

## WORDS OF GRATITUDE

We, the family, wish to extend our sincerest appreciation to our many friends for all acts of kindness shown during our moments of sorrow. The Lord has been good to us and we thank you for being there with us. May God forever bless and keep each of you in our prayer.

Mary, written by Cajuan....

M is for the many ways you loved me like your own.  
A is for the arms that held me when the world felt cold.  
R is for the realness of your love, steady and true.  
Y is for you, My Mary Dale, Grandmother and Blessing.  
You loved me freely.  
You showed up fully.  
And I'll carry that love with me always.  
With all my heart, Cajuan CaShaun

**Pallbearers**  
JaJuan Irvin  
TreVaughn Irvin  
MarQuies Irvin  
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Jason Lucas  
Kevin Hall

**Honorary Pallbearers**  
De'Shawn Lockridge  
Charles Lockridge  
Frederick Lockridge  
Larry Jackson  
Justin Christopher  
John Lewis  
Larry Love



Letter from Heaven by Alena Hakala Meadows  
When tomorrow starts without me and I'm not there to see,  
If the sun should rise and find your eyes all filled with tears for me.  
I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today,  
while thinking of the many things we didn't get to say.

I know how much you love me as much as I love you,  
and each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too.

When tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart  
for every time you think of me, I'm right here in your heart.



CELEBRATION OF LIFE  
SUNRISE | NOVEMBER 28, 1952 | SUNSET | JULY 16, 2025

MARY  
DALE  
*Lockridge*



Thursday, August 14, 2025  
Golden Gate Funeral & Cremation Services, LLC  
Wake 10:00 AM Celebration of life 11:00 AM  
Bishop Clyde M. Irvin, Officiating



We Entrusted Our Loved One To The Golden Care Of:  
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Mary Dale Lockridge passed away peacefully on July 16, 2025. She was born on November 28, 1952, in Tupelo Mississippi, a town she loved, to parents Otis and Mildred Lockridge. Mary was a force to be reckoned with from the get-go. She was one of the first five blacks to graduate from Tupelo High School in 1970 and Mississippi State University College in 1974, where she pursued and was awarded a degree in Social Work. Mary was the first to graduate from college in the Lockridge family.

While Mary never married, she lived a full and vibrant life with more friends than you can count and gave birth to her only son Shane (“Shawn”) Lockridge, the love of her life!!

Mary retired from the State of Missouri on August 26, 2004, but continue to work part time with Walmart and Costco. After retirement she devoted most of her time to reading, shopping, traveling and spending time in the church. She was an active member of New Life Worship Center under Bishop Clyde Irvin. Mary always tried to attend all family and friend’s functions as she valued all her loved ones. If she couldn’t attend a function, she would always send a card, a gift or call to let you know she was thinking about you. Even when she became ill, she tried to keep up with her tradition.

Mary was predeceased in death by her parents, Mildred and Otis Lockridge, her beloved son, Shawn Lockridge, her sisters, Christina Standifer, Evelyn Christopher, Doris Jackson, and her brother, William Lockridge.

She is survived by her brother Charles Lockridge, grandchildren, De’Shawn Lockridge, Trashona Erby, Briana Erby, CaJuan Tucker, and great grandchild Tra ‘Shawn Johnson. Daughter in law Tiauni Erby, daughter Sherae Irvin, son Jason Lucas, Andre McKinney and special niece Vanessa Barker. She will also be missed by her godson, Monta Jones, many nieces, nephews and close friends as they meant the world to her.

Mary Dale will be dearly missed and that beautiful SMILE will last forever in our hearts.

# Order Of Service

- Prelude.....Soft Music
- Crowning Ceremony.....Golden Gate
- Prayer.....Bishop Clyde M. Irvin
- Scripture.....Sherae Irvin  
John 14:1-4
- Selection.....”Take Me To The King”
- Acknowledgements &.....Marlene Gray  
Condolences
- Life Reflections.....Read in Silence  
Soft Music
- Remarks.....( limit 2 minutes please)  
Frederick Lockridge  
Donna Neal  
Justin Christopher  
Family &Friends
- Selection.....” I Shall Wear A Crown”
- Words of Comfort.....Bishop Clyde M. Irvin
- Benediction.....Bishop Clyde M. Irvin
- Recessional.....”When We All Get To Heaven”

Interment:  
Brooking Cemetery Association  
10004 E 53rd St.  
Raytown MO 64133-2268

Repast:  
Golden Corral Buffet  
19120 E Valley View  
Independence, MO 64055

