



Mary Elizabeth Baytops

January 22, 1931 - October 27, 2020

Mary Elizabeth Candia Baytops was born on January 22, 1931, in Westfield, New Jersey. She transitioned on October 27, 2020. She was born to Ruth and Howard Candia, but Mary along with some of her siblings was raised in Stevensville by their grandmother Lizzie Brooks. Mary's siblings are Catherine Lazier, Thelma "Sista" Gardner, Reitha O'Neal, and James Moore. Preceding her in death were Thomas Candia, Martha Davis (twin), and Doris Candia.

Mary received her early education in the schools of King and Queen, graduating from the King & Queen Training School in 1951. After graduation, Mary married James Larry Baytops in 1952. To this marriage were born five children- Larry, Ernest (Delva), Wayne (Cheryl), Bobby (Sheila), and Alicia. She has seven grandchildren Alexis Brown, Adrienne Paul, Devin Marrow, Brandon Baytops, Brandon Marrow, Brian Baytops, and Raven Baytops, and fourteen great-grandchildren. Mary also had many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

As a young woman, she was a member of a winning softball team. Later in life, Mary was a great cook, she was known for her homemade rolls, macaroni & cheese, corn puddings, cakes, and indescribable SWEET POTATOE PIES! She enjoyed raising houseplants, gardening, and arts and crafts. She found great joy in feeding her family and anyone who stopped by the house. She especially enjoyed the holidays. For a number of years, she was the

community Avon Lady. In addition to other work, Mary and her sisters also worked for a number of years at the Whitehall Camp in Walkerton.

At an early age, Mary was baptized and became an active member of Wayland Baptist Church. Before long, Mary became the church's pianist, a role in which she served for over forty years. In her role as pianist, Mary also shared her talents at Gethsemane Baptist Church and many other churches throughout the area. Many were so familiar with Mrs. Baytops at the piano and knew they could count on her to provide music unselfishly. One young musician in the area said of her "Mrs. Baytops is legendary' as a musician and her music was loved by many." At Wayland she was also on the Missionary Board and frequently sponsored programs to raise money for the church, she also served on the Homecoming Committee. During Mrs. Baytops leadership on the Homecoming Committee, Wayland was well known for its outdoor feasts on Homecoming Sundays. People came from near and far to participate because of the tasty food, welcoming spirit, and family like environment at Wayland. Her love and spirit will be missed by everyone in the community.

A graveside service will be held 1PM Friday, November 6, 2020 at Wayland Baptist Church, 10864 The Trail, Stevensville, VA 23161. A walk-through viewing will be held from 5pm – 7pm Thursday, November 5, 2020 at Vincent Funeral Home, 417 11th Street, West Point, VA 23181

Cemetery Details

Wayland Baptist Church

10864 The Trail
Stevensville, VA 23161

Previous Events

Walk Through Visitation

NOV 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Vincent Funeral Home, West Point Chapel
417 11th St
West Point, VA 23181
(804) 843-2550

Graveside Service

NOV 6. 1:00 PM (ET)

Wayland Baptist Church
10864 The Trail
Stevensville, VA 23161

Tribute Wall



“ *Tammy Nemish lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Baytops* ”



Tammy Nemish - November 12, 2020 at 07:04 PM

TN

“ To the Baytops Family,

I am writing this with a heavy heart and sending condolences to your family. I was saddened to hear that Mrs. Baytops had passed. When dad told me, all I could think of was her beautiful smile, beautiful heart and wonderful hugs we would share when I saw her. I've known Mrs. Baytops since I was five-years-old at Wayland Baptist Church when dad started his ministry there. I remember being in the youth choir and Mrs. Baytops leading Sunday school. One thing that I always remember her saying was "To thank GOD every day when you wake up, it only takes a second and to remember all that HE has done for you". I am so happy that I had the opportunity to let her know that she left an impression on me as a little girl and that I do thank GOD every morning when I wake up to this day.

Mrs. Baytops was always willing to help no matter what. Of course, her legendary piano playing. She would play for any person or choir who needed a pianist. When I think of your mom and all of her wonderful characteristics and attributes, I think of the Fruits of the Spirit and she embodied every single one of them: love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, kindness, goodness and faithfulness and self-control which she perfectly displayed probably when we were goofing off at youth choir practice many, many, many years ago 😊

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Please know that my love, thoughts and prayers are with your family and that Mrs. Baytops has a special place in my heart filled with loving memories . I know she will be incredibly missed but this beautiful woman of GOD will always be remembered. GOD bless you all.

