

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thank you for the outpouring of love and sympathy we received after the passing of our mother. We treasure each and every word and expression of condolence. Sincere gratitude for your kindness, compassion and prayers that sustained our mother over the years.

We will forever be indebted to friends and loved ones here and across the country whose cards and letters helped maintain the deep connection to this wonderful community.

May God continue to bless you and keep you in His divine care.

The Family of Mary L. Lomax

A repast will be held in the Pettigrew Center immediately following the Interment.

Interment

Willow Lake Memorial Gardens
1854 Willow Lake Road
Fort Valley, Georgia 31030

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A Celebration of Life MARY LUCILLE LOMAX



September 26, 2026

11:00 am

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
1000 State University Drive
Fort Valley, GA 31030

The Rev. Brian K. Davy, Officiating

Honoring

Mary Lucille Lomax was born in Brunswick, Georgia on December 22, 1933 to Georgia Santy and Thomas Campbell and on September 6, 2026, she departed this life to her celestial home. She completed her high school education at Risley High School in Brunswick Georgia, where she met her husband of over 60 years, and moved with a young family to join the Fort Valley State College community. Soon after moving to Fort Valley, she enrolled in classes, eager to pursue her bachelor's degree. Mary, also lovingly called Lucille, graduated with honors in 1967 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Education degree. During this season of life, she began a career utilizing her secretarial skills while her children were enrolled in Peach County elementary schools.

While raising a family and supporting the aspirations of her husband, she earned a Master's Degree in Business Administration. In the process, she modeled grit, determination and grace for her three children. She was given the opportunity to advance her career at Fort Valley State, using her considerable administrative and leadership skills as the Director of Procurement. During her tenure of more than 40 years, she served in multiple capacities at the university and did so with commitment and joy.

In 1966, while matriculating at Fort Valley State University, she joined Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. Focused on academic excellence, sisterhood, and supporting women and girls, she worked alongside sorority sisters in support of the motto “Service to all Mankind”.

For many years, she was an active member of The Links, Incorporated, a national service organization. Upon retirement from active participation, she received an honorary award for 20 years of outstanding service to the Links, one of the nation's oldest and largest organizations of extraordinary women who are "committed to enriching, sustaining and ensuring the culture and economic survival of African Americans and other persons of African ancestry." The core values of friendship, integrity, honesty, and family resonated with her and reflected her values as well.

As a member of the Georgia Retired Educators Association, Lucille was honored with the Emeritus designation, having contributed faithfully and with passion. Along with her husband, she also served as a member of the Kiwanis Club of Fort Valley. For more than a decade, she participated with distinction and joy, identifying needs in the local community and mobilizing to meet those needs. She was generous with any and all of her resources, including her time and energy, and truly embraced the scripture, "it is more blessed to give than to receive". Kay School was a particular source of joy for her, and she was committed to improving the lives of others, especially those with physical or cognitive differences. She offered volunteer service to many organizations, including St. Luke's Episcopal church, and did so with love and gratitude.

From humble beginnings, she treated all people with dignity and respect. She maintained a curiosity about politics and about the ways of life and conditions of those beyond our borders. She thoroughly enjoyed learning from new people, whether from around the corner or across the globe. As such, she travelled extensively with her family, enjoying travels to New Zealand, Italy, France, Germany, Greece, and Bermuda, cultivating relationships with many along the way.

Lucille was preceded in death by her adoring husband, Leon Johnson Lomax and her beloved son, Lionel Smythe Lomax. She is survived by two loving daughters, Linda Victoria Brown (Robert Brown, Esq.) and Laraine Lomax Kvitek, Ph. D. and has five treasured grandchildren, Troy Brown (Shay Brown, Esq.), Talon Brown, Esq., Victoria Kvitek, Christiana Kvitek and Chiara Kvitek. By God's grace, she also enjoyed a delightful great grandchild, Capri Brown, along with numerous other family members and friends.

**People: Where sorrow and pain are no more,
 neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying, “You are dust, and to dust you shall return.” All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

People: Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, *Lucille*. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.**

Musical Selection:	<i>“Take Me to The King”</i>	Lashanda Mathis
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The Blessing

Closing Hymn: *“It is Well with My Soul”*

Verse 1

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

(Refrain)

Verse 2
Tho' Satan should buffet, tho' trials should
come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
(Refrain)

Verse 3

My sin - oh, the bliss of this glorious tho't:
My sin, not in part, but the whole
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
(Refrain)

Verse 4
And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall
be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall
descend,
"Even so," it is well with my soul.
(Refrain)

Refrain:
It is well (it is well)
with my soul (with my soul),
It is well, it is well with my soul.

The Prayers of the People

Laraine Lomax Kvitek and Linda V. Brown

For our sister, Mary Lucille Lomax, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, “I am Resurrection and I am Life.”

Hear us, Lord.

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for *Lucille*, and dry the tears of those who weep.

Hear us, Lord.

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

Hear us, Lord.

You raised the dead to life; give to our sister, *Lucille*, eternal life.

Hear us, Lord.

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our sister, *Lucille*, to the joys of heaven.

Hear us, Lord.

Our sister, *Lucille*, was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give her fellowship with all your saints.

Hear us, Lord.

She was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant her a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

Hear us, Lord.

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our sister; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Hear us, Lord.

Silence may be kept.

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our sister, Lucille, who was reborn by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism. Grant that her death may recall to us your victory over death, and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in your Father’s love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led the way; and where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages. **Amen.**

Father of all, we pray to you for Lucille, and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to all of them eternal rest. May her soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Holy Communion

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The Commendation

Celebrant: Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,

A Celebration and Thanksgiving

MARY LUCILLE LOMAX

Prelude

Opening Anthem

The Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Hymn: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” (Lamentations 3:23)

I
Great Is Thy Faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not,
As thou hast been Thou forever will be.

Refrain:
Great is Thy Faithfulness! Great Is Thy Faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

II
Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness,
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

(Refrain)

III
Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.

(Refrain)

A Reading from I Corinthians 15:53-57

Troy Brown, Grandson

For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 23 (Congregation reads in unison)

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- 2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.
- 3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
- 5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

A Reading from Psalm 121 Victoria Lomax Kvitek, Granddaughter

- 1 I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.
- 2 My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.
- 4 Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.
- 5 The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.
- 6 The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.
- 7 The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.
- 8 The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

A Reading from John 11:21-26 Talon Brown, Grandson

Now Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to Him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Musical Selection: “The Goodness of God” Lashanda Mathis

The Gospel John 14:1-6

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.’ Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me’.”

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Reflections

Mrs. Sylvia Malone and Dr. Virginia Dixon Cherished Family Friends
Dr. Michael W. Early, Sr. Family Physician and Friend
Homily.....Father Davy
Eulogy.....Rev. Dr. Carolyn J. Tarrant
Associate Minister, Moore’s Chapel AME
St. Petersburg, Florida
FVSU, Class of ‘67

The Apostles Creed (please stand and read in unison)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.