



Mary R. Gibbs

October 28, 1933 - August 27, 2021

Mary Riley Gibbs was born on October 28, 1933 in Chester, PA. Her parents were the late Capes and Geneva Riley. Mary attended Chester public schools and a 1951 graduate of Chester High School.

Mary was a woman of Faith. Her Spiritual life began at Calvary Baptist Church under the Pastoralship of the late Reverend Dr. Pius Barber. During that time, the late Dr. Martin Luther King taught Sunday School there for 3 years. Mary attended his classes and he addressed her as “little Mary.” Later, in the 1990’s, Mary joined the former White Rock Christian Church which she was a previous member.

During her life, she enjoyed playing Pinochle, 500 Rummy, attending cocktail parties with other couples, playing the lottery, crocheting, ceramics, word search puzzles, collecting old coins, collecting beanie babies, and eating her MINTS. Mary was kind, loving, and a giving person. She would give, money, chitterlings, greens, and anything else if she knew that person was in need or wanted it. One fact to know is, Mary’s kindness was not to be taken as a weakness. She could be very “rambunctious” and “combative” when necessary. When Mary was happy, she would always do her “Shimmy Shake Dance.”

In 1953, Mary married the late Joseph D. Gibbs. This union blessed 5 children: Anita, Victoria, Cynthia, Joseph Jr., and Roslyn. Many years later, after determining to provide the best for her children as a single parent, Mary was employed at Children’s Cottage in Media, PA for 12 years. Other

employments included: Wilson Nursery in Chester, PA, West Philadelphia Mental Health Consortium, and Unit Clerk at Fair Acres Senior Home, Media, PA.

Mary loved her children, grands, and great grands very much. She would always have something hilarious to say. In addition, she would keep them "STRAIGHT" and anyone else when necessary. Her children were always encouraged to lean on the Lord, learn to be independent, be successful in life and to Vote.

Mary's was affectionate and partial toward her son in laws. This was because she had so many girls and granddaughters. Kevin, who preceded her in death, lived a few blocks from Mary's house. They would connect in trying to win the lottery. Teddy and Mary would exchange recipes from Kansas. Eddie was the first son in law. Therefore, he went through the initiation with Mary and made it easier for the other brother in laws. Mary and Eddie would have long talks and had connected with a special bond. If anyone would try to "mess" with Eddie, Mary would step in, ready to fight.

On August 27, 2021, Angels opened the doors for Mary to enter. She is survived by her children Anita Gibbs Brown (Edward) Upper Chichester, PA, Victoria Gibbs Freeman (Theodore) Wichita, Kansas, Cynthia Gibbs-Ricks and Roslyn Gibbs of Chester, Joseph Gibbs (Gwen) of Wilmington, Delaware; 9 Grandchildren: Ebony, Edward Jr. (Tiffany), Theodore, Krista (Geno), Kisha, Kalisha, Tiara, Tiyanna, and Ranae. 7 Great grandchildren: Ra'kai, Emiyah, Elijah, Mikaela, Jasmine, Geno and Assad. Also to cherish her memories, she leaves a host of neices, nephews and cousins.

Other close friends and family members to cherish Mary's memories are: Lena, Emma, Pansy, Anthony, and Charlene.

Some of Mary's life historical events includes living during the great depression, bombing of Pear Harbor, Voting Rights march on Edmund Pettus Bridge, Segregation of schools, and March on Washington, just to name a few.

Throughout her life, Mary continually gave thanks to God for his grace and

mercies shown her down through the years.

Finally, Mary is the last of the original Aunts on the Gibbs side of the family.

She was truly a Pioneer. Her kindness, smile, personality, and Spirit will definitely be missed.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82614669765?pwd=am94YXZIMmZoVjFTMXVTW>

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Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP 17. 11:00 AM.

Christian Church of Chester
308 W. 3rd Street
Chester, PA

Tribute Wall



“ *Earl L. Foster Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mary R. Gibbs*



Earl L. Foster Funeral Home - September 17, 2021 at 10:10 AM



“ *Mary R. Gibbs*

October 07, 2023 at 11:34 AM



“ *Mary R. Gibbs*

October 04, 2023 at 12:55 PM



“ *Aunt Mary, you've left this Earth but will not be forgotten. I loved visiting with you every time I was able to make it home to Chester and will miss you telling me to "You're not leaving this house till I fix you something to eat"!!!
Much Love to Anita, Vikki, Danny, Roz, Cynthia and families...*



Raymond Gibbs Family - September 17, 2021 at 10:25 AM

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Cousin Mary, I will always remember your kindness. I remember the last time I seen you, which was many years ago. You built my confidence with your loving words. As the saying goes " You will always remember how a person made you feel." I was a teenager at the time and I still remember your complanments. Take your rest my sweet cousin. Love you all Anita, Vikki, Danny, Roz, and Cynthia..

Denise Riley Freeman - November 13, 2021 at 07:35 PM

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“ *Kamira Evans and Patricia Ayres purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mary R. Gibbs.*



Kamira Evans and Patricia Ayres - September 16, 2021 at 01:35 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary R. Gibbs.*



September 15, 2021 at 08:10 AM

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“ *Aunt Mary, even though you're Gone from this Earth, you will Continuously be Loved in our Hearts!!!
Rest in God's Care...*

Raymond and Shirley Gibbs- McPherson, KS - September 14, 2021 at 11:06 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary R. Gibbs.*



September 13, 2021 at 07:30 PM