*Love,
Tammy Carter-Nemish and Family*

Tammy Nemish - November 12, 2020 at 07:03 PM

AT

“ Larry, Ernie and Family,
The love and support of a mother can never be replaced, but I hope you find some strength and comfort, in the love of family and in the warm embrace of friends. There's no other love or relationship than with a mother. I met your mother many years ago and know that she was always spoken very highly of. I will keep you all in prayer. My deepest condolences.

Arlene C. Tyler
Hamilton-Holmes High School
Class of '69

Arlene CARTER Tyler - November 06, 2020 at 06:53 PM

IB

“ To the Baytops Family,
To my Classmate Bobby Baytops and Family. During this difficult time, I will keep you all in prayer and you all have my Deepest Condolences.

Classmate of " 77
Ivy Brodie

Ivy Brodie - November 06, 2020 at 04:35 PM

LJ

“ To the Baytops family. I am sorry I couldn't join 2day, miss Mary will be missed greatly at WBC. I know she's happy playing piano for the choir in heaven. I pray God's blessing for your broken hearts to heal from the pain but not to forget your loving mom, sister, grandma ❤️, etc. I love 💕❤️ you.

Lorraine A Johnson

Lorraine A. Johnson - November 06, 2020 at 10:12 AM

DM

“ *To Alicia and Family,*

May God grant you the strength and the peace that you need during this season of sorrow. Continuing to lift you in prayer.

Donna Mack-Tatum

Donna Mack-Tatum - November 06, 2020 at 07:09 AM

AJ

“ *Anthony Jones lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Baytops*



Anthony Jones - November 06, 2020 at 02:43 AM

CW

“ *Catherine White lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Baytops*



Catherine White - November 05, 2020 at 04:34 PM

JR

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during your time of bereavement. Mrs. Baytops was a beautiful, amazing woman of God and her presence will be greatly missed at Gethsemane Baptist Church.*

Juanita Roane

Juanita Roane - November 05, 2020 at 04:29 PM

MD

“ *Mr & Mrs Oris Drumgold lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Baytops*



Mr & Mrs Oris Drumgold - November 05, 2020 at 03:33 PM



“ *To Larry & Family,
Larry and I have been friends and trucking buddies for years. We are brothers. It has been wonderful knowing how close he and his mother were. It is with sincere respect and appreciation of Larry's friendship that my wife and I send our heartfelt condolences. Mrs. Mary Baytop is a blessed and strong spirited woman. It is with a humble heart I pray and ask that God comfort you and your family during this time of Bereavement. We live knowing that we will see our mothers, fathers, families, and friends again. Our Father in heaven makes no mistakes. To God be the Glory and Praise.
Peace and blessings,
Lonnie & Renata Jones*

Renata Jones - November 05, 2020 at 01:30 PM

RH

“ *Reginald& Pauline Holmes lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Baytops*



Reginald& Pauline Holmes - November 05, 2020 at 01:03 PM

DL

“ We are so sorry for your loss and our prayers are with the family at this time. 🙏🙏🙏 I will always remember her smile. I can hear my brother M saying here come Mrs. Bay. I guess they will be playing the piano together again in heaven.

Dolores and Arnold Lipscomb

Dolores Lipscomb - November 05, 2020 at 12:28 PM

JH

“ Our hearts are saddened to hear the homegoing of Mrs. Baytops. She did her work here on Earth and has now transitioned to her heavenly home. We are praying for comfort and strength for the family.

Sorrowfully submitted, William and Jerline Holmes and Family.

Jerline B Holmes - November 04, 2020 at 08:57 PM

DH

“ Mrs. Baytops was one so faithful in her work ,she played for our choir for years and I have never seen her upset,because I know we got on her nerves sometimes but she just keep on playing, she was the greatest and we loved her and respected, she will forever be missed, rest on mrs.b.they needed a piano player to play for that heavenly choir and God chose the best.Gone but never forgotten
Deacon Ruth Henley

Deacon Ruth Henley - November 04, 2020 at 07:11 PM

RE

“ Wow Ms Baytops was such a sweet lady always smiling and a awesome pianist she will be missed

reckalynn - November 04, 2020 at 05:03 PM

JB

“ So Sorry for you loss, your mother was a Beautiful person.



