



Marian Irene Kennedy

August 18, 1933 - December 2, 2025

In Loving Memory of
Marian Irene Kennedy

August 18, 1933 – (December 2, 2025)

Marian Irene Kennedy was born on August 18, 1933, in her beloved Sagefield, the fifth of eight children born to the late William and Julia (Jeffers) Bratcher. She attended Dudley Corner Elementary through 7th grade and later continued her education at Kennard High School in Centreville.

From an early age, Marian's life was marked by service, devotion, and hard work. She lovingly helped care for her oldest brother, Stanford, as well as many nieces, nephews, and eventually her grandchildren. Whether picking tomatoes and beans or assisting family members, she was always working with a generous heart.

After the birth of her son, Neal, Marian moved to Trenton, New Jersey with her sister Emily and worked at Westinghouse Electric for seven years. On July 20, 1957, she married the love of her life, Howard R. Kennedy. Their union was blessed with two daughters—Tracy Lynn, born in 1963, and Lisa Ann, born in 1966, while the family was building their home in Sagefield.

Marian later worked at Leeds Travel Wear in Clayton, DE alongside her sister Sylvia and brother-in-law, Gene Wilmore, and then at General Foods in Dover, DE, where she retired in 1995.

A devoted woman of faith, Marian was first a member of Jeffer's Chapel before transferring her membership to St. Daniel's in Barclay, MD (now New

Hope). She served joyfully as an Usher and was well known for donating her delicious fried chicken, macaroni & cheese, and deviled eggs. She also graciously assisted Mrs. Elizabeth Foreman at Mt. Olive's Special Days, ushering alongside Mrs. Lillian Brown.

Marian deeply cherished her family reunions and gatherings, tending to her yard, hosting holiday dinners, and celebrating the milestones of her children and grandchildren. She was especially grateful for the blessing of helping raise her youngest grandson, Joshua, and caring for her grandbaby Zach three days a week for two years, including countless pick-ups and drop-offs at Kmart on Kent Island.

With unwavering strength granted by God, she faithfully cared for her beloved husband Howard and her daughter Tracy throughout their illnesses until their passing.

Marian was preceded in death by her parents, Willie and Julia Bratcher; her husband, Howard Kennedy; her daughter, Tracy Kennedy; her grandson, Travis DeWayne Kennedy; her brothers Stanford "Stan," Winfield "Winnie," Terrance "Terry," and George "Timmy" Bratcher; and her sisters Genevieve "Ginny" Potts and Emily "Emmie" Orr.

She leaves to cherish her memory her sisters Sylvia Wilmore and Nadine Pettyjohn; her devoted son Howard Neal (Maude) Kennedy Sr.; her beloved daughter Lisa Ann (Sherita) Kennedy; granddaughter Caroletta (William) Ryans and family; bonus-granddaughter Ices Barnett; grandsons Howard Neal (April) Kennedy Jr., Joshua Freeman, and Zach Langdon-Kennedy; bonus-grandson Londell Barnett; great-grands Raheim A. King, Erika E. Taylor (Logan), Mikayla J. Kennedy, and Josiah C. Freeman; great-great-grandson Travis Taylor; her dedicated sister-in-law Virginia Bratcher; special niece Emily Winchester; dear friends Beatrice "Tootsie" Wiggins, Jennifer Langdon, Sandra Wanamaker, Holly Paddy; Latanya Simms and Neveah Jones along with countless loving nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and her New Hope Church Family.

Marian expresses eternal gratitude to her "Caregiver Angels": her nurse Ellen

Rowland, and her loving nieces Vana Wilmore, Denise McGhee, Dionne Warrick, Shawkeya Johnson, Tasha Wynn, and friend, Davida Brown.

Her faith sustained her throughout her life, anchored in the scripture:

“My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.” – Psalm 73:26

She leaves these final words of love:

“I don’t think you know how much I loved all of you. I wish I could have given you more, but you were all first in my life. I had the best children in the world, and I had a good husband. We did not agree on everything, but we loved each other very much. I love all of you with all my heart.”

Praise the Lord, Hallelujah, I’m Free!

No more pain, no more worries.

With all her love,

Mom

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Marian’s name to the Sudlersville VFD, 203 N. Church St., Sudlersville, MD 21668.

