



Ms. Mary L. Brawner

September 11, 1949 - May 8, 2020

Mary L. Brawner was born on September 11, 1949 in Washington, D.C. and departed this life peacefully on May 8, 2020.

Mary also known as Pam, Pammy or Payne received her education in the District of Columbia public school system attending Jefferson Junior High School and Dunbar Senior High School. Mary went onto work at the Hecht Company until she gained employment with the Federal Government working for the Security Exchange Commission where she retired after 30 years of service. Mary loved to travel with her family and friends especially her mother and youngest sister Melody where they frequently visited popular casinos throughout the country. Mary was an avid Dallas Cowboys fan and enjoyed traveling to Texas to see them play. She also took great humor in the back and forth banter with family and friends who were Washington Redskins fans. When their dad passed away, Mary immediately took on the big sister role and assisted Mama in raising her siblings. She loved to tell stories about how some people thought her youngest brothers Gary and Alvin were her children.

Family meant everything to Mary, she enjoyed hosting family for the holidays where her roast beef dish was the ultimate family favorite. Mary loved watching classic 1970's movies especially the ones that starred Pam Grier as well as listening to a few of her favorite artists including but not limited to The Whispers, Ashford and Simpson and Stephine Mills. Although Mary was not blessed with children of her own, she had 50 nieces and nephews to include

great and great greats whom she took pride in watching grow. She was present for all special events until she became ill and made sure she told you how proud she was of you while managing to sneakily slip you some monies with a smile.

Anyone who knew Mary knew she was a no nonsense, straight shooter, trash talker and down to earth type of woman. She held no punches, told you exactly what and how she felt while maintaining her witty sense of humor. Mary meant so much to so many and we are so blessed to have experienced her love, her laughs, her courage, her humility, her strength and her curse-outs. We will forever be grateful that we shared this time and space with such a beautiful soul.

Mary was preceded in death by her mother Mary L. Chase, her Father Leroy Chase Sr., brothers Leroy Chase Jr. and Steven Chase, nephew Ryan Chase, godbrother Jermaine Ward and partner for 30 years George Wilson. She is survived by three sisters, Cynthia Chase, Sharon Chase-Moody (Anthony) and Melody Banks (Tracy), three brothers, Charles Chase, Gary Chase (Dana) and Alvin Chase (Junita), god-sisters Laurie Ward and Elaine Ward, a host of nieces and nephews and long-time friend Pamela Pendleton.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

Clinton, MD

Previous Events

Viewing

MAY 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Frazier Mason Memorial Funeral Home
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Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ Where do I start.... I'm leaving this message as a long time friend/family whom loved Mary dearly. Mary became a part of my life through my mom Viola Anderson one of her best friends from Security and Exchange Commission for more than 30 years. Knowing Mary was a true blessing. Mary and my mom would spend 8-9 hours at work together and then have an everyday conversation from 7-9:30 pm. Their bond was inseparable. I would reach out to Mary occasionally after the passing of my mom in 2004 because their relationship was like no other. We would joke about things they talked about at work and the ongoing conversations they had at 7 every night. I sat here today thinking about Mary so I got on my phone to look her number up so that I can give her a call just to check on her and her obituary is what popped up. My heart is broken again just as it was the day I had to tell her that my mom her best friend had passed away. Mary you will forever hold a space in my heart. Sending Heavenly hugs to you. May you Rest in Paradise

Shontell - January 23, 2024 at 01:32 PM



“ Ms. Mary L. Brawner

October 07, 2023 at 10:54 AM

LC

“ *The world didn't get you but we did, your sense of humor is what made you who you were, a very strong, compassionate, beautiful and take-no-mess kind woman. Sometimes your words were harsh but they were helpful and your actions were always pure from your heart. One thing for sure, we got the real when dealing with you Auntie, you will be forever missed and forever in our hearts. I personally will miss your laugh, your warm hugs, your great advise and your undying love for your family. You always told me, we all we got so we gotta stick together. And we are going to do just that, you're on the other side now so continue to watch over us as we will continue to honor and celebrate your life. Love Your Niece, LeTetia Roxanne*

LeTetia Chase - May 14, 2020 at 04:59 AM

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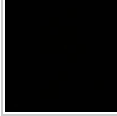
WOW! Where do I start - I have so many memories of you stored in my heart and mind. You were the best big sister any one could of had. We traveled the world together, laughed, cried, disagreed, hugged, kissed and kept it moving. Glad that we were always there for one another. You taught me so many things and always gave me your opinion whether I wanted it or not. You fought a long hard battle, so take your rest for now. Loving you always, your little sister.

