



Mrs. Mary Lou Lacey

April 21, 1928 - June 30, 2025

With great love and deep sorrow, we announce the passing of our beloved matriarch, Mary Lou Lacey who went home to be with the Lord at the age of 97.

A devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, she spent her life in faithful service to God and others. As the cherished wife of the late Rev. Racheo Lacey, she was not only a pastor's wife but a steadfast partner in ministry. Her gifted hands graced the piano in their church for many decades, filling the sanctuary with music that touched hearts and lifted spirits.

She lived her life as a quiet, powerful example of love in action. Whether through a warm meal from her garden, or a humble \$5 bill tucked into the hands of a grandchild at Christmas, she gave with unmatched generosity and a full heart. To her, giving was not just an act-it was a way of life.

She taught us the beauty of tending both gardens and family. Her home was full of warmth, laughter, and the aroma of homegrown food served with care at a table that always had room for one more. She showed us how to serve, how to love, and how to live for something greater than ourselves.

She leaves behind a legacy of music, grace, and unwavering faith-a melody that will echo in the hearts of all who knew her.

She is preceded in death by her beloved husband Rev. Racheo Lacey, parents Reuben and Mary Faulkner McGinnis, and her sister Helen Cochran. She is survived by Mary Jane Arnau, Jimmy E. Lacey, Dianne Moore and Phillip Lacey, seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren, and her sisters Nadine Seabolt, Malisse Cheek and Oneida Jackson who will carry forward the lessons and love she poured into our lives.

Her life was a song of praise, a garden of love, and a gift to all of us.

Funeral services will be at 2 PM, Saturday, July 5 at the chapel of Little-Ward Funeral Home with Rev. Guy Baker officiating. Interment will follow in Ridgeway Baptist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Saturday from 12 until 2 PM.

Little-Ward Funeral Home, Commerce is in charge of arrangements

Cemetery Details

Ridgeway Baptist Church Cemetery

942 E Ridgeway Road
Commerce, GA 30529

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 5. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Little-Ward Funeral Home
115 State Street
Commerce, GA 30529
(706) 335-3175
lwfh@windstream.net
<https://www.little-wardfuneralhome.com/>

Service

JUL 5. 2:00 PM (ET)

Chapel of Little-Ward Funeral Home
115 State St.
Commerce, GA 30529

Tribute Wall

TK

“ *Tiney Stowe and Karen purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mrs. Mary Lou Lacey.*



Tiney Stowe and Karen - July 04, 2025 at 10:44 AM

TK

“ *Tiney Stowe and Karen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Mary Lou Lacey.*

Tiney Stowe and Karen - July 04, 2025 at 10:44 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Lou Lacey.*



July 03, 2025 at 10:41 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Mary Lou Lacey.*

July 03, 2025 at 10:41 PM

RC

“ Randy and Cynthia Cochran purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mrs. Mary Lou Lacey.



Randy and Cynthia Cochran - July 03, 2025 at 03:42 PM

RT

“ Mrs. Lacey was the greatgrandmother of Kate Caudell-Thompson. Without Mary Lou Lacey there would be no Dianne Moore, no Misty Caudell, thus no Kate. What a powerful legacy she leaves on this earth. May she rest in eternal peace.

Rita Thompson
Kate's grandmother RahRah

Rita Thompson - July 03, 2025 at 03:33 PM

WG

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time. She was a beautiful lady inside and outside.

James & Jane Beck
Shawn & Wanda Greenway

Wanda Greenway - July 02, 2025 at 10:11 PM

DP

“ Our sincere Condolences to Mary Jane, Jimmy, Diane & Phillip . We will keep you all in our prayers. Your Mother was an important part of Bethany Baptist Church in Gainesville & what a faithful lady she was . What a sweet homecoming she is having with your Dad ❤️

Donnie & Carolyn (Harkins) Parks - July 02, 2025 at 06:50 PM

SE

“ *Sally Edwards lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Lou Lacey*



Sally Edwards - July 02, 2025 at 12:50 PM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Lou Lacey.*



July 02, 2025 at 10:18 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Mary Lou Lacey.*

July 02, 2025 at 10:18 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Lou Lacey.*



July 02, 2025 at 09:13 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Mary Lou Lacey.

July 02, 2025 at 09:13 AM



“ I love you Granny.



Amanda Lacey Slagle - July 01, 2025 at 11:30 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Lou Lacey.



July 01, 2025 at 11:21 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Mary Lou Lacey.

July 01, 2025 at 11:21 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Lou Lacey.



July 01, 2025 at 03:29 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Mary Lou Lacey.

July 01, 2025 at 03:29 PM



“ Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Lou Lacey.



July 01, 2025 at 03:10 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Mary Lou Lacey.

July 01, 2025 at 03:10 PM

UA

“ *UNITED FIELD TRIALERS ASSOCIATION purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Mrs. Mary Lou Lacey.*



UNITED FIELD TRIALERS ASSOCIATION - July 01, 2025 at 02:15 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Lou Lacey.*



July 01, 2025 at 12:56 PM