



Dr. Mary A. Wesley

December 29, 1931 - May 18, 2026

Colvin Funeral Home & Crematory...announces this earthly transition of Dr. Mary A. Wesley, of Fayetteville, NC, who departed this life on Monday, May 18, 2026, at the age of 94. We extend our deepest condolences to the family and all that is connected. Services are entrusted to Colvin Funeral Home & Crematory of Fayetteville. Please keep this family in your prayers during their time of bereavement.

With hearts filled with love, gratitude, and cherished memories, we celebrate the life, love and legacy of Chief Mother, Dr. Mary Alice Wesley, a devoted servant of God whose faith, wisdom, and kindness touched generations. She lived her life anchored in the promises of God, and Romans 8:28 was more than her favorite scripture—it was the foundation upon which she walked through every season of life. Through joy and hardship alike, she trusted God's divine purpose and inspired others to do the same.

Chief Mother was born on December 29, 1931, in McDavid, Florida, to the late Annie Spillers and Benjamin Tolbert. She was a beacon of faith, wisdom, and love, whose life was a testament to her unwavering devotion to God and her family.

Her journey was marked by perseverance and an insatiable quest for knowledge. After beginning her education at Richardson High School in Lake

City, she earned her high school equivalency certificate in 1975, demonstrating her resilience and commitment to personal growth. She furthered her education at Knight's Beauty College, graduating in 1976 as a Cosmetology Instructor, and later achieved her dream of obtaining an Associate's Degree in Christian Education from Apex School of Theology in Durham, NC. In 2013, she proudly earned her Bachelor of Arts in Theology, an accomplishment that underscored her lifelong dedication to learning and spiritual leadership. Her passion for learning, devotion to the Word of God, and tireless commitment to spreading the Gospel earned her the distinguished honor of an Honorary Doctorate Degree in Theology.

Chief Mother Wesley married the late Presiding Bishop, Dr. John D. Wesley in Daytona Beach, FL, and together they raised a devoted family, blessed with four daughters and two sons. Her nurturing spirit and unwavering faith were constants in the lives of her children: Elder Carolyn Wesley, Fayetteville NC, Apostle Deborah Brown, Fayetteville, NC, Deacon John Wesley (Eleanor), Laurinburg, NC, Peggy Dorsey (Andrew), Colorado Springs, CO, Apostle Dr. Titus Wesley (Benita) Raeford, NC and Deaconess LaVondra Boyd (Calvin) Fayetteville, NC. Her legacy continues through her 17 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren, 8 great-great grandchildren who carry forward her values and teachings.

A revered evangelist and former pastor, Mother Wesley dedicated over 60 years to ministering both domestically and internationally. Her powerful sermons and revivals touched lives across the United States, from Florida to Virginia, and even reached as far as Germany, where she and Sergeant Wesley received a Chaplain's Appreciation Certificate in 1971 for their efforts in quelling racial unrest.

Chief Mother Wesley's compassion extended beyond the pulpit; her voluntary work earned her the Volunteer of the Year Award from McCain Correctional

Hospital in 1998. As the former First Lady of Bible Center One Accord Holiness Church, she was frequently honored for her teaching ability, outstanding commitment, and dedication to her community.

Predeceased by her parents, one daughter, four brothers, one sister, her beloved husband, Sr. Bishop, Dr. John D. Wesley, one grandson, Elder Leonardo Wesley and two great-grandsons, Mother Wesley leaves behind two nieces, Barbara Sullivan, Darien, GA, and Danielle Capehart, Killeen TX. Additionally, she leaves to cherish great nieces and nephews, cousins, loving relatives, friends, and countless Spiritual Sons and Daughters whose lives she enriched with her guidance and love.

As we bid farewell to a remarkable woman, we find comfort in knowing that Chief Mother Mary Wesley's spirit remains with us, her legacy of love, faith, and wisdom enduring in our hearts forever.

Previous Events

Viewing

MAY 27. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Bible Center Holiness Church
2330 Murchison Rd
Fayetteville, NC 28301-3518
(910) 822-4610

Funeral Service

MAY 27. 12:00 PM (ET)

Bible Center Holiness Church
2330 Murchison Road
Fayetteville, NC

Burial

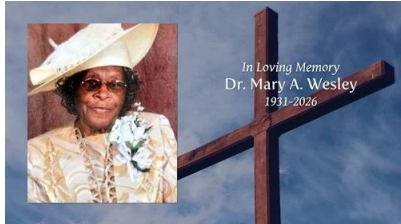
MAY 27 (ET)

Lafayette Memorial Park-WEST Cemetery
6701 Raeford Rd
Fayetteville, NC 28304

Tribute Wall



“ *Colvin Funeral Homes & Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Mary A. Wesley*



H. M. Colvin Funeral Home - June 08 at 11:23 AM



“ *To the family I had a brief encounter with Mother Wesley and she was a sweet and nice lady, who lived to sing those old churchie type of songs plus she truly loved her God. Blessed your sista in church.*

