



Mrs. Mary Joyce Mixon Sullivan

September 12, 1949 - May 5, 2026

Mary Joyce Sullivan, 76, passed away on May 5, 2026. She was born on September 12, 1949, to Ethel and Harry James Mixon, Sr.

Mary was a devoted wife, loving mother, grandmother, and friend. She was a caring and steady presence in the lives of those who knew her. She had a special love for animals and found comfort and joy in caring for them.

She found happiness in simple, meaningful ways. Mary loved to read and watch movies, often enjoying quiet time with the stories she loved. She also spent time in her garden, tending to it with patience and care, taking quiet pride in the beauty she helped grow.

Music was an important part of her life. She loved singing in the choir, which brought her joy and a sense of connection. She enjoyed listening to music and dancing, whether with others or simply at home. Those moments reflected a lightness in her spirit that those around her will remember.

Mary also loved riding horses, something she had enjoyed since she was a little girl. It was a lifelong passion that brought her a sense of peace and freedom.

There was something special about Mary in the way she cared for others. She

paid attention, remembered the little things, and showed her love in simple yet meaningful ways. Her presence brought comfort, and she will be missed in the everyday moments of the lives she touched.

She is survived by her children, James Sullivan and his wife, Kim Sullivan; Laura Shoemake and her husband, Brian Shoemake; and Robert Sullivan and his wife, Tonda Freeman. She is also survived by her beloved grandchildren: Courtney Ghovens and her husband, Jesse Ghovens, along with their child, Ezra Ghovens; Tyler Freeman and his wife, Ashley Freeman; Conner Freeman and her daughter, Weslynn Howle; and Brandi Sullivan. In addition, she is survived by her sister, Renee Johnson, and her husband, Ron Johnson.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband, James Hoyt Sullivan; her parents, Ethel Mixon and Harry James Mixon, Sr.; and her brothers, David Mixon and Harry James Mixon, Jr.

She will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by all who knew her.

A memorial service to honor her life will be held at 4 o'clock on Monday, May 11, 2026, at Prospect Methodist Church, with The Rev. Lee Herndon officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service.

The Directors of Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home & Crematory are caring for the family.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 11. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Prospect Methodist Church
700 Prospect Church Rd
Hartsville, SC

Memorial Service

MAY 11. 4:00 PM (ET)

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700 Prospect Church Rd
Hartsville, SC

Tribute Wall

JB

“ *Jewel Bass lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Joyce Mixon Sullivan*



Jewel Bass - May 31 at 05:27 PM

JT

“ *JE Talbert lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Joyce Mixon Sullivan*



JE talbert - May 14 at 03:12 AM

WY

“ *Wilma Gainey Yarborough lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Joyce Mixon Sullivan*



Wilma Gainey Yarborough - May 13 at 04:34 PM

ST

“ *Sheila And Johnny Tolson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Joyce Mixon Sullivan*



Sheila and Johnny Tolson - May 12 at 08:16 AM



“ *Crystal Minnehan sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mary Joyce Mixon Sullivan*



Crystal Minnehan - May 11 at 11:17 PM

MG

“ *Marlene G Griggs lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Joyce Mixon Sullivan*



Marlene G Griggs - May 11 at 07:14 PM

ML

“ *RIP Mrs. Joyce Sullivan. I know your family will miss you greatly. May they find comfort in God's promises to be with those who mourn. God bless you all.*



Melissa Lloyd - May 11 at 01:06 PM

RW

“ *So sorry to hear about Joyce. Sending love and prayers.*



Robyn A Walters - May 10 at 07:41 PM

BW

“ *May God give you peace and comfort during this difficult time in your lives .*



Buck and Hettie Wilkerson - May 10 at 11:15 AM

WY

“ *Wilma Gainey Yarborough lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Joyce Mixon Sullivan*



Wilma Gainey Yarborough - May 10 at 02:11 AM

CB

“ *Carol Beasley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Joyce Mixon Sullivan*



carol beasley - May 09 at 10:32 PM

JR

“ *So very SORRY for your LOSS. PRAYERS sent to ALL. May GOD WRAP you ALL in his CLOAK OF COMFORT TODAY AND ALL THE DAY'S COMING*



Jan Ruple - May 09 at 04:47 PM

EC

“ Prayers for the family

Lenny and Elaine Carpenter



Elaine J Carpenter - May 08 at 09:46 PM

BW

“ Sorry for your loss



Barbie Wilks - May 08 at 06:10 PM

MH

“ *Martha Mixon Hall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Joyce Mixon Sullivan*



Martha Mixon Hall - May 08 at 04:01 PM

MJ

“ Sorry for your loss.



Michael Johnson - May 08 at 09:29 AM

PJ

“ *Paul Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Joyce Mixon Sullivan*



Paul Johnson - May 08 at 09:17 AM

LS

“ *Lucinda Stokes sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mary Joyce Mixon Sullivan*



Lucinda Stokes - May 07 at 08:16 PM

GW

“ *GAIL AND RANDY WILKES lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Joyce Mixon Sullivan*



GAIL AND RANDY WILKES - May 07 at 06:54 PM

IF

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. Praying for the Family.*



Ivy Flowers - May 07 at 01:29 PM

SP

“ Sara Purvis lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Mary Joyce Mixon Sullivan



Sara Purvis - May 07 at 12:50 PM

JH

Prayers for the family 🙏🙏 John and Brenda Horton

John Horton - May 07 at 01:19 PM

BD

“ I am sorry for the loss of Joyce prayers and
thoughts for the family



Betty Davis - May 07 at 12:37 PM

FG

“ Frances Griggs lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Mary Joyce Mixon Sullivan



Frances Griggs - May 07 at 11:46 AM

DM

“ Doug And Scarlett Mason lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Joyce Mixon Sullivan



Doug and Scarlett Mason - May 07 at 10:23 AM

CH

“ Christine Huggins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Joyce Mixon Sullivan



Christine Huggins - May 07 at 10:00 AM

JJ

“ John Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Joyce Mixon Sullivan



john johnson - May 07 at 09:00 AM

JG

“ Jewel Walters Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Joyce Mixon Sullivan



Jewel Walters Gibson - May 07 at 08:41 AM

RJ

“ Renee so sorry for your loss. You will be in my thoughts & prayers!



Regina Jones - May 07 at 08:22 AM

DG

“ Denise Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Joyce Mixon Sullivan



Denise Gilbert - May 07 at 07:49 AM



“ Crystal Minnehan sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mary Joyce Mixon Sullivan



Crystal Minnehan - May 07 at 07:24 AM

TA

“ Tony And lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Joyce Mixon Sullivan



Tony and - May 07 at 06:48 AM

LW

“ *Lou Ann Wilkes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Joyce Mixon Sullivan*



Lou Ann Wilkes - May 07 at 03:01 AM

JW

“ *Judy Walker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Joyce Mixon Sullivan*



judy walker - May 06 at 09:59 PM

GM

“ *My sister in love,*

Gloria Melton - May 06 at 09:41 PM

GK

“ *Gail Kimbrell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Joyce Mixon Sullivan*



Gail Kimbrell - May 06 at 09:21 PM

SC

“ *Susan Braddock Clemmons lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Joyce Mixon Sullivan*



Susan Braddock Clemmons - May 06 at 09:03 PM