CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY

Mary Alice Bush

ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional — led by Pastor Travis Rush

Last Glance and Final Closure

Selection — Mr. Walter Pope

Prayer — Pastor Travis Rush or Appointee

Scripture — Pastor Travis Rush or Appointee

Reflections | limit 2 minutes
Open to Family and Friends

Selection — Mr. Kayjuan Jones

Eulogy — Pastor Travis Rush
Spring Creek Baptist Church

Acknowledgements and Presentation of the Family Bible — Barnum Staff

Recessional

Please turn all cell phones and electronic devices off or to silent mode during the services. Thank you.

The family will receive friends for the repast in the annex of Zion Hope Baptist Church.

She is Just Away

I cannot say, and I will not say
that she is dead. She is just away!
With a cheery smile, and a wave of the hand,
she has wandered into an unknown land,
and left us dreaming how very fair
it needs must be, since she lingers there.
And you – O you, who the wildest yearn
for the old-time step and the glad return,
think of her faring on, as dear
in the love of There as the love of Here;
And loyal still, as she gave the blows
of her warrior-strength to her country's foes.
Mild and gentle, as she was brave,
when the sweetest love of her life she gave
to simple things: where the violets grew
blue as the eyes they were likened to,
the touches of her hands have strayed
as reverently as her lips have prayed:
when the little brown thrush that harshly chirred
was dear to her as the mocking-bird;
and she pitied as much as a woman in pain
a writhing honey-bee wet with rain.
Think of her still as the same, I say:
She is not dead – she is just away!

EARTHLY PLACE OF REST
Israel Cemetery | Highway 19 South, Americus, GA 31719

Pallbearers

Christopher Thornton — Kayjuan Jones
Charles Peavy — Kymothy Hadley
Orlando Ward — Ramon Webb

Flower Attendants

Friends of the Family

Our Sincere Thanks

We are extremely grateful to you for all expressions of love, words of encouragement, services rendered beyond the the call of duty and the joy you've shared to enlighten us during the time of illness and our bereavement.

The Family

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Barnum Funeral Home, Inc.
217 Ashby Street, Americus, Georgia 31709
www.barnumfuneralhome.com | (229) 924-2958

ESCORT COURTESY:
Americus Police Department | Sumter County Sheriff's Office

The Beautiful
ESSENCE *of*



Mary Alice Bush

Sunrise: April 22, 1956 — Sunset: October 8, 2026

Services

Saturday, October 24, 2026 | 2:30 p.m.
Zion Hope Baptist Church
1681 US Highway 19 South, Americus, Georgia 31719

Eulogist | Pastor Travis Rush
Spring Creek Baptist Church, Americus, GA

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OBITUARY

A Life Remembered, A Love That Lives Forever
Mary Alice Bush was born on April 22, 1956, in Americus, Sumter County, Georgia, to the late Willie James Mann and the late Catherine Bush. On October 8, 2026, she departed this earthly life, leaving behind a family who loved her dearly and memories that will forever hold a special place in their hearts.

Mary Alice's life was a story of family, faith, perseverance, learning, work, and the everyday joys that made her uniquely herself. Although her earthly journey has ended, the love she shared and the legacy she leaves behind will continue through the generations of family who were blessed to know her.

Education and Professional Journey
Mary Alice received her early education in Americus, Georgia, and graduated from Americus High School. After graduation, she continued her educational journey at Georgia Southwestern College in Americus, where she pursued studies in business.

Later in life, Mary Alice continued to invest in herself and her future by attending Anthem College in Atlanta, Georgia, where she earned a degree in medical billing and coding. She also pursued additional training in the fields of insurance and business.

Throughout her working years, Mary Alice held various positions in hospitality and housekeeping. Her employment included Days Inn, the Windsor Hotel, King's Inn, the Westin, Hyatt Place, and Radisson. Each chapter of her professional journey was part of the life she built through her work, experiences, and the relationships she formed along the way.

