

Pallbearers

Jerion Hankins
Scott Mitchell
Markeith Royster

Reginald Hill
Michael Pye
Michael Sawyer

Remember Me with Smiles

Remember me with smiles not tears,
For all the joy through all the years.

Recall the closeness that was ours,
A love as "sweet" as fragrant
flowers.

Don't dwell on thoughts that cause
you pain,

We'll see each other once again.

I am at peace...try to believe,
It was my time...I had to leave.
But "what a view", I have from here,
I see your face, I feel you near,
I follow you throughout the day,
You're not alone along the way.
And when time calls you...you will
be ,
Right by my side...right here with
me.

Till then, I'll wait by heaven's door,
We'll be united...evermore

Floral Bearers

Family and Friends

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Ms. Mary Royster Hamilton, would like to thank each of you for your many expressions of love and kindness shown to us during the passing of our loved one. It is our prayer that the Lord blesses each of you in a very special way.

Celebration of Life In Loving Memory of

Ms. Mary Royster Hamilton



Saturday, January 17, 2026
1:00 p.m.

Leevy's Funeral Home Chapel
1831 Taylor Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Reverend Nicky Wilson
-Officiating-

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Obituary of

Ms. Mary Royster Hamilton

Ms. Mary Royster Hamilton was born on January 4, 1951, in Greenville, Mississippi, to the late Jesse Royster, Sr. and Ora Lizzie Taylor Royster. She was one of six children. On Sunday, January 11, 2026, Mary peacefully departed this earthly life.

Mary was educated in the public schools of Columbia, South Carolina, and was a proud graduate of C.A. Johnson High School, Class of 1969. Shortly thereafter, she married Mr. James Hamilton. From this union, they were blessed with three daughters and one son.

Known for her extensive vocabulary and straightforward nature, Mary never left anyone guessing about how she felt. Yet, beneath her candor was a generous and giving spirit. She would willingly give her last to help someone in need and firmly believed it was better to give than to receive. Mary treated everyone with dignity and respect, believing that the least among us deserved the same consideration as those in the highest positions.

At an early age, Mary accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior and remained a faithful prayer warrior throughout her life. She was an avid reader and she spent a number of years working as a dental assistant on Fort Jackson. Deeply family-oriented, Mary demonstrated her love for family in everything she did.

Ms. Hamilton was preceded in death by her parents, Jesse and Ora Royster; her brothers, Jesse Royster, Jr. and Thomas Royster; her sister, Virginia Miles; and her beloved grandson, Jaelen Josey.

Mary leaves to cherish her loving memory her four children: Beverly (Michael) Hamilton-Pye of Columbia, SC; Octavia (Jerion) Hamilton-Hankins of Columbia, SC; James Hamilton, Jr. of Columbia, SC; and Nicole (Michael) Hamilton-Sawyer of Piedmont, California. She is also survived by two sisters, Charlotte Royster and Brenda Gail Harmon, both of Columbia, SC; seven grandchildren, Je'Lisa (Michael) Dishmond, Sidney Hill, Reginald (Erial) Hill, Jasmine Hill, Taylor Hamilton-Hankins, Justin Dowdell, and Jacob Hamilton Hankins; nine great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. She also leaves to mourn her passing loving family friends, Xenia and Scott Mitchell and many other caring relatives and friends who will all miss her dearly.

Memories



A Service of Remembrance

- Musical Prelude.....Elder Anthony Stubbs
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Musical Selection.....“I Can Only Imagine”
Recording by: Tamela Mann
- Scripture Reading.....Psalm 23:1-6.....Ms. Taylor Hamilton-Hankins
Granddaughter
- Prayer.....Mr. Markeith Royster
Nephew
- Solo.....Mr. Benjamin Byrd
- Poem.....Ms. Je’Lisa Dishmond
Granddaughter
- Special Remarks.....Ms. Xenia Mitchell, Family Friend
Ms. Alfelia Carolina, Niece
Ms. Sidney Hill, Granddaughter
Mrs. Nicole Hamilton-Sawyer, Daughter
- Words of Comfort.....Reverend Nicky Wilson
- Recessional.....“Take Me To The King”
Recording by: Tamela Mann
- Postlude



**Committal, Benediction and
Interment**

**Woodlawn Cemetery
10216 Farrow Road
Blythewood, South Carolina**

