



## Mrs. Mary Mays Justice

November 30, 1920 - December 17, 2020

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Mays Justice, 100, of Henderson, will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, December 21, 2020, at Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. David Higgs and Rev. Don Edmiston officiating. Interment will follow under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home. Visitation will be one hour before the service.

Mary Mays Justice went to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on Thursday, December 17, 2020 – just a few weeks after celebrating her 100th birthday. Mary was born on November 30, 1920 in New Salem, Texas to Vernon B. and Ethel McMillien Mays. She graduated from Henderson High School in 1938.

Mary loved to tell stories of growing up in New Salem with her 4 younger siblings, Billy, Dutch, Rebecca, and Ann. For 100 years, she never let there be any doubt who was the oldest child. After high school, Mary attended Lon Morris College and then went to work for GTE Telephone Company in Henderson. In 1942, she moved to Arkansas to work for War Assets. The move to Arkansas proved to be a good one.

In 1944, Mary met Ralph Justice at a prayer meeting at Emanuel Baptist Church in Little Rock. They were married on November 16, 1946. They settled in Pine Bluff, Arkansas in 1950, where they would live and Mary would work

for the State of Arkansas for the next 29 years. Mary and Ralph were faithful members of “First Church” Pine Bluff – evidently the word “Baptist” was unnecessary. After 33 wonderful years, the Lord took Ralph home. Ever the servant