



Darlene Kay Mays

November 7, 1952 - February 4, 2026

Darlene Kay Mays, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, passed away peacefully on February 4, 2026, at the age of 73. Born on November 7, 1952, she brought warmth and kindness to all who knew her throughout her lifetime.

For many years, Darlene worked diligently as a hostess at Cracker Barrel, where she was known for her gracious hospitality and welcoming smile. Her love for people was evident in every interaction, and she touched the lives of many with her generous spirit.

A dedicated and faithful member of the Bible Church of God for over 55 years, Darlene found great joy in attending church and being part of a loving community. Her faith was a cornerstone of her life, and she cherished the fellowship and spiritual growth she experienced within the church.

Above all, Darlene treasured her family. She was a devoted wife to her husband, John Mays, with whom she shared over 55 years of marriage. Together, they built a family grounded in love and support. Darlene's daughters, Lisa (Richard) Post and Teresa Bonds, and her son, Little John (Erica) Mays, were the pride and joy of her life. Her legacy of love continues through her grandchildren—Morgan Summerlin, Kristen (Joseph) Carter, Hunter Davidson, John (Amber) Mays III, Richie (Devin) Post, Summer

Davidson, Tori (Colby) Beach, Nathan Bradberry, Ahkaao Williams, and Kelci Williams—and her great-grandchildren, Charity Summerlin, Mykala Summerlin, Matthew Mays, Adaline Mays, Layla Mays, and Wyatt Beach.

Darlene is also survived by her sister, Charlene Grand, and many nieces and nephews who adored her dearly. She was preceded in death by her parents, Howard and Doris Dresback, and her brother, Larry Dresback.

Darlene will be remembered for her unwavering devotion to her family, her steadfast faith, and her loving, compassionate nature. Her memory will forever be cherished by all who were fortunate enough to know her.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, February 7, 2026 at 1 o'clock at the Bible Church of God, Union City, Georgia with Rev. John Mays officiating. The family will receive friends Thursday and Friday evening from 5:00 until 8:00 pm at Parrott Funeral Home and Crematory.

Cemetery Details

Holly Hill Memorial Park

359 W. Broad Street
Fairburn, GA 30213

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 5. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Parrott Funeral Home & Crematory
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Funeral Service

FEB 7. 1:00 PM (ET)

Bible Church of God
6330 Washington St
Union City, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *Parrott Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Darlene Kay Mays*



Parrott Funeral Home - February 05 at 10:21 AM

BO

This is beautiful! Love it 

Bonnie - February 06 at 02:58 PM

K)

“ *She was one of the sweetest women I have ever know with a heart of gold . She would do anything she could to help anyone . She loved her family very much & she always made me & my family feel like her family . I will never forget her or that smile she always had . She will be deeply missed by so many people . John , Lisa, Teresa , Lil John you are in my thoughts & prayers . I love all of you .*

Kristi Agan (Teal) - February 07 at 01:13 AM

LP

Thank you seeet girl! She was one of a kind! We love you too

lisa post - February 14 at 09:03 PM

CG

Darlene I will miss you so much.. I'm just broken in side..I loved you since you were born Daddy., mother,Larry and my Buddy are their waiting for you...give them my love....you touched so many life's.. now it's time for you to rest.. took care of everyone.. Go with God.. much love and hugs..your sister Charlene..❤️❤️🙏🙏

Charlene Grand - February 16 at 02:13 AM

MK

“ Prayers for Bro. John and all the family. Sis Darlene was the sweetest and loving person. She loved everyone and always had a smile on her face. She will be missed. 💔

Marlene Kerlin - February 06 at 10:01 PM

BO

“ Through over 60+ years of friendship we called each other Sisters. Words cannot describe how much you mean to me. The memories of your laughter will always be in my heart. I love you



Bonnie - February 06 at 03:17 PM

VF

“ Valentin Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Darlene Kay Mays.



Valentin Family - February 06 at 01:27 PM

ME

“ Marty and Edith purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Darlene Kay Mays.



Marty and Edith - February 05 at 09:32 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Darlene Kay Mays.



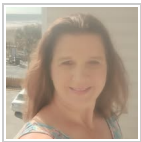
February 05 at 08:39 PM

WF

“ Wayne and The Judy's family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Darlene Kay Mays.



Wayne and The Judy's family - February 05 at 05:08 PM



“ Darlene was a very precious lady in my life. Before she got sick she would always call me on my birthday for years up until I don't know I was in my 40s and she was still calling me to wish me happy birthday and it was the sweetest thing. I think it's been like 2 years since she's called me but I know she had Alzheimer's so I think that's why she probably forgot to call. I love you guys so much and I will definitely be praying for you but this is not goodbye but see you later cuz we know where she's at.

Sweet Finds - February 05 at 01:56 PM



“ 68 files added to the album LifeTributes



Parrott Funeral Home - February 05 at 10:17 AM

JC

“ I remember her big hugs. They always felt like home. She always made me feel like one of her kids. Always a smile and a helping hand to anyone who needs it. She was such a good mom. I remember her telling her kids over and over throughout the day " I love you" . But her actions said it even more. Thank you Darlene for being you.

Julie Clemens - February 05 at 09:55 AM

JK

“ Julie, Cory and 9 kids purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Darlene Kay Mays.



Julie, Cory and 9 kids - February 05 at 09:44 AM

CM

“ I remember sister Darlene as a very sweet happy precious woman of God.i remember me and her get up in church and singing together.i loved that.sometimes we messed up but that was ok.i will miss her loving smile and meek spirit.sister Darlene you are so much loved,now rest in peace with Jesus.

Christene Mitchell - February 04 at 10:39 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Darlene Kay Mays.



February 04 at 10:28 PM

KC

“ Nanny was sure a sweet lady . I have so many memories with her . I will always cherish her deeply in my heart . Go rest high on that mountain nanny . I love you so much . I love how she loved everyone and made them apart of our family .

Kristen and Joseph Carter

Kristen carter - February 04 at 10:15 PM

KH

“ Klm Henry lit a candle in memory of Darlene Kay Mays



Klm Henry - February 04 at 07:32 PM

AA

“ Darlene was definitely one of a kind comical at times,during our younger days on Sundays she would accept many young people in her home with no complaints some of my best memories would be stay up till 4am trying to beat her in rummy or monopoly,"snoots" will definitely be missed

Anthony Adams - February 04 at 07:24 PM

MP

“ DARLENE WAS ONE OF A KIND. SHE TOOK ME AND MY 2 CHILDREN IN TO HER HOME AND GAVE US A HOME FOR 8 MONTHS. I LOVE MY PRECIOUS SISTER FRIEND SO VERY MUCH. SHE WILL BE DEARLY MISSED. SHE TOLD ME THAT SHE HOPED THERE WOULD BE BANANAS ON THE TREE OF LIFE SO SHE COULD EAT THEM . WELL I'M SURE THAT NOW SHE KNOWS IF THEY ARE ON IT NOW. SIS DANCE AROUND THE THRONE ONE TIME FOR ME. . I MISS YOU ALREADY.

Molly Pack - February 04 at 06:53 PM

MM

“ Darlene was a very kind woman. I fell in love with her sweet spirit and her kindness from day one. She will never be forgotten for all her kindness always trying to take care of your needs before hers. She was one in a million. We will sure miss her. Our Love and Prayers are with the family. We Love you all. God Bless and Comfort You during this time . Love and Prayers, Sister Margaret Morgan 🙏❤️🙏

Margaret Morgan - February 04 at 05:02 PM