



## Mary Ann Lester Spires

July 25, 1930 - February 13, 2024

Mary Ann (Lester) Spires, 93, of La Plata, Maryland, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at her home.

Born on July 25, 1930 in Clover, Virginia, she was the daughter of the late John Robert and Annie Lester. Mary was a devoted wife and proud mother of two daughters. She had two grandsons and six great grandchildren. Mary loved her family and enjoyed getting them all together. She had a great faith and was a member of the Good Samaritan Presbyterian Church in Waldorf, Maryland. In her early years, Mary worked as a bookkeeper and then became a full-time homemaker. She loved cooking, gardening, sewing, and had many arts and crafts hobbies.

In addition to her parents, Mary is preceded in death by her husband Loyd C. Spires; siblings Clara Lee Toombs, Lonnie Lester, Frank Lester, James Lester, J.B. Lester, and Ronnie Lester.

She is survived by her daughters Mary Diane Gandee, and her husband Larry, Patricia Perkins and her husband Robert; grandchildren Ken Murphy and his wife Heather, John Murphy and his wife Jessica; great grandchildren Kendall Murphy and her fiancée Trevor Eaton, Camden Murphy, Abbey Murphy, Aubrey Murphy, Reid Murphy, and Grant Murphy; sister Shirley and her husband Mickey Baugh; many other relatives and friends.

A visitation will be held on Friday, March 1, 2024 from 11AM until time of service at 1PM at the Raymond Funeral Service, P.A., 5635 Washington Avenue, La Plata, Maryland 20646 with the Reverend Mark Gaskill officiating. Interment will take place on Saturday, March 2, 2024 at the Halifax Memorial Gardens in South Boston, VA.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Good Samaritan Presbyterian Church, P. O. Box 925, Waldorf, Maryland 20604

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Chapel  
5635 Washington Ave.  
La Plata, MD  
business.office@raymondfuneral.com  
<http://www.raymondfuneralservice.com>

## Service

MAR 1. 1:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Chapel  
5635 Washington Ave.  
La Plata, MD  
business.office@raymondfuneral.com  
<http://www.raymondfuneralservice.com>

## Burial

MAR 2. 1:00 PM (ET)

Halifax Memorial Gardens  
3211 Halifax Rd  
South Boston, VA 24592

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Lester Spires.* ”



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February 28, 2024 at 11:58 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Lester Spires.* ”



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February 28, 2024 at 08:53 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Lester Spires.* ”



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February 28, 2024 at 08:43 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Lester Spires.* ”



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February 27, 2024 at 09:22 PM

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“ *Dear Diane and Patricia,  
It is with great sadness that I write. Your dear Mother, Mary, was a welcome and much loved member of our family for many years, since your Dad, Loyd, brought her home to South Carolina from Virginia as his bride. The whole Spires Clan loved her. Don't you think she is now showing St.Pete her tricks in putting together those jigsaw puzzles so quickly. Yes, she will be missed here on earth, but be happy that she is now in Heaven with Jesus, her Lord and Savior.  
My Love to you and all of Mary's fine family,  
Aunt Betty*

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**Betty S Smyrl** - February 27, 2024 at 12:02 PM