



## Mary Cordelia Cunningham

March 8, 1936 - March 12, 2019

Mary Cordelia Cunningham, age 83, of Dayton, passed away Tuesday evening March 12, 2019 at her home in Dayton. She was born on March 8, 1936 in Savannah, GA, the daughter of the late Cecil and Adelle (Norton) Coots. Mary was also preceded in death by her husband, Robert B. Cunningham, her siblings, Jerry Coots, William Coots and Louise Cope, and grandson Bobby Cunningham.

Mary moved regularly, her husband Robert was career military and served in the US Air Force. Since retiring, they moved to Spring City in 2000 and lived in Dayton since 2010. She was a Chattanooga High School graduate, a Chattanooga State Community College graduate and attended Erlanger School of Nursing. Mary was a Bookkeeper at Superior Building Maintenance, owned by her husband and her, and were also the owners of Special Occasions Flowers Shop in Harrison. While living in Spring City she was a member of the Bethel Baptist Church and a member of the New Union Baptist Church after moving to Dayton.

She is survived by her daughters, Mary "Gail" Basler of Dayton, Debra (Mark) Crubaugh of Spring City, Cheri (Mike) Zani of Rockwood; her son, Donald R. (Connie Norman) Cunningham of Spring City; 15 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; and brother Larry (Donna) Coots of Foley, AL.

Funeral services for Mary will be held Saturday at 12:00 noon in the funeral home chapel with Rev. William Beasley officiating. She will be laid to rest in Rhea Memory Gardens next to her husband Robert.

Please share your memories of Mary on her online guest register at [www.vanderwallfh.com](http://www.vanderwallfh.com).

The family is being cared for by the Vanderwall Funeral Home where they will receive friends Friday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

# Cemetery Details

## Rhea Memory Gardens

Hwy 27  
Dayton, TN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 15. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vanderwall Funeral Home  
164 Maple Street  
Dayton, TN

## Service

MAR 16. 12:00 PM (ET)

Vanderwall Funeral Home, Inc.  
164 Maple St.  
Dayton, TN 37321  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lisa Gay sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Cordelia Cunningham*



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**Lisa Gay** - January 14, 2020 at 11:19 AM



*I miss you and Uncle Bob so much, forever in my heart, I Love you.*

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**Lisa Gay** - January 14, 2020 at 11:21 AM

GF

“ *Please accept my family’s sincere condolences on the loss of your dear loved one Mrs. Cunningham. May you find comfort in fond memories of her, and hope in God’s assured promise to shortly awaken those asleep in death to perfect health and conditions under his new earthly government.*

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**Greene Family** - March 20, 2019 at 03:13 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Cordelia Cunningham.*



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March 15, 2019 at 02:35 PM

JC

“ *JoEtta Cunningham purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mary Cordelia Cunningham.*



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**JoEtta Cunningham** - March 14, 2019 at 06:19 PM

GK

“ Gloria & Oran Bain, Carol & Dean Kechely purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mary Cordelia Cunningham.



Gloria & Oran Bain, Carol & Dean Kechely - March 14, 2019 at 10:48 AM

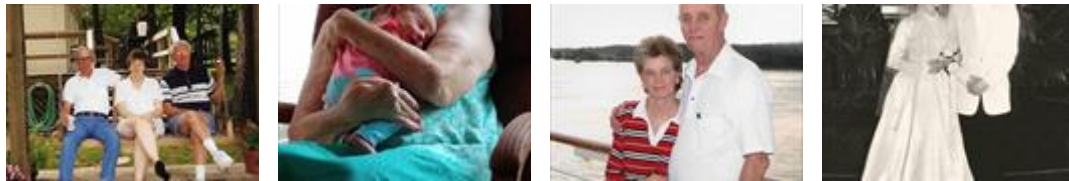
DM

“ I am so sorry in the loss of your mother. I am her cousin , daughter of Broadus Norton. I connected with Mary on fb and started playing the Word game with her. Since my Daddy's death in 1956 , we loss contact with our Norton cousins. I am so glad Mary and I connected again. Right away I felt a connection to her. I will miss her on fb and my word game. God Bless You All 🙏💔

Diane (Norton) McClung - March 14, 2019 at 09:47 AM

DE

“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



Deb - March 14, 2019 at 06:52 AM

GB

“ Gail, I am so sorry for your loss. Oran and I will be praying for you as you transition to Mom not being there with you. It is never easy.  
Sincerely,  
Gloria Bain (Donna's niece)

Gloria Bain - March 13, 2019 at 09:47 PM

RH

“ So sorry for you loss. Mary was a beautiful lady both inside and out. A noble lady and matriarch who I was privileged to cross paths with. I will remember her smile and quiet elegance fondly.

Rebecca Hicks - March 13, 2019 at 08:50 PM

LG

“ LISA GAY sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Cordelia Cunningham



LISA GAY - March 13, 2019 at 08:18 PM

LG

“ My Aunt Mary has always been one of the most loving women I know, she loved me miss her for the rest of my days,, RIP Aunt Mary, give Uncle Bob a big hug and kiss

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LISA GAY - March 13, 2019 at 08:17 PM

PC

“ my heart is broken over losing my precious "SIS". what a special lady she was and I loved her more than words can express. Her journey is now over and she is resting in the arms of our precious Savior (Jesus Christ), never to hurt or suffer anymore. I am sure all her loved ones welcomed her home with open arms. RIP Mary and we will be reunited again soon. I love you, ALWAYS HAVE, ALWAYS WILL!!!

pat coots

Patricia Coots - March 13, 2019 at 06:45 PM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Cordelia Cunningham.



March 13, 2019 at 06:31 PM



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Vanderwall Funeral Home, Inc. - March 13, 2019 at 03:25 PM