN (CECIL) OF
MITCHELLVILLE, MD, AND FELICIA WADE WINTER (CHARLES) OF
ALPHARETTA, GA.

* TWO (2) GRANDCHILDREN CARLOS SANTOS (SHAPRÈ) OF
MITCHELLVILLE, MD, AND AMANDA WADE.

*ONE (1) GREAT-GRANDCHILD GIANNÀ SANTOS.

A HOST OF GRANDCHILDREN, NIECES AND NEPHEWS, GREAT NIECES
AND GREAT NEPHEWS, FAMILY & FRIENDS.

Cemetery Details

Lincoln Memorial Cemeteey

4001 Suitland Road
Suitland, MD 20746

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 9. 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM (ET)

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - Prince George's County
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Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - January 06 at 11:47 AM



“ *Marshall-March Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Odell Pharagood*



Marshall-March Funeral Homes - January 08 at 01:50 PM



“ *Marshall-March Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Mary Odell Pharagood*



Marshall-March Funeral Homes - January 06 at 10:44 AM

MJ

“ *Take your rest Auntie Mary.*

Monica Johnson

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CD

“ *Cassandra Santos Dryden lit a candle in memory of Mary Pharagood*



Cassandra Santos Dryden - January 09 at 11:06 AM

LF

“ *Lionel, Betty, Cynthia, Trish, Felton, purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mary Odell Pharagood.*



Lionel, Betty, Cynthia, Trish, Felton, - January 08 at 10:00 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Odell Pharagood.*



January 07 at 06:11 PM

DG

“ *Diane, Earldene, Annette, Pafeel, Joseph & Gralin purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mary Odell Pharagood.*



Diane, Earldene, Annette, Pafeel, Joseph & Gralin - January 07 at 10:49 AM

DG

“ Diane, Earldene, Annette, Pafeel, Joseph & Gralin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Odell Pharagood.

Diane, Earldene, Annette, Pafeel, Joseph & Gralin - January 07 at 10:49 AM

WG

“ Sending my condolences to the Pharagood Family on the loss of their Matriarch. Take solice in knowing your Mom and Grandmother lived a long life and left lasting memories for you to treasure. Praying for your strength and comfort 🙏

With Deepest Sympathy,

Walter Gaddy

Walter Gaddy - January 06 at 09:53 PM

FW

Thank you 💙

Felicia Wade Winter - January 07 at 09:39 AM

CD

“ Mommy we will always feel your spirit as you walk with God. We love you 😘 so much! Thank you for everything you did with us and for us. You taught us to put God first in everything and to pray without ceasing. I will always love you ❤️💕💕 Cassandra

Cassandra Santis Dryden - January 06 at 07:25 PM

FW

Thank you Sissy💙

Felicia Wade Winter - January 07 at 09:40 AM

FW

Mommy, words can never capture the depth of my love and gratitude for you. Thank you for every lesson, every hug, every moment of patience, grace, and understanding. You showed me what it means to love unconditionally and to live with kindness and integrity. Beyond being my mother, you were my best friend in the world, my safe place, and my guiding light. I will carry your love with me always, and I am forever grateful for the incredible gift of you.

*Love forever,
Felicia*

Felicia Wade Winter - January 07 at 09:44 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Odell Pharagood.*



January 06 at 06:23 PM



“ *We the Marshall-March Family and 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.*

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - January 06 at 09:51 AM