Her Faith and Spiritual Journey
Mary Alice began her spiritual journey at Big Bethel Baptist Church of Americus, Georgia, where she was baptized. Later in life, she became a member of Westside Community C.M.E. Church in Atlanta, Georgia.

Her church journey was an important part of her life's story. As her family reflects on her life, they can find comfort in their faith, in God's promises, and in the hope that love continues beyond this earthly life.

The Things She Loved
Mary Alice found happiness in the simple pleasures of everyday life. She loved cooking and enjoyed tending to her flowers, watching them grow and bloom. She also loved shopping, especially online, where she could browse for the things that caught her eye.

Watching her beloved Westerns every day was another favorite pastime, something she looked forward to as part of her daily routine. Mary Alice also enjoyed keeping up with current events and staying informed about what was happening in the world.

These familiar interests were a special part of who she was, and her family will remember the routines, conversations, and little moments that became meaningful memories.

Those Who Preceded Her in Death
Mary Alice was preceded in death by her beloved daughter, Jacinta Devonna Bush Arnold; her dear brother, Charles Bush; and her dear niece, Valencia Clemons-Bush.

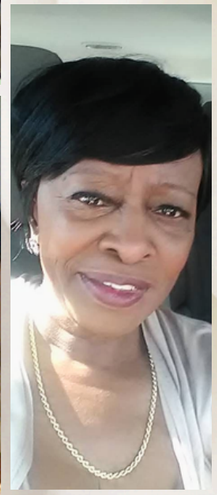
Their memories remain a treasured part of her family's story. Though their absence brings sorrow, the love shared among family members does not end with death.





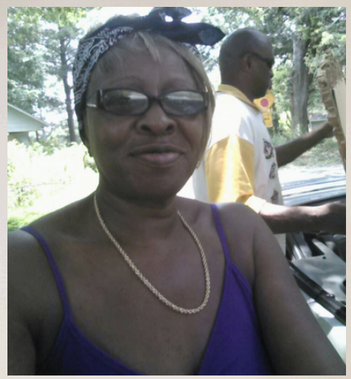
















"Her children arise and call her blessed."

Proverbs 31:28

Her Family, Her Pride, Her Legacy
Mary Alice leaves to cherish her memory her beloved surviving daughter, Demetria Thornton; her seven grandchildren: Christopher Thornton, Kayjuan (Kashanna) Jones, Kiara Marks, Tamyra Marks, Deondra Thornton, Aaliyah Bush and Tenia Bush; her eleven great-grandchildren: A'Nya Hill, Zoey Thornton, Rhiley Hill, Zyaire Thornton, Cincere Thornton, Kasyn Marks, Kennedy Thornton, Anaya Garrett, Major Marks, Cassidy Bush, and Ameri Bush.

She also leaves her beloved siblings: Anthony (Pamela) Bush, Victor Mann, James L. Mann, Julia Pearl Sims, Barbara (Alfred) Dowdell, Brenda Mann, Linda (Charlie) Gardner, Jackie Green, Jamba Maat, and Carolyn (Walter) Green.

A host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends will also cherish the memories they shared with her and the special place she held in their lives.

A Lasting Legacy of Love
Mary Alice Bush's life cannot be measured only by dates, accomplishments, or the places where she worked and worshipped. Her story is also found in the personal moments, the things she enjoyed, the family ties she treasured, and the memories that will continue to bring smiles and tears to the hearts of those who loved her.

As her family navigates life without her physical presence, may they find comfort in one another, strength in their faith, and peace in the memories they will always carry. Though she will be deeply missed, Mary Alice will never be forgotten. Her life mattered, her story deserves to be told, and her legacy will continue through the family she leaves behind.

Rest peacefully, Mary Alice. Your life was a gift, your memory is a blessing, and your love will forever remain in the hearts of those who knew you.

Forever loved. Always remembered. Never forgotten.