Jeanette Burrell - November 04, 2020 at 12:33 PM



“ Mrs Baytop was more than a piano players she was sparkle of light behind the keys. she was our guiding light at the piano and had a smile that would light up a room. I know she is in heaven playing a special tune with the members that have gone on before her. God blessed us with her for some many years and our heart hurts to know we will never look down and see her again. Just know that Gethsemene Baptist church will never be the same and we will miss our Ms. Bay. The Senior choir LOVES YOU and will miss and cherish the time we had with you. Family you know were just a call away if you need anything, our prayers and thoughts are with you.

Love with all our heart Gethsemene Senior Choir.



Barbara Mcphearson - November 04, 2020 at 09:16 AM

RC

“ It's so hard to say goodbye to yesterday! In the year, of 1976, Mrs. Mary Baytops became an entity in the life of my wife and I. In the years following, our friendship grew to the extent that we were like family. Her children, Larry, Ernest, Dwayne, Carrol and Alicia were like our children and our children were like hers. We worshipped together at Wayland and continued the fellowship later at Gethsemane. Not very many ministers can say that they had the same musician for 40+ years, but because of her dedication, I can. Never once in that time frame did she ever say that she was, tired or too busy to accompany me as I preached at various churches, area wide. Mrs. Baytops will live long in our memories as we reflect back over the years. My last and final request of Mrs. Baytops is that she will save a seat for me in Heaven.
Love you family and know that you are in our prayers.
Deacness Viola Carter
Pastor Reuben Carter

Rev. Dr. Reuben & Deaconess Viola Carter - November 03, 2020 at 06:46 PM

AH

“ Aileen (Lena) Edwards Harris lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Baytops



Aileen (Lena) Edwards Harris - November 03, 2020 at 06:36 PM

AH

I always remember Ms. Mary smiling when she saw me coming around. That made me feel good! I'll always remember your smile. Heaven has gained another beautiful Angel!

Aileen (Lena) Edwards Harris - November 03, 2020 at 06:40 PM

MC

“ To the family of Mary E. Baytops:
You have my deepest sympathy in the passing of your mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, cousin and friend. Being the daughter of your former pastor the late Rev. Dr. E. L. Jones, my siblings and I spent most of our early childhood at Wayland Baptist Church where we worshipped the Lord. Truly, Mrs. Baytops loved the Lord, her family and her church. She was a gifted pianist and a Christian woman. May the memory of your loved one give you comfort and her legacy live through you all." May God bless you and Heaven smile upon you."
Maxine Jones Cary

Maxine J Cary - November 03, 2020 at 05:57 PM

BL

“ A Mother Is With Us Always First In Her Lifetime, Then Forever In Our Memory. I will truly miss your music. RIP cousin.

Brenda Lee



Brenda D Lee - November 03, 2020 at 03:51 PM

CD

“ Carol Dabney lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Baytops



Carol Dabney - November 03, 2020 at 03:12 PM

KE

“ *Kathy Scott/ Classmate To Ernest lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Baytops*



Kathy Scott/ classmate to Ernest - November 03, 2020 at 02:35 PM

SG

“ *Mrs.B.. You will forever be loved and missed by many..You had touched the lives and hearts of MANY. Earth has truly lost and angel that has gone on home to receive her her golden crown. Larry and I truly enjoyed the times traveling to different churches with you and Bobby these memories I will hold dear to my heart. Mrs.B the work you done here speaks for you..
From Deacon Larry and Deaconess Sylvia Garlick. Gethsemane Baptist Church*

Sylvia Garlick - November 03, 2020 at 01:45 PM



“ *Pamela Lovett lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Baytops*



Pamela Lovett - November 03, 2020 at 10:57 AM



“ *Ms. Baytop you'll be missed may you rest in peace pamela lovett and family.*

Pamela Lovett - November 03, 2020 at 10:56 AM

LJ

Yes Miss Mary will be missed by many. We Thank you for all you have done. Now your works are speaking for. Lorraine Johnson Choir member of WBC.