LaVonna Armstrong - June 05 at 11:11 AM



“ *My prayers and condolences go out to Apostle Wesley and the Wesley family, members, and friends. I just found out today, 6/3/26, about the transition of our dear Mother in the Gospel, Dr. Mary A. Wesley. I could not let this day go by without offering my condolences and prayers for you all. Another soldier took her flight rest in his presence, gone but shall never be forgotten. Dr. Joanie T. Greene, Christian Outreach Bible Institute, Fayetteville, NC.*

Bishop Joanie Greene - June 03 at 11:43 AM

CG

“ My deepest sympathy to the family, Mother was my mother when my mother passed away. She was a woman of God I will miss her dearly and my prayers continue for the family. She's smiling down on us all that shared her life down through the years. Sleep on Mother and take your rest. Thank you for your visitation.

clematine goodman - May 26 at 09:16 AM

EG

Pastor Wesley was more than a pastor she was an inspiration to everyone she met. I met her at IGA on Bragg Blvd in 2017. From that day until she closed her eyes she was always there for me with words of encouragement and we shared many talks that I will take to my grave. I will miss you mom. My deepest respect and condolences to the family that I love dearly. RIP MOTHER WESLEY

ELLEN M GIBSON - May 26 at 09:03 PM

LJ

“ La'Vonna Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Wesley



La'Vonna Johnson - May 26 at 01:43 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Mary A. Wesley.



May 25 at 09:34 PM

NC

“ *New Beginnings Christian Church purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. Mary A. Wesley.*



New Beginnings Christian Church - May 25 at 08:09 PM

PF

“ *Phyllis Jackson and Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Dr. Mary A. Wesley.*



Phyllis Jackson and Family - May 25 at 07:25 PM

DJ

“ *My prayers and condolences are with the family of Dr. Mary Wesley.*

Dec Malcolm and mother Mary Johnson - May 24 at 01:24 PM

CM

My prayers and condolences classmate Carolyn. Clara Evans McNeil

Clara Evans McNeil - May 27 at 09:13 PM

BS

“ *B Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Wesley*



B Smith - May 24 at 03:38 AM

EJ

“ To the Wesley family,

My heart is deeply saddened by the passing of such an incredible woman of God. I have known her for most of my life, and I can honestly say her impact on me and so many others will never be forgotten. She poured wisdom, love, strength, and faith into me during my teenage years and young adulthood in ways that helped shape the person I became.

She carried herself with grace, power, and compassion, always uplifting and encouraging those around her. Her life was a true reflection of God's love, and the countless lives she touched are a testament to the beautiful legacy she leaves behind.

Please know that I am praying for your family during this difficult time. May God surround you with peace, comfort, and strength, and may the memories of her love and faith continue to carry you forward.

*Dr. Evelyn Johnson-Taylor
Tampa, FL*

Evelyn Johnson-Taylor - May 23 at 06:32 PM

PC

“ *Pastor Leach & Lilly of the Valley Church purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dr. Mary A. Wesley.*



Pastor Leach & Lilly of the Valley Church - May 22 at 04:00 PM

CA

“ *Sending Prayers and Condolences to the Wesley family. Our hearts has an ache, a pain upon hearing about Mother Wesley's passing. We loved your Mother and Father. They were special to our family. We will miss Mother Wesley. We love you all!*
The Horne Family



Cathy H Andrews - May 22 at 10:16 AM

PK

“ *Today I send prayers and condolences to the Wesley family during this time of bereavement. I bow in reverence and honor as I remember this great woman of God who has been with us for 94 years and 5 months, Mother Mary Alice Wesley. One of the greatest evangelist during our lifetime who ministered to us, sang to us, and taught us spiritual and life skills. Mother Wesley touched the lives of her family and friends all over the world like no one else could. Because of this great woman of God thousands of souls were saved. For that reason, Evangelist Mother Wesley will be remembered long after May 27th is over. Although I am saddened by her homegoing, I celebrate her life and the service that she rendered that helped me to be the woman of God I am today.*
She Fought A Good Fight now she is resting in the Lord.
Elder Diane, Brother John, Apostle Annette, Sister Peggy, Apostle Titus, and Sister Lisa please know that I love each of you!



Pastor Annie Kelly - May 22 at 07:56 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Mary A. Wesley.*



May 21 at 03:15 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. Mary A Wesley.

May 21 at 03:15 PM



“ *Sending my heartfelt condolences and prayers to the family during this difficult time!*



Minister Jaquez Moody - May 20 at 05:09 PM



“ *Carolina Carolina Dobbins lit a candle in memory of Mary Wesley*



Carolina Carolina Dobbins - May 20 at 04:47 PM



Our prayers go out to the Wesley family Deacon Wilbert Smith and wife.

Annette Smith - May 21 at 09:56 PM