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Pallbearers

Morris Alderman
Samuel Brown
Eric P. Douglas
Howard Green

Moses Jackson
Prince Phillips
Michael A. Rigsby
Jaime A. Sadler

My Last Wind

*I've faced more turbulent trials and wind
In two plus years and three score and ten.
Some trials were mild, the wind was strong,
But mostly I dreaded the hurricanes.*

*Fearing, praying, my faith was shaken,
My life, my breath the wind was taking.
Just one more breath, I pleaded
Just one last wind I needed.*

*With the wind now at my back, I sing
God's hands, my home, is my last wind.*

*Mary M.S. Douglas
On facing my death
September 27, 2010*

Acknowledgement:

The family of Mary S. Douglas gratefully extends sincere gratitude and heartfelt thanks to our many friends and loved ones who called, visited, sent greetings, flowers, and words of consolation. We thank you for your prayers for us and with us during Mary's illness and our bereavement. The sharing of your love, your prayers, and acts of kindness have been very comforting and given us inspiration and the strength to face this hour. May God continue to shower His love upon each of you, and may He make us ever worthy of His love and kindness.

~ The Family

*J. Anthony Walton, Restorative Artist
525 W. Beaver Street
Jacksonville, Florida 32202
(904) 354-1651*

In Loving Memory

of

Mary M. Sturgis Douglas

Sunrise
November 1, 1938

Sunset
January 26, 2013



Saturday ~ February 2, 2013 ~ 11:00 A.M.

*Woodlawn Presbyterian Church
3026 Woodlawn Road
Jacksonville, Florida 32209
Rev. Dr. J. W. Rigsby, Pastor*

*Interment:
Riverside Memorial Park*

*Services Entrusted To:
Hillman-Pratt & Walton Funeral Home*

Obituary

Mary Magdalene Sturgis Douglas was born to the union of Ples Sturgis and Annie Jenkins Sturgis on November 1, 1938, in Crystal Springs, Mississippi.

She was the fourth of six siblings (four sisters and one brother).

Mary was baptized at the age of eight at the Good Hope Baptist Church in Crystal Springs, Mississippi. She was active in Sunday school and youth activities.

Mary graduated from Crystal Springs High School at the age of sixteen as valedictorian of her class. At the age of eighteen, she attended Mississippi Valley College in Itta Bena, Mississippi, where she graduated as salutatorian at Natchez Charity Hospital for practical nursing. She spent two years working at Charity Hospital in New Orleans, Louisiana, before moving to St. Louis, Missouri. She worked from 1960 to 1998 as a licensed nurse before retiring.

Mary was married to Glen Douglas, who preceeded her in death, and to that union two children were born, Eric Paul and Alison Glenette.

She was succeeded in death by her infant sister, Annie Pearl, her brother Ples Jr. and her father and mother.

When Mary became ill, she moved to Jacksonville, Florida, to live with her sister, Lorraine and brother-in-law Rev. J.W. Rigsby. At that time, she joined Woodlawn Presbyterian Church.

She leaves to remember her and cherish her love, two children: Eric and Alison; four grandchildren: Darien, Takj, Aiyona and Chidori; three sisters: Gladys M. Sadler, Bobbie C. Ordone of Hattiesburg, MS and Lorraine S. Rigsby (Joe) of Jacksonville, FL. She also leaves to celebrate her life, love and friendship a host of other relatives, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and co-workers. She did a last good bye to her siblings, Gladys, Bobbie and Lorraine.

Order of Service

Rev. Dr. R. F. Dozier, Sr., Presiding

Prelude.....	Ms. Regina Ford
Processional.....	"The Old Rugged Cross".....Musicians
Hymn of Praise.....	"How Great Thou Art".....#467
Invocation.....	Rev. J. L. Perry
Scripture Lessons:	
	Old Testament - Isaiah 58: 6-8
	New Testament - Romans 8: 31-39
Song.....	"Blessed Assurance".....#341
Personal Reflections	
Acknowledgements.....	Allison Douglas
Bible Presentation	
Song.....	"Nearer, My God, to Thee".....Choir
Eulogy.....	The Rev. Dr. J. W. Rigsby
Recessional.....	"I'll Fly Away".....Choir
Postlude.....	Ms. Regina Ford

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