



Mary Margaret McCARD

February 28, 1928 - January 25, 2021

Mary Margaret Bruce McCARD was the eldest daughter of Madison Odell Bruce and Lula Bell Riley Bruce.

She was born February 28, 1925 in Anderson County South Carolina. Mary received her early education in her hometown of Williamston, SC. When her father decided to move the family to Washington, DC., Mary continued her education. After graduating from District of Columbia Public High School, Mary began exploring job opportunities. Her eldest brother Franklin helped her get her first job working as a waitress at the Szechuan Gallery restaurant in Chinatown. After the United States entered World War II, Mary started working in one of the military arsenals in DC. Mary met her husband Edgar McCARD of fifty years on a blind date. They married and began their life together in New York City.

Mary juggled her responsibility as a wife and career woman. She enjoyed her jobs working as a seamstress and office receptionist, but she wanted to be her own boss and open an ice cream parlor. With the help of her husband and brother-in-law, Thomas Wooten, it came true. But after becoming a mother and full-time house wife, Mary sold her business. She devoted her time to her three children Deborah, Rhonda, and George. George would later die in infancy.

After George's death, Mary's sister, Alfreda Gunter encouraged her to move to Baltimore, Maryland. A year after the family moved to Baltimore, Mary's

second son Joseph Alvin McCard was born. Five years after Joseph's birth, Mary decided to pursue her life-long ambition of obtaining a college education. She passed her college entrance exams and was accepted at Morgan State University. Mary would often take Joseph to class with her. He was known as the youngest student on campus. Mary graduated with the class of '66 and received her bachelors of Science Degree in Elementary Education. She also received her Masters' Degree in Special Education from Coppin State University in 1980.

Mary's tenure in education began in the parochial schools teaching science to students at Saint Martin's Catholic High School. It was this time that Mary's second ambition of owning her own home became a reality. She would often be seen in the garden planting her favorite flowers; petunias, marigolds, and admiring her majestic "pink ladies". Because she liked special education and with the aid of the Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro Jr. Mary accepted a job with the

Baltimore City Public School System working in secondary education. She taught English, Math and Science in such schools as Paul Lawrence Dunbar, Joseph C. Briscoe, Forest Park High School and Frederick Douglass High School. Mary retired from Baltimore City School System May 1997. After retiring, Mary held a position, Supervisor of Teachers for Johns Hopkins University from September of 1997 to May of 2000. Teaching was her life and her colleagues Barbara Bundy, Cora Dungee, Lillian Holly and Dr. Wood were her treasured friends.

Mary was a loving wife, mother, and devoted teacher. She believed that learning is a lifelong process and that a good education is essential. She instilled that into her children and students. Her skill in teaching was appreciated by her students and colleagues alike. She received citations from Mayor Kirk Smoke and Donald Schaffer and Governor Schaffer for exceptional job performance, recognized by Who's Who in Education was part

of a select group of teachers invited to Cuba by Fidel Castro to view the country's school curriculum.

Mary will be remembered for the love she had for Jehovah, family, siblings, friends and her work. Surviving and mourning the loss are: daughters, Ms. Deborah Marie McCard, Ms. Rhonda McCard; son, Joseph Alvin McCard; sister-in-law, Mrs. Annette Swinney, Fort Washington, Maryland; five nephews, Paul Wooten, Benjamin Wooten, Franklin Bruce Jr., Maurice Bruce and Donnell Bruce; two nieces, Mrs. Denise Howard, Ms. Jacqueline Bruce, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Fort Lincoln Cemetery

3401 Bladensburg Rd
Brentwood, MD

Previous Events

Viewing

FEB 11. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center - Randallstown
5616 Old Court Rd
Windsor Mill, MD 21244
(410) 655-0110

Wake

FEB 12. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Mary Margaret McCard, Please Click the Link below.*



March Life Tribute Centers - February 11, 2021 at 11:00 AM

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“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

March Life Tribute Center (Randallstown) - May 14, 2021 at 10:09 AM

NH

“ *Neva Deneice (Bruce) Howard lit a candle in memory of Mary Margaret McCard*



Neva Deneice (Bruce) Howard - February 15, 2021 at 03:20 AM

JD

“ Ms McCard & my mom became friends on their journey to become educators at Morgan College over 60 years ago. Now they are 2 angels in Heaven we know by name.

Love always and in all ways,
Cora Dungee's Family
Joyce, Brenda and Rosilyn

Joyce D. - February 11, 2021 at 10:26 PM

SJ

“ Ms. McCard was a very nice person. She really touched my heart and will be deeply missed. My condolences go out to family. May she Rest In Peace.

Love, Sid Butts

Sid Butts Jr - February 11, 2021 at 06:30 PM

BL

“ Because We Care Assisted Living purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Mary Margaret McCard.



Because We Care Assisted Living - February 10, 2021 at 09:13 PM

DC

“ Dee Cooper lit a candle in memory of Mary Margaret McCard



Dee Cooper - February 09, 2021 at 10:21 AM

SB

Ms. MaCard was a Beautiful Soul!! She was immensely sincere, genuine & gentle person who always had solid & thoughtful words of encouragement for anyone! My condolences to the McCard Family. Please know that Ms. McCard was 1 Phenomenal Woman ❤️

*Sincerely,
Shelly Brown-Bundy*

Shelly Brown-Bundy - February 10, 2021 at 02:26 PM