



## *"Footprints in the Sand"*

*One night I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord. Many scenes from my life flashed across the sky. In each scene I noticed footprints in the sand. Sometimes there were two sets of footprints, other times there were one set of footprints.*

*This bothered me because I noticed that during the low periods of my life, When I was suffering from anguish, sorrow, or defeat, I could see only one set of footprints.*

*So I said to the Lord, "You promised me Lord, that if I followed you, You would walk with me always. But I have noticed that during the most trying periods of my life, There have only been one set of footprints in the sand. Why, when I needed you most, you have not been there for me?"*

*The Lord replied,  
"The times when you have seen only one set of footprints,  
Is when I carried you."*



## *Celebrating the Life of*



## *Mary Evelyn Ezell*

*"Just remember, never give up on your dreams.  
I love you, Granny"*

# A Celebration of Life Service for Mary Evelyn Ezell

February 7, 1940 – September 19, 2024

## Officiating

Rev. Vanessa Lyons Clark

Harris Funeral Home, Abbeville Chapel  
Saturday, September 21, 2024 – 2:00PM

Prelude

Welcome and Opening Prayer Rev. Clark

Special Music "Amazing Grace"

Message Rev. Clark

Special Music "Victory in Jesus"

Last Call

Closing Prayer Rev. Clark

Postlude "Somewhere Over the Rainbow"

The family will receive friends immediately  
following the service.

## Obituary

Mary Evelyn Ezell, 84, of Abbeville, died Thursday, September 19, 2024, at her home surrounded by her family. She was born in Ware Shoals, to the late Joseph Capers and Janet Bolt Ezell.

An alumna of Taylors High School, Mary graduated in 1958, where she distinguished herself as an All-Star basketball player. Her prestigious 47-year career in law enforcement, serving both the city and county of Abbeville, is a testament to her unwavering commitment to her community. As the first policewoman in Abbeville County, she broke barriers and paved the way for future generations of women in law enforcement. Not only did she serve her local community with distinction, but she was also honored to work as a security guard during the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, Georgia. Mary enjoyed spending time at the beach. She also cherished her family and loved time spent with them, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who brought her immense joy and pride. Her legacy lives on through the memories shared by those who were fortunate enough to know her.

She was of the Catholic faith.

Mary is survived by her children, Janette Bridwell, George (Loretta) Rohlinger, Denise McCarthy, Roberta Williams and Joey 'Waldo' (Tiffany) Freese; eleven grandchildren, Chris McCarthy, Brittney (Jayla) Patterson, Heather (Jacob) Millmaker, Cassandra (Andy) McCarthy, Candace Williams, Chastity McCarthy, Brandon Parker, D.J. Freese, Olivia (C.J.) Lewis, Megan (Mudd) Summey and Jacob Rohlinger; seven great-grandchildren, Amber, Jacob, Tyler, Carson, Emma Miles and Jamie; brother, Eddie Ezell; and her beloved cat, Candy.

## Memorial Contributions

Hospice and Palliative Care of the Piedmont  
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