



## Mary Riles Pray

June 1, 1934 - February 6, 2020

A Celebration of Life will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, February 15, 2020 in First Baptist Church for Mary Riles Pray who passed away on February 6, 2020 at the age of 85.

Mary Pray was a resident of Lafayette for 67 years. She taught High School at Acadiana and Comeaux for 40 years. Mary was an active member of First Baptist Church since 1953. She was a member of the Laf. Parish Retired Teachers Assoc., Chez Amis Sorority, PEO, Hospice Volunteer for 7 years, Women on Mission Group, and her favorite was her Sunday School Class.

She is survived by her children, Valeri Pray Ronstadt, Deblyn Pray Ceeley and Steve Derrik Pray

And 8 Grandchildren whom she dearly loved, Vittoria Ronstadt, Elias Ronstadt, Mitchell Ronstadt, Tanner Pray, Kalen Pray, Andrea Ceeley, Beau Pray and Ava Pray.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, James Dwayne Pray and her son, Jeffory Dwayne Pray.

Visiting hours will be at Delhomme Funeral Home - Bertrand on Friday, February 14, 2020 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Visiting hours will continue at First Baptist Church - Downtown on Saturday, February 15, 2020 from 1:00 PM until the time of service. Please come and tell us funny stories and laugh with us as we celebrate her life.

Pallbearers will be her grandchildren.

Burial will take place in Fountain Memorial Gardens Mausoleum.

In lieu of flowers Mary request please make a donation to the First Baptist Church Library, PO Box 3888, Lafayette, LA 70502 because she loved to read, or Hospice of Acadiana, 2600 Johnston St, Lafayette, LA 70503.

Personal condolences may be sent to the Pray family at <http://www.delhommefuneralhome.com>.

Delhomme Funeral Home, 1011 Bertrand Drive, Lafayette, LA is in charge of funeral arrangements.

# Events

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**FEB**   **Visitation**   06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Delhomme Funeral Home

1011 Bertrand Drive, Lafayette, LA, US, 70506

# Comments

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“ An external video has been added.



**Delhomme Funeral Homes** - February 11, 2020 at 01:10 PM

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“ Our deepest sympathies to all the family. We always enjoyed our outings with Mary.

**Barbara & Steve Hawkins** - March 02, 2020 at 09:40 AM

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“ To the Pray Family, I am so sorry for your loss. I will forever be touched by Mrs. Mary's inspirational and compassionate heart and her zest for life. You are in our prayers.

**Shirley Jobe** - February 20, 2020 at 05:16 PM

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“ Condolences to the extended Pray family from the Martins. Mary was a wonderful lady and was my wife Narda's favorite teacher at Acadiana. She had a great world view and we always enjoyed her views. Her family and friends were so lucky to have her in their lives and we counted here as one of our favorite friends. We will include Mary and all her family in our prayers and she will always be remembered.

Phil Martin and family



**Phil Martin** - February 16, 2020 at 07:36 PM

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“ Condolences to Mary’s family. She was such a fun-loving, spirited and happy person with a zest for life. Rest In Peace Ms. Pray.

Janet Arsement - February 15, 2020 at 12:19 AM

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“ To the pray family! I am so sorry for your lost. My prayers are with you and your family! May the angel welcome her into heaven.  
Ms pray was my typing teacher at comeaux.



Collin robicheaux - February 14, 2020 at 04:27 PM

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“ Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Riles Pray.



February 13, 2020 at 08:42 PM

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“ I am praying for your family. This is a difficult time but you have wonderful memories of your mom as I do. She was always the one who had great joy and great humor. She was lovely and fun to be with. She will be dearly missed. I have a previous appointment Saturday so I will not be able to attend her celebration. But celebration it will be because she is with her Lord!  
Kay Davidson

Kay Davidson - February 13, 2020 at 01:38 PM

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“ VALERIE, DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ON YOUR MOTHER’S PASSING.

