

# CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

SUNRISE  
FEBRUARY 8, 1949

SUNSET  
MARCH 17, 2025



*Mary*  
**GROSE-PRUE**

Thursday, April 3, 2025

Viewing: 10:00 a.m. | Service: 11:00 a.m.

From the Heart Church Ministries®  
4949 Allentown Road | Suitland, Maryland 20746  
Bishop John A. Cherry, II - Pastor



# THE *Life* AND LEGACY

On February 8, 1949, **Mary Grose-Prue** was born to the late Robert and the late Daisy Green in Fort Mill, South Carolina. She entered eternal rest on March 17, 2025.

Mary, the second eldest of eight children, was educated in her early years in South Carolina. She later moved to Washington, D.C., with her mother where she attended the District of Columbia Public Schools. After graduating from Dunbar High School, she went on to earn an associate's degree in business management from Federal City College.

Mary worked for the District of Columbia government in several capacities when she was younger. Later in her career, she spent 10 years with the District of Columbia Housing Authority. She subsequently relocated from the District of Columbia government to the federal government, where she worked for the Federal Emergency Management Agency until her retirement in 2012 after almost 35 years of service.

Mary was married to Samuel Prue, and they shared a blended family with three children. Her family was her life; they were everything to her. A devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, Mary wholeheartedly embraced her role as the matriarch with grace and dedication. She was always ready to feed, clothe or nurture those who needed her. After raising her children, she later in life took in her great-nephew, Johnathan, from foster care to raise him until his passing. She was raising her granddaughter, Taylor, when her health failed. Despite her personal battles, Mary never stopped caring for others. She was a kidney transplant recipient and she never stopped thanking her sister, Paulette, for being her living donor.

Moreover, Mary was a diva in her own right who had a knack for decorating—her home looked like a show place. She enjoyed spending time with her family at family gatherings hosting Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations and summer barbecues. Additionally, she enjoyed dressing, traveling, entertaining, and driving fancy cars.

In 2013, Mary joined From the Heart Church Ministries where she enjoyed worship services. When she could no longer come in person, she would livestream the services weekly. Even in the end, she requested that she have her phone or tablet in the nursing facility for her and Samuel to watch the services.

Mary will be dearly missed by those who knew and loved her. She leaves to cherish her memory, her husband, Samuel; sons: Joseph (Yanci) Kennedy, Sterling (Tiffany) Grose, and Kelley Prue; goddaughter, Germaine Kegler; grandchildren: Brandon, Aushi, Ahmir, Ahmira, Jade, Emani, Daundre, Samara, Jasmine (Martin), Jennifer (Nicholas), Rachel and Taylor; great-grandchildren: Akhil, Sarai, Karter, Kamren, Nicholas, Nia, Xavier, Martin Jr., and Maykayla; siblings: Marian Green, Carolyn (Sam) Lee-Wright, Paulette Bennett, Jimmie Lee; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Mary was preceded in death by her brothers, David, Robert and Lamont.

# ORDER *of* SERVICE



## Invocation

Congregational Hymn ..... "God Will Take Care of You"

## Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Psalm 139:1-14

New Testament: John 14:1-6

## Prayer of Comfort

Selection.....Mrs. Linda Gray

## Acknowledgements

## Remarks

Ms. Ahmira Kennedy, Granddaughter

Mr. Ahmir Kennedy, Grandson

Ms. Carolyn Wright on behalf of Ms. Jade Kennedy, Granddaughter

Mr. Antoine Bennett, Nephew

## Obituary (Read Silently)

Song of Preparation .....Mrs. Linda Gray

Message of Hope .....Reverend Walter V. McLaughlin, III

## Call to Christ

## Recessional

### Interment

Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery

11301 Crain Highway | Cheltenham, Maryland 20623

April 28, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.



