

Mary Magdalene Preston



Remember Me

If I were to leave this world today I'd want to be remembered its true, for going that extra mile just to show my love for you. I'd want for you to be proud of me and know I always tried, when you hurt I did too, your tears I also cried. I'd want you to be compassionate to never turn away, from someone who might need a hug or encouragement one day. I'd want you to know I'm sorry if I ever caused you pain, I hope you'd learn from my mistakes and forgive me just the same. There are no second chances when God says it's time to go, we only have today to let our feelings show. Remember this when you say your prayers and count your blessings tonight, and treasure every precious moment God gives you in this life.

Written by Kathy J Parenteau



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Acknowledgment

Our family extends its most earnest appreciation and gratitude to all of the many friends and family who are supporting us during this difficult time. Thank you for your visits, calls, cards, flowers, text, and emails as they will not soon be forgotten. Your prayers have and will continue to be an ever-present source of strength as we begin this new journey, we thank you for the love. May God keep you, bless you, as well as protect and guide you, as you travel along.

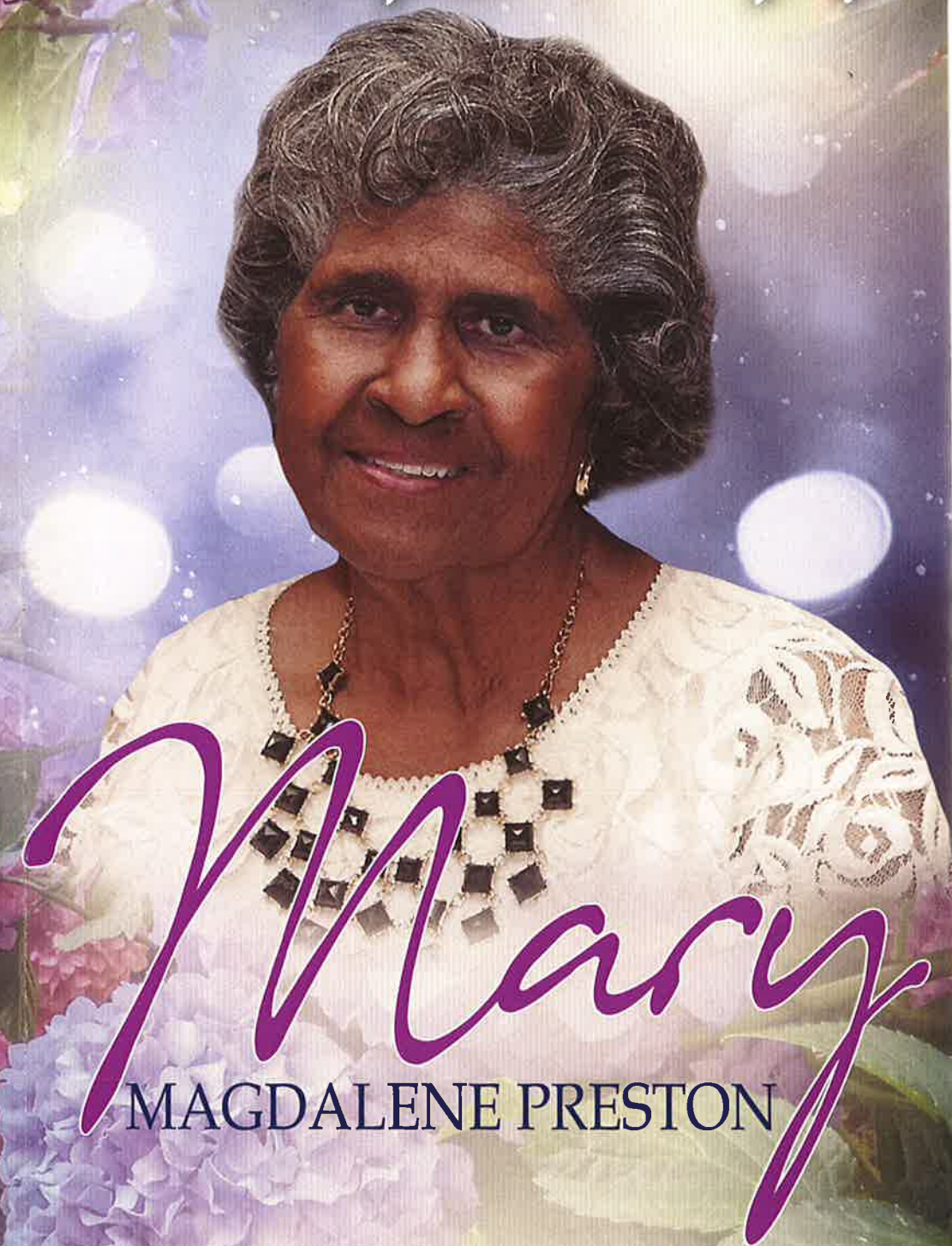
Sincerely yours,  
Mary M. Preston Family

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MAGDALENE PRESTON

As a gift from the Lord to parents Robert and Samantha Morgan, Mary Magdalene Morgan began her life's story on Christmas Eve in 1929. She was the youngest of five children in a family of sharecroppers in Okmulgee, Oklahoma. After the early death of her father when she was 7 years old, the family eventually moved to Oklahoma City.