Cathy Jones Hernandez

Cathy Hernandez - February 12, 2020 at 04:57 PM

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“ Dear Val, Deblyn and Steve, BB, Sheree and Grandchildren and family Bob and I send all of Sympathy and Love to you. We are thinking and praying as you go through this hard farewell to your Mom, Mom-law and Gramma. Yes it is hard, such a vavaious full of life Gal. We were Thankful to see her at Avanti in Late Oct. had some talks briefly as she was able... When she was stronger she got out her posts on Facebook and we would exchanged thoughts. She spread lots of Love over the Years with her Jim. We were blessed to know her and family, since the late 70's.. She was dear to our Children. John and Cherstie; had her for a teacher. In Cherstie senior year, without a date, Steve step up to the plate and took her to Acadiana High Prom. Mom Mary cooked a wonderful dinner before,,,,.She was a vital part of our oil field life, so when we moved we kept our friendship, through cards , letters and phone calls. Mary, you were one of a kind. We laugh and cried with you. We will never forget you, Jim, Jeff and will keep in touch with your family, Till me with you on Gods. Heavenly shores.. The Bowie's Bob and Kathy



kathleen Bowie - February 11, 2020 at 05:36 PM

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“ I did not know Mary well, but all encounters I had with her were upbeat and about her love for the LORD, her church family, and her relatives. I had the privilege of visiting her a few weeks ago, and even after a lengthy illness, her vitality inspired me. She will be missed by many. God bless and comfort you. Joline Jones

Joline Jones - February 11, 2020 at 02:23 PM

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“ Sorry typo Mrs. Pray  
Not mrs Brie

Jarvis Pitre - February 11, 2020 at 11:27 AM

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“ Mrs Brie was a remarkable woman in a way she was like a mentor to me she always asked me did you do it jarvis and tell me do what is right she is also the mother of the greatest friend ever my best friends since six grade STEVE PRAY  
Love,  
Jarvis, Tammy, Cohn, Andrew, & Jonathan Pitre

Jarvis Pitre - February 11, 2020 at 11:25 AM

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“ I did not know Mary but I know her daughter Valerie. In reading over these condolences it sounds like she was a real character; someone you would enjoy knowing. My condolences to Valerie and the entire Pray family for their loss of this beautiful woman.

Polly Ward - February 11, 2020 at 10:00 AM

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“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Mary Riles Pray.



February 10, 2020 at 11:32 AM

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“ Living next door to Jim and Mary Pray was an adventure!!!! Got to know Mary so much more after Jim died. She was a funny, loving, and opinionated person with such excitement for life!!!! We laughed about who's grass needed cut more all the time and which one of our visitors parked on her grass. Almost 30 years of memories!! God Bless the family. We are in Texas now but know that our hearts are with you all as you send your mother off to a wonderful new eternal happiness!!!! Love you all.

Ron and Cindy Miller

**Cindy Miller** - February 09, 2020 at 09:41 AM

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“ A wonderful wonderful woman who will be so missed by everyone here on earth that she touched while at the same time being well welcomed in heaven with rejoicing.

**Charlotte Strickland** - February 08, 2020 at 12:01 PM

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“ Our condolences to Mary's family as you say farewell. May knowing she has gone to a place of such glory that we can not yet comprehend bring you comfort and peace. God bless you all.  
Rich and Joyce Gilley

**Rich and Joyce Gilley** - February 08, 2020 at 08:53 AM

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“ mrs pray was my teacher at comeaux high school...this makes me so sad...my thoughts and prayers go out to her family and loved ones...  
rhyana vallot savoy



**rhyana vallot savoy** - February 07, 2020 at 10:51 PM

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“ I met Mary only recently so I am sorry not to have known her better. My short acquaintance with her left me with the impression of a open and warm-hearted lady. I am so sorry for your loss.

**Marilyn Avet** - February 07, 2020 at 10:04 PM

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“ Your sisters of Chapter AT will miss you as you enter Chapter Eternal. Another angel to watch over us.



**Barbara Schwegmann** - February 07, 2020 at 09:51 PM

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“ My deepest sympathy to Mary's family. I'm so sad for your loss. Mary and I were classmates at Crowley High and re-connected at our 64th class reunion, and BFF's since. She was so passionate about life, the Lord, her family and friends. Truly a remarkable woman who made a difference.

Nancy Haley Le Blanc  
Dallas, GA

**Nancy Haley Le Blanc** - February 07, 2020 at 09:48 PM