# Family Sentiments

## Hey Ma,

These are the most difficult words I could've ever imagined myself writing in my life on earth. I really don't know where to begin or even start to express into words what you mean to me, or been and will always be to me. I suppose I would like to just say thank you for:

1. Always being my ROCK & SALVATION when everything looked hopeless for me.
2. Always being my "RIDE OR DIE." No matter what the situation - you were Always for me through all my low moments in life!
3. Always encouraging me and providing a broader perspective.
4. Teaching me how to navigate myself in life and stand on principle.
5. Instilling in me to never be afraid to speak up for myself.

Ma, I could go on and on, but I can barely see my words thru my tears.

You were always and will always be LOVED SO MUCH BY ME!

IT WAS ALWAYS YOU AND ME AGAINST THE WORLD! HEY MA, one last THANK YOU: for helping me become the DAPPER, STYLISH, WELL-GROOMED, WELL-DRESSED MAN - I AM TODAY!

Joseph Kennedy aka Mann

## I've Changed My Address

I've changed my address to Heaven  
I've crossed the Great Divide  
I know there's not sorrow or crying.  
Because I've reached the other side.  
I am so happy to be there.  
For the Lord Himself I see.  
I've changed my address to Heaven,  
I bid this world goodbye.  
I now live forever with Jesus in  
My new home in the sky.  
I have no burdens or heartaches  
And from tears I am now free.  
I've changed my address to Heaven,  
I'm safe forevermore.  
For the Lord built a mansion  
And my name is on the door.  
You can find us walking together,  
For where He is, I'll always be.  
I've changed my address to Heaven,  
That's the place you'll find me.

## Philippians 4:4-9

<sup>v4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.

<sup>v5</sup> Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.

<sup>v6</sup> Be careful for nothing: but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

<sup>v7</sup> And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

<sup>v8</sup> Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

<sup>v9</sup> Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

# Family Sentiments

**Dear Grandma Mary,**

From the moment I can remember, you were a shining example of strength, thoughtfulness, and love—always putting family first in your own unique way. Your home was a haven for those in need, and no matter where life took you, family remained at the center. Your restless spirit and determination to keep moving forward were truly inspiring.

Some of my childhood memories may be blurry, but the moments we shared together— sitting on the couch, watching your favorite old shows—will stay with me forever. You always took a genuine interest in my life, and your unwavering support and encouragement meant the world to me. Your pride in me was a constant source of motivation, and I'm grateful for that.

You were my sweet little ladybug, and to me, you were perfect. You were my world, and I would have gone to any lengths to protect you, just like I would for the rest of our family. We had so many plans, Grandma— movies to see, nails to get done—and I wish we had one more day to enjoy each other's company. I wanted to give you a moment to escape from everything, but I was too late. God had other plans.

I love you, Mary girl. You will forever be my grandmother, my sweet little ladybug. Watch over us, especially your children, as we navigate this difficult time. Take comfort in knowing that little Joe isn't alone anymore—you're finally reunited, something I know you always looked forward to. This isn't goodbye; it's see you later.

With all my love, Your ride or die granddaughter, Mira

**Dear Grandma,**

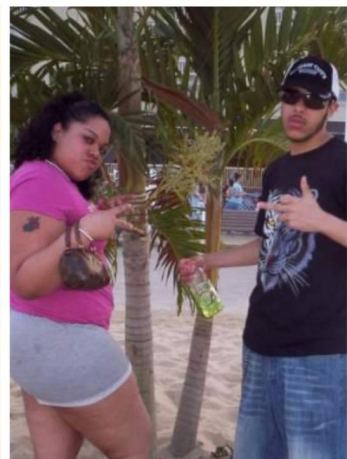
Saying goodbye will be troublesome for all of us. You were a very kind, caring, loving woman who never failed to make your family smile. Every time I would visit your house, you always made sure to care for my well-being. You made sure I was fed and happy. I love you so much, and I'll miss you forever.

