

# *Celebrating* **THE LIFE & LEGACY**

Mary Magdaline Fortune, 81, was born on April 10, 1944 to the late Luther Benjamin and Neomi McDonald. Mary Peacefully passed away in death on Saturday, November 1, 2025, at the Hospice House in Florence, South Carolina. She attended the public schools of Lee County. In her early years, Mary worked at the shoe factory and on the farm. She was also a babysitter to many, even her own siblings. She was never afraid of hard work. Mary's heart was always opened wide, and that never changed. She was a sweet, quiet and humble woman who always prayed about everything. Mary dedicated her life and was baptized as one of Jehovah Witnesses on June 26, 1986.

From childhood to adulthood, we would always hear our mother singing her favorite Kingdom Melody [God's loyal love]. This song was very personal to our mother, it gave her hope and spiritual nourishment. Mary's faith and service to Jehovah never wavered. Although suffering through a myriad of health issues, it didn't stop her from coming to the Kingdom Hall, Assemblies and Conventions. Those are the places she loved to be.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years of marriage, Guidy Fortune Jr.; four sons, Daniel Fortune, of Bishopville, South Carolina, Corey (Frederick) Fortune of Greensboro, North Carolina, Tommy Fortune, and Lavern Fortune of Bishopville, South Carolina; two daughters, Shonna Fortune of Thomasville, North Carolina, Renada Fortune (Johnathan) Moore of Hartsville, South Carolina; six brothers, Johnny McDonald, Mckenzie (Mary H) McDonald of Bishopville, South Carolina, Henry McDonald of Conway, South Carolina, Robert (Dorothy) Benjamin of Bishopville, South Carolina, Albert Benjamin of Columbia, South Carolina, David (Virlee) Benjamin of Danville, Virginia; eight sisters, Dorothy Slater, Josephine Bradley, Alphine Johnson, Carolstine Mickel, Annie Crim of Bishopville, South Carolina, Mary(Nathaniel) Mathis, Sara (Alonzo) Livingston of Fayetteville, North Carolina and Patricia Boykins of Raleigh, North Carolina; fifteen grandkids, which she raised some as her own children, nine great- grandkids; one aunt, Rebecca Mack of Bishopville, South Carolina; one special best friend for over 70 years, Georgia Mae Reames and a host of special nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends that she loved dearly.

In Closing Our Mother's Faith, Strength and Endurance will always echo in our hearts and minds.



## ORDER OF *Service*

**Chairman**  
**Brother Martin Hunter**

**Song**  
**#134 See yourself when all is new.**

**Opening Prayer**  
**Brother Martin Hunter.**

**Reading Of Obituary**  
**Brother Martin Hunter.**

**Interview**  
**Brother Hubert Green**

**Words of Comfort**  
**Brother Russell McCall Sr.**

**Song**  
**#18 Gods Loyal Love.**

**Closing Prayer**  
**Brother Russell McCall Sr.**

**Interment**  
**Boone Memorial Garden**  
**Elmore Road, Bishopville, SC 29010**



# For My Mother

"From the very first moment, you were my guide, the gentle heart always by my side. You taught me strength wrapped softly in grace, a steady hand, a loving mother like the no other.

As I grew, I watched and learned  
From your wisdom, so freely earned.  
You showed me how to love and give,  
How to face the world and truly live.

Though I must walk this path anew,  
A piece of you will stay with me  
Your laughter, your light, and your tender care,  
will live on in all the things I share.

In every dawn and evening's hue,  
I'll whisper, \*Mom, I love you.\*  
Your legacy—kindness, courage, and truth—  
Will always shine in all I do."

SDF

## Expression of Gratitude

The Fortune Family would like to thank all of you for your prayers and support during our time of lost. It has meant so much to our Family. Your thoughtful gestures and presence have been a great source of solace.

# IN LOVING Memory

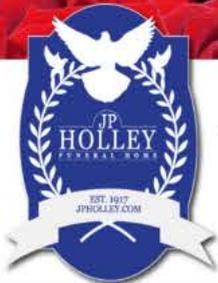


## Mary Magdalene FORTUNE

APRIL 10, 1944 - NOVEMBER 1, 2025

Monday, November 10, 2025  
12:00 PM

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses  
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