Previous Events

Service

DEC **19**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Community Baptist Church
1422 Barclay Rd
Barclay, MD 21607-1221
(410) 438-3404

Tribute Wall

DW

“ *Doreen Walker lit a candle in memory of Marian Irene Kennedy*



Doreen Walker - December 19, 2025 at 09:56 PM

HJ

“ *Howard, Lisa and family we are sorry for your loss. Marion loved reading her Bible and when I would visit I made sure a read at least one scripture verse with her. She was well cared for and the family ensured that she stayed home.*

That's a privilege and special gift that your loved one was able to stay in familiar surroundings. You will be rewarded for your love, faithfulness and care that you gave to your dear loved one. ☐☐
Hosea & Grace Stripling

Hosea Stripling Jr - December 18, 2025 at 09:47 AM

CG

“ *We are so sorry for your loss, and offer our condolences to your family.*

*Sending Love and Prayers,
Andre' and Charlene Gould*

CHARLENE GOULD - December 17, 2025 at 08:17 PM

KK

“ Kai Kennard lit a candle in memory of Marian Irene Kennedy



Kai Kennard - December 11, 2025 at 10:36 AM

CW

“ Camille Wilmer lit a candle in memory of Marian Irene Kennedy



Camille Wilmer - December 11, 2025 at 10:35 AM

BD

“ Brenda Dodd lit a candle in memory of Marian Irene Kennedy



Brenda Dodd - December 11, 2025 at 07:18 AM

DB

“ Davida Brown lit a candle in memory of Marian Irene Kennedy



Davida Brown - December 10, 2025 at 12:45 PM

PE

“ Pettyjohns purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Marian Irene Kennedy.



Pettyjohns - December 09, 2025 at 09:13 PM

PE

“ Pettyjohns planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marian Irene Kennedy.

Pettyjohns - December 09, 2025 at 09:13 PM

S-

“ Mrs Marian will be missed by our entire Community her Loving Spirit shinned bright Praying for the families Joy season to come quickly
❤️🙏❤️ Senta Seals-Warren

Senta Seals -Warren - December 09, 2025 at 08:00 PM

EF

“ Eddie And Tina Moaney & Family lit a candle in memory of Marian Irene Kennedy



Eddie and Tina Moaney & Family - December 08, 2025 at 03:18 PM

MU

“ Marie Usilton lit a candle in memory of Marian Irene Kennedy



Marie Usilton - December 08, 2025 at 02:08 PM

RH

“ Sending Love & Prayers to the Kennedy Family Love Michael & Ranae Henry ❤️🙏

Ranae Henry - December 08, 2025 at 12:43 PM

JP

“ Janet Pauls lit a candle in memory of Marian Irene Kennedy



Janet Pauls - December 08, 2025 at 12:06 PM

LJ

“ Dear Family,
"PRECIOUS IN THE SIGHT OF THE LORD IS
THE DEATH OF HIS SAINTS."
(PSALM 116:15)
We Will Always Remember Mrs. Marian's
Kindness ❤️ Smile That She Shared!
Keeping Everyone In Our Daily Prayers And Thoughts. Cherish The
Fond Memories!
Blessings! Lorraine Jenkins ♡ Family (Philippians 4:13)



Lorraine Jenkins - December 07, 2025 at 08:05 PM

CB

“ Cheryl Butler lit a candle in memory of Marian Irene Kennedy



Cheryl Butler - December 05, 2025 at 09:18 PM

JS

“ James Munson Sr. lit a candle in memory of Marian Irene Kennedy



James Munson Sr. - December 05, 2025 at 08:39 PM

JS

Neal and Family May The Almighty Savior keep up and your Family in his comfort during this difficult times !!

James Munson Sr. - December 05, 2025 at 08:42 PM

AH

“ Alfreda Henry lit a candle in memory of Marian Irene Kennedy



Alfreda Henry - December 05, 2025 at 07:33 PM

VW

“ Vana Wilmore lit a candle in memory of
Marian Irene Kennedy



Vana Wilmore - December 05, 2025 at 06:30 PM

RS

“ Rhonda Sudler lit a candle in memory of
Marian Irene Kennedy



Rhonda Sudler - December 05, 2025 at 06:09 PM

JN

“ Joe & Jeannie Nickens lit a candle in memory
of Marian Irene Kennedy



Joe & Jeannie Nickens - December 05, 2025 at 05:51 PM

CR

“ Carolyn Rochester lit a candle in memory of
Marian Irene Kennedy



Carolyn Rochester - December 05, 2025 at 05:41 PM

SP

“ Sorry to hear of Ms.Marian’s passing. In my prayers. 🙏🙏

Sharon Perkins - December 05, 2025 at 05:34 PM