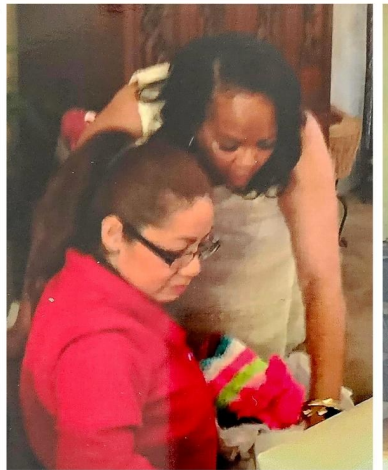
Love you forever, Jade

**Dear Grandma,**

Me reading this letter just feels crazy enough, and I feel like I should've been told this, but I really do appreciate you and love everything you ever showed me and instilled in me since I was little. Growing up, you made sure even though everyone had a different household and different rules, when we walked through that door, we'd be respectful, listen when you spoke to us, and to always remember family is important because you can't trade the ones God blessed you with. I'm thankful to have the coolest, stronger grandparent ever. Plus, I didn't get to meet any of my other grandparents. You were one person I can call whenever my mother & father got on my nerves, was a little too hard on us, or just a word of wisdom. It wasn't a hesitation to call you whenever. I may have missed some years due to us growing into the men we are, but I remember the love you showed us all. We all came together and spent time together during the right times. You showed me the importance of real love and don't even realize it. The last conversation we had, you told me regardless of what happened in my life, I only get one father, and he loves me more than I think. I never understood a lot of things that we went through, and I used to dislike him for reasons I didn't understand at the time. But I don't anymore. So now I appreciate everything and regret nothing because I wouldn't be this strong today. I never did get to show you my music, but it's ok you'll always be with me listening and cheering me on. Get your rest, Grandma. You served your purpose, and now I'm happy God has his arms around you. I wish we could live forever, but God gonna want us to come back home one day. Just make sure my seat is next to you and my brother Joe when my time comes. I love you. I miss you.

Sincerely, Your grandson, Ahmir





## *Congregational Hymn*

### **God Will Take Care of You**

Be not dismayed whate'er betide,  
God will take care of you;  
Beneath His wings of love abide,  
God will take care of you.

**Chorus**  
**God will take care of you,**  
**through every day, o'er all the way;**  
**He will take care of you,**  
**God will take care of you.**

Through days of toil when heart doth fail,  
God will take care of you;  
When dangers fierce your path assail,  
God will take care of you.

#### **Chorus**

All you may need He will provide,  
God will take care of you;  
Nothing you ask will be denied,  
God will take care of you.

#### **Chorus**

No matter what may be the test,  
God will take care of you;  
Lean, weary one, upon His breast,  
God will take care of you.

#### **Chorus**

## *Acknowledgements*

The family sincerely thanks all of you for your prayers, comfort, love and support. Your many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy have been a blessing to us. May the Lord Jesus Christ bless and keep you in perfect peace!

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Special thanks to the staff of Bridge Point Hospital, Washington D.C., for the incredible care provided to Mary and the entire family. May the Lord Jesus Christ bless you and keep you in perfect peace!

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To Sheila Lyons, my sister from another mother. In life's journey, we often encounter challenges, joys, and everything in between. Along the winding road, there are those special souls who walk beside us, illuminating our path with their unwavering support, love, and friendship. Today, I want to express my deepest gratitude to my best friend and soul sister, whose presence in my life has been nothing short of a blessing.

From the laughter-filled adventures to the tear-stained moments of heartache, you have been my steadfast companion, standing by my side through every twist and turn. Your unwavering support has been my rock, grounding me in times of uncertainty and lifting me higher in moments of triumph.

But it's not just the big moments that define our friendship; it's the countless little acts of kindness and thoughtfulness that have woven the fabric of our bond. At the end, I am eternally grateful for you, and I cherish the beautiful bond we shared. With endless love, Mary Prue

## *Pallbearers*

Antoine Bennett, Robert Green, Ahmir Kennedy, Aushi Kennedy, Ronald Moses, and Brian Winbush

## *Flower Bearers*

Family and Friends

## *Services Entrusted to:*

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