Melody Banks - May 14, 2020 at 05:33 AM

RC

Hey Lady. We briefly talked about this moment a couple of times, and I still find it hard to accept. Our talks I will always keep in mind. The serious talks, joking around talkin mess, and you putting me in my place by breaking things down for me to think about. I have never known a Lady as straight forward as you. Never bit your tongue but very consoling at the same time. I will forever be grateful for you for doing what you did for Nana and I by finding me and reuniting me with the family. You will forever hold a special part of my heart. I can't thank you enough. I love you auntie and will miss you terribly. No more pain or suffering. Rest easy. Love you forever, Your nephew Robbie.

Robert Chase - May 14, 2020 at 09:22 AM



Hi Auntie! Your take-nothing attitude is what not only me, but many of us absolutely loved about you. It is something that set you apart from everyone else! I'm so grateful because I had the chance to experience what a strong woman you were. Ever since I became old enough to really sit and have deep talks with you, I've now realized that one thing you have left me with is courage. Over the past few years I have finally found my voice and you played a big role in helping me find it. You were a person that I never really had to explain myself to because you always understood and supported me. Always. Your family will always remember and hold on to the joyous memories. You had an incredible fight that you should be proud of. I will love you Auntie, forever and always. TT

Tiana Chase - May 14, 2020 at 10:38 AM



Hey Auntie! It's your Tar Baby! Lol. I can remember I showed you a video of this little girl dancing and rapping on stage with a lot of cursing , and you asked me to roll that thing back a few times so you can bob your head to the music and bust out in laughter. I miss you so so deeply and there won't be a day that goes by that I won't think of you. You had the most important attitude to me because you took no mess from no one, and guess what? I don't either. I will always love you and miss you dearly.

LaTanya Chase - May 14, 2020 at 01:39 PM

LW

Pam:

As the song goes, "I think about the good times we shared together". One of my fondest memories of you takes me back to when I was a little girl, between two-and-a-half and three years old. Remember, I had those chubby cheeks? Each time you saw me, you would grab hold of my cheeks and tightly squeeze them, laughing and giggling at how plump they were.

In those moments, you seemed so happy, almost giddy, with joy. I remember feeling special and your cheek-pinching was like a nonverbal "I love you".

Thank you for those moments which have remained etched in my memory and heart.

If I could go back in time and return to that girl of three, I would happily present my cheeks for you to pinch and squeeze as long as you'd like...

Thank you for moments like those where seemingly small gestures say so much more than words can convey.

Although you are no longer here in person, please know that memories of you will live on forever in my heart.

May God bless you and may you rest in eternal peace.

I will always love you.

Your Little Sis',

Laurie

Laurie Ward - May 16, 2020 at 02:42 PM

DA

When I was little, I used to wait by Nana's door for you to come with candy in your purse for us "Prunes" as you called us. You always left us with treats and laughs despite your bossy exterior. And now that you aren't here it hurts to know that your memories are all I have. I know you were straight forward and never bit your tongue but the treats and candy(lessons) that came with those conversations I will treasure forever. I wish I was able to hug you and talk to you before God called you home so suddenly but I know you're watching over us all. Charliee understands you're in a better place and Santana remembers you; I'll make sure she never forgets. I'm sure no one can deny your strength and genuine love for us because you were here for us in so many ways and we appreciate you for it.

I pray you're at peace and getting the rest you deserve because I know the fight wasn't easy. I hope your heart knew the love we have for you.

I love you so much,

Diamond

Damonique - May 17, 2020 at 02:32 PM