While readjusting to life in Oklahoma City, Mary began working as early as possible to help contribute to her family. During that time, she also began her lifelong service to the Lord. Mary was baptized at Fairview Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Fairly, where she had a dedicated interest in Sunday school and BTU.

Having met on a starry-eyed bus ride to work, Mary met Walter Preston. They eventually married, and were blessed with five children. They remained married for 45 years until Walter's home going in 1991. After 19 years as a thriving widow, and at the age of 80, God placed Mary into the life of George Colbert. They were happily married for 13 months before his passing.

Mary lived a full life, after a leading role in rearing her 5 children, she earned her GED from OKC Public Schools. Inspired to further learn and grow, she went on to become a licensed beautician after completing Nila Jewels Beauty College. She continued to excel in her education, getting a certificate and college credit in banking and finance courses from Metro Technology Centers. She enjoyed using her skills while employed with Local Federal/IBC bank until retiring after 13 years. Mary also participated in many other enrichment classes such as evangelism, cake decorating, typing, computer literacy skills, accounting, and piano lessons. Additionally, Mary enjoyed various activities at the YWCA Senior Center, including an enjoyment of line-dancing, sewing, quilting, and beating others in a mean game of cards and dominos.

Already a faithful and active child of God and church member, Mary easily stepped into her role as a minister's wife when Walter received God's call to ministry in 1968. During her years of service, she participated in, and held office positions such as President of Women's Department of the Progressive OK Baptist Convention (State and Regional), President of Baptist Ministers Wives, officer and member of OKC Federated Women's Club, and President of East Zion District Women's Group. Mary's in-house church roles included announcement clerk, usher, deaconess, choir member, girls' youth leader, Sunday school teacher, and Progressive Baptist Church Mother. Mary received many certificates, awards, and special recognitions, always giving God the glory.

Mary Magdalene Preston completed her journey here on earth on February 20, 2022, surrounded by family in Denver, CO, where she had lived since September, 2021. Mary entered the home God had prepared for her, joining the loved ones who preceded her in death, husband Rev. Walter Preston, son Rudolph (Rudy) Preston, grandson Ryan Branch, second husband George Colbert, parents Robert and Samantha Morgan, sisters Juanita Morgan and Ivy Morgan Southern, and brothers Robert and Melvin Morgan.

Mary leaves to cherish her in memories, four daughters, along with 12 grandchildren.

Daughter - Marian Lawrence\*

Children: Wylene Finch (Michael); Sylvia Lawrence; Melvin Duane Lawrence.

Son - Rudolph (Rudy) Preston (Deceased)\*\*

Children: Ramon Branch; Joan Paul-Lee (Grant).

Daughter - Kay Hamilton\*\*\*

Children: Kameshia Hamilton; Morgan Tillman (Brandon).

Daughter - Virginia Johnson (Lee, Deceased) \*\*\*\*

Children: Kimberly Doss (Reggie); Veronica Nelson (John); Karyn Stafford.

Daughter - Terri Mitchell\*\*\*\*\*

Children: Houston Mitchell; Taelor Mitchell.

A life lived through five generations, Mary will further be lovingly missed by 28 great grandchildren, 21 great-great grandchildren, three forever Son-in-Loves - Leonard Hamilton, Kenneth Stafford, and Troy Mitchell, as well as a near and dear to her heart niece, Centuria (Net) Morgan.



Order of Service

*Processional*  
Clergymen and Family

*Musical Selection*  
What A Friend - Aretha Franklin

*Scripture Reading*  
Old and New Testament Reading

*Prayer*  
Rev. Jerome Roland

*Musical Selection*  
Walk Around Heaven  
Mighty Clouds of Joy

*Obituary and Resolution Reading*  
Bertha Robinson

*Thoughts of Cousin Mary*  
LeVette Morgan Berry

*Morgan Musical Tribute*  
I Shall Wear a Crown - I Still Have Joy

*Words of Acknowledgement*  
Friends, Family, Progressive Church Family  
(Two Minutes Please)

*Observation*  
Terri Mitchell

*Musical Selection*  
I'm On the Battle Field for My Lord  
Ethel Caffie-Austin

*Eulogy*  
Rev. Larry Foster  
Pastor, Progressive Baptist Church

*A Glimpse of Mary's Life*  
Slide Presentation

*Closing Remarks*  
Marian Lawrence

*Until We Meet Again*  
Farewell Viewing