

In Loving Memory of

Mary Nell Riggins Pegues

Sunrise
September 27, 1957

Sunset
November 2, 2011

Home Going Service

Wednesday, November 9, 2011 - 2:00 p.m.

CAPTAIN LINNETTE GALLIMORE

THE SALVATION ARMY

168 Brookdale • Newark, New Jersey

Obituary

On September 27, 1957 in Dothan, Alabama, God blessed Martha and Willie Riggins with a precious gift and they called her *Mary Nell Riggins*. Mary was known as MayNell, Ma, Balloon, Head, Pocketbook, Nana, Big Baby, Ms. Mary, Godmother and Sister.

Mary Nell Riggins was a graduate of South Side High School (Malcolm X Shabazz) in Newark, New Jersey. Mary's diverse work experience culminated with her employment with the Newark Public Schools; where she retired after twelve years due to her illness.



Mary Nell had a beautiful smile that was complemented by her loving heart. For ten years *Mary* was a faithful and dedicated member of the Salvation Army Church. Her kindness spoke through her service. She was a Senior Soldier, a cook for the soup kitchen and a drug rehabilitation counselor. There is no doubt that Mary touched the lives of hundreds.

MayNell's kindness would touch your heart and her food would warm your soul. Mary was one of the world's best cooks. When Mary cooked it seemed like twenty-five people would show up to eat; and somehow, she would always have enough for everyone.

Mary was cool. Mary was fun. Mary was full of life and full of love. You could always talk to her. She loved her family and she loved people. She was a sincere person who was always willing to lend a hand. But don't be mistaken. She always spoke her mind and you always knew how she felt about you.

Mary Nell married her longtime sweet heart, James Pegues. She leaves to cherish her precious memories: her parents, Willie and Martha Riggins; her husband, James and their six children, Terrance Riggins (Tiffany) of Snellville, Georgia, Ernest Riggins (Katrina) of Newark, NJ, Sharmilla Carters (Larry) of Duluth, Georgia, James (Naja), Shaheem (Kalela), Jahilah (Al-Jahaade) of Newark, NJ and Stephanie of Columbus, S. Carolina; ten grandchildren, Daija, Ahmad, Armone, Zacoyah, Ahzeen, Asad, Bria, Aziz, Semaj and Al-Jahaade, Jr; her brother, Willie Riggins, Jr. (Tonya); her four sisters, Martha Jones, Regina Rhodes (Tarris), Elizabeth Riggins and Jennifer Cherry (Rajjim); and a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces, cousins and friends.



Early Wednesday morning, November 2, 2011, *Mary Nell Riggins Pegues* fell asleep. "...all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again."(Eccl 3:20b)

Order of Service

Prayer

Scripture Reading

Song/Selection

**Reflections of
Family and Friends**

**Obituary and
Acknowledgements**

Eulogy

Captain Vangerl Dupigny

Benediction



Interment

November 10, 2011 - 11:00 a.m.

Evergreen Cemetery

Hillside, New Jersey

Repast

The Salvation Army

430 Main Street

East Orange, New Jersey

Mom

*"I have to remind myself that some birds aren't meant to be caged. Their feathers are just too bright. And when they fly away, the part of you that knows it was a sin to lock them up does **REJOICE**.*

Still, the place you live in is that much more drab and empty that they're gone. I guess I just miss my friend." Shawshank Redemption

We the family will always cherish and remember the love Mary shared with everyone. She was a wife, daughter, mother, sister, aunt, niece, cousin, and friend.



Aunt Mary

*Today I heard the news that broke my heart.
That no longer in my life would you be apart.
So many things that I would have liked to said.*

So many painful memories flood my head

Saying I miss you would do no justice

I would rather have you back

Here amongst us so I can hear your voice

But unfortunately that's no longer my choice

Your smile and your laugh are what I choose to remember

Even at the thought now I can't help to whimper

But there would be a day I'll see you again

My family, My Aunt, My Friend

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to express their appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them in their times of sorrow.

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