



Mrs. Mary Virginia Bryant Teate

November 9, 1931 - February 18, 2024

Mary Virginia Bryant Teate, 92 of Gulf Shores, Alabama, passed away February 18, 2024, at Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola, Florida, with her family at her side. She was born on November 9, 1931, in Empire, Alabama, the fourth and middle child of seven. Mary was preceded in death by her father, Morton H. Bryant, Sr., her mother, Jeanette Norton Bryant, her stepmother, Mae Cope Bryant, and her four beloved brothers, (Morton) Sonny Bryant, Charles Bryant, John Bryant, and Donald Bryant.

Mary is survived by her husband of 72 years, Henry Carroll Teate, daughters, Sharon Teate (Michael Littlefield) of Richmond Hill, GA., Elaine Snyder (Steve) of Gulf Shores, beloved sisters Barbara Hawk and Jane Childress (Bruce), grandchildren Allison Taylor (Garrett), William Tietz and Alex Littlefield, who lovingly referred to her as "GranMary," Great Grandchildren Garrison, Raelynn, and Jaxon Taylor and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Mary lived in Empire, Alabama until age 12. During this time, her mother, Jeanette Norton Bryant passed and eventually the family welcomed a stepmother, Mae Cope Bryant. Mary was 12 when the family moved to Foley, Alabama. Mary attended Foley High School and was involved in many school activities, including being elected editor of the school newspaper, "The Foley Hi-Lights". Her father passed when she was a senior in High School. Her stepmother rallied to continue to keep the family close and instill the highest

level of ethics, honor, and service. Upon her graduation from high school in 1950, the President of Farmers & Merchants Bank of Foley came to her house and requested that she join their workforce.

Mary met Henry Carroll Teate in his father's store, Teate's Department Store in Foley, at the SE corner of Highways 59 and 98 where she was working as a cashier, at the age of 15. They married in 1951, and they moved to Manhattan, Kansas, while Henry was serving in the U.S. Army. In 1952, they moved to Birmingham and started their family. After retiring they returned to Gulf Shores and built a house in Craft Farms. Robert Craft requested that Mary be the first Homeowners Association President. She was very active in Gulf Shores Methodist Church and loved serving on Caring and Sharing Committee. That service fit Mary's personality so well.

Mary was an extremely talented seamstress. She passed on the skill of sewing to many, with loving patience. Her great-grandson, Garrison, at age 7 has already become a skilled seamstress. Mary would tackle any do-it-yourself project, and passed on that "you can do anything, just figure it out" attitude to her daughters and grandchildren.

Mary was a loving, caring, beautiful, sweet soul. She knew many people and history in Baldwin County. She will be greatly missed by many family, neighbors, and friends.

All are invited to join the family following the graveside service at Gulf Shores Methodist Church's Fellowship Hall for refreshments and a time to share memories together.

Hosted by the Caring & Sharing Ministry.
1900 Gulf Shores Pkwy

Gulf Shores, AL

Please park in the north parking lot by the Sanctuary.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **23**. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Pine Rest Funeral Home
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In Parlor

Funeral Service

FEB **23**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Followed by Graveside

Tribute Wall

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“ Donald Bryant Family planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Mary Virginia Bryant Teate.

Donald Bryant Family - February 22, 2024 at 08:42 PM

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“ Ann and Richard Parker and Beth Blocker purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mrs. Mary Virginia Bryant Teate.



Ann and Richard Parker and Beth Blocker - February 21, 2024 at 02:01 PM

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“ Ann and Richard Parker and Beth Blocker planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Teate.

Ann and Richard Parker and Beth Blocker - February 21, 2024 at 02:01 PM