



## Ms. Mary Louise Downs

August 3, 1957 - March 14, 2025

On August 3, 1957, Mary Louise Downs stepped into purpose. Born to the late Nancy Downs and Risteen Bell, Mary grew up in Lebanon, Kentucky and graduated from Marion County High. She moved to Lexington and had her daughter, Chaconna, when she was 22. She obtained an associates degree in fashion merchandising from the KY College of Business.

Mary served as an Administrative Specialist at Wyatt Tarrant & Combs Law firm for many years before briefly moving to Savannah, GA. Upon her return, she began working for the Lexington-Fayette County Urban Government's Division of Engineering. She served our community for almost 20 years and revered her coworkers as family. Mary also shared her radiant smile and infectious joy while serving as a hostess at the Hilton.

An ordained Elder in the church, Mary had a heart for God and loved bringing people to Christ. In 2014, she helped launch Loved Right Ministries, an outreach and servant leadership ministry, and took over when her daughter moved to Florida. She loved praising God with her FaithPointe Church family. In 2023, God put Mary on assignment to help her brother bring Spirit of Joy Christian Church to Lexington.

Mary was a proud mama and loved to travel to Florida to spend time with her daughter. She loved to eat good food, and "chew," as she would say, cheer on

the Wildcats, watch Family Feud, and spend time with her family. She was a fashionista with a million dollar smile, a word of encouragement on her lips, and high heels on her feet. She was affectionately nicknamed "Boss Lady" by Apostle Garfield Curlin.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, Many Downs and Risteen Bell and her sister Carol Downs.

She is survived by her only daughter, Chaconna Downs; siblings, Larry Downs, Bishop Joseph (Lady Belzora) Scott, Min. Dewayne (Kim) Downs, Gary Downs, Bobby Downs, Ann Bell, and Bobby (Kelly) Bell. She leaves behind a host of treasured nieces, nephews, and beloved family, work family and many special friends including Charles Porter, Jr., Linda Calhoun, Stephanie Searcy, Vince May, and Joyce Gray.

# Previous Events

## Family Gathering

MAR 28. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

FaithPointe  
549 Parkside Drive  
Lexington, KY 40511

## Memorial Service

MAR 28. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

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