



## Mary Wilkerson

March 15, 1940 - January 20, 2021

Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven

Mrs. Mary Ellen Wilkerson, 80, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, January 20, 2021, at Baptist Memorial Hospital – Desoto in Southaven, MS. There are no services planned at this time. Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Wilkerson was born in Coal Valley, AL. As a lover of books and knowledge, she found her perfect job as a library assistant at the Shelby County Library in Memphis, TN, where she lived for forty years. One of Mrs. Wilkerson's favorite authors was Jordan B. Peterson. She cultivated a relationship with Mr. Peterson and would frequently text him. Mr. Peterson recognized the breadth of Mrs. Wilkerson's mastery of so many topics and the esteemed author quoted her on one of his blogs.

Mary was an immensely religious and spiritual woman of God and was often found reading the Bible. She had a close relationship with God. Mrs. Wilkerson's other passion was gardening, as she was blessed with a green thumb. Her yard was a lush landscape of beautiful flowers and greenery. She won the award of yard of the month, due to the tender care she provided to her plants.

Mrs. Wilkerson also loved to research the background, history, and meaning of names. She would spend hours noting the intricacies and significance found in her friends and family members' names.

Mrs. Wilkerson is survived by her two loving sisters, Linda (Ray) Blackwood of Tuscaloosa, AL, and Barbara (Ronnie) Wyres of Oakman, AL; her brother, Charles Teske of Oakman; her special niece, Veronica (W.C.) Gaddy of Tuscaloosa; three grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; her very good friend Pat Maxey of Alabama; and a host of lifelong friends.

Mary Ellen was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Herbert Lee Wilkerson; her son, William Lee Wilkerson; her grandson, Dayton Wilkerson; her parents, Eli and Elizabeth Smith Teske; three sisters, Louise Colvin, Dorothy Tyner and Jo Tyner; and five brothers, John Teske, Leroy Teske, Donald Wayne Teske, Emil Teske, and David Teske.

The family would like to give a special thanks to the care provided by Diversa Care of Southaven, and the ICU nurses of BMH - DeSoto.

Online condolences may be left on her Tribute Wall at [www.colemanfuneralhome.com](http://www.colemanfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall

SA

“ So thankful that Aunt Mary is no longer suffering or bound to a nursing home. Anyone who passes with Christ as their Savior is promised a beautiful heavenly home with Him enjoying peace and joy like we never can on earth. I'm glad for the pleasant memories I have of Mary Ellen. She will be greatly missed by so many.

Sandi - January 22, 2021 at 06:43 PM

LB

Thanks

linda blackwood - January 23, 2021 at 05:54 AM

LB

Mary it's been 2 years when you went to your heavenly home. I still miss you every day Miss our talks. Texts and visits! Love you forever my dear sister ❤️

Linda Blackwood - April 14, 2023 at 01:27 AM

DO

“ My Aunt Mary was a vibrant, fun, loving, beautiful woman. She was a most wonderful part of my life growing up. My entire life she has meant so much to me, and I so much enjoyed each visit we had together. I will miss her so very much. I love you Aunt Mary!

Donna - January 22, 2021 at 01:00 PM

LB

“ She was a very special sister whom will leave a large void in my life . I know she’s resting in the arms of her God now asking him all kinds of questions.. She had a very inquisitive mind and was so knowledgeable of Gods word. She loved her son Bill he was the light of her life and was so good to her. He talked to her daily and let her know how much he loved her. She’s all well now walking on the streets of gold with son and Bubba, sisters, brothers, Mom, Pop and her precious grandson Dayton whom she loved dearly. Fly high Angel ❤️❤️❤️ Until we meet again..... never to be forgotten.... Thank God I have no regrets.. ❤️❤️❤️💜🙏🙏🙏🐻🐻🐻 our favorite little monkeys 🐻🐻🐻🐻🐻🐻🐻

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**linda blackwood** - January 22, 2021 at 12:06 PM