Lorraine Johnson - November 03, 2020 at 12:02 PM

BS

“ *Betty Smith lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Baytops*



Betty Smith - November 03, 2020 at 08:27 AM

VD

“ *Vernice Davis lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Baytops*



Vernice Davis - November 03, 2020 at 08:00 AM

SG

“ *Sabrina Garnett lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Baytops*



Sabrina Garnett - November 03, 2020 at 07:57 AM

RJ

“ To The Family of Ms. Mary E. Baytops:

I have so many fond memories of Ms. Baytops and her family while attending The Wayland Baptist Church during the early to mid 60's. I was a little boy then when my dad, The late Rev. Dr. E. L. Jones served as the church pastor. As little children growing up in church, we always looked forward to seeing Ms. Baytops. She had a glowing personality and we just loved being around her. She played the piano and we enjoyed hearing the choir sang the old songs of Zion. Ms. Baytops played a huge impact upon our young lives. She brought Christ-like character to the church house. To the family, just know that one more child of God has landed on that Old Jordan Shore. There will be a meeting as well as a greeting again over there.

Rev. Roger M. Jones - November 03, 2020 at 07:33 AM

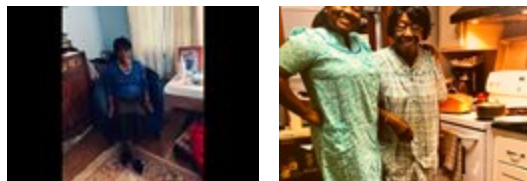
GH

“ *GranMary, as we affectionately called her, was a sweet and funny lady. Thank you for always loving on me & “your girls” (Bre and Najah) and thank you for just being you! We love you, may you rest in eternal peace.*

Gaynell Harvey - November 02, 2020 at 10:31 PM

RA

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Raven - November 02, 2020 at 03:17 PM

CD

“ It truly saddens my heart that Ms. B has passed on. She was such a wonderful person we will never forget her. She is now playing up in the sky for all those choir members that has went on before her. May God continue to bless and keep you during this time and always.



charlene davis - November 02, 2020 at 02:24 PM

FS

Prayers 🙏🙏 For The Baytop Family. Your Ma Always Had A Beautiful Smile. She Was Such A Loving Person I Will Miss Her So Much. 🙏🙏❤️

Francis Samuel - November 02, 2020 at 07:00 PM

RJ

To the Family of Mrs. Baytops. The scripture says in John 14:2 KJV, "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you." We have many fond memories of Mrs. Baytops and her dedication to the support ministry of Wayland Baptist Church. When my farther was the pastor of Wayland, I was yet a child. I remember Larry, Ernest and Wayne growing up as I did in Wayland church. Your mom could really play the piano. She was a true dedicated blessing to the church. May you always remember the legacy that she leaves behind and how her life truly impacted the church and its community.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney M. Jones, Sr.
Son and Daughter-in-Law of the late
Rev. Dr. Elmore Jones, former pastor

Rodney Jones - November 02, 2020 at 08:45 PM

SG

A wonderful, loving and beautiful friend left behind all of her earthly possession and answered to the calling of her heavenly father. Your work here on earth is done. I need you to play for the heavenly choir now. I can just imagine that beautiful smile that came across her face. For as long as I can remember, Mrs.B always loved playing the piano. Wayland will seeing you at that piano on 1st an 3rd Sundays. You play beautiful for that heavenly choir now, my friend. My memories of you will forever be in my heart. I will miss you dearly. Rest in eternal peace. Love you Mrs B.

Sabrina Garnett - November 03, 2020 at 07:50 AM

CW

“ *Sending deepest sympathy to the family of Mrs. Baytops. She will so much be missed . A beautiful lady has earned her heavenly wings. Rest in heavenly peace and play that heavenly piano.*

Charlotte Weeden - November 02, 2020 at 02:16 PM

BH

“ *We the R.S. Carter singers of Gethsemane Baptist Church offer our sincere sympathy to each of you. We will miss our piano player, who was like a second mother to us. God bless.*

Deacon Bona Harris

Bona Harris - November 02, 2020 at 01:05 PM

AB

“ My loving, kind, active, generous, sweet grandmother was Mary Elizabeth Candia Baytops. She was everything a grandmother should be and more. She showed us how to care for and take care of one another, how powerful God truly is, and how to be strong. I’m so grateful to have had her so long; she and my other grandmother Mildred Lawson (d. 2019) were two of my best friends; I could tell them anything. To say I will miss GraMary is an understatement; still can’t believe this has happened. My children are also so sad she’s transitioned. But we’ll see her again. GraMary, I love you.



Adrienne Baytops-Paul - November 02, 2020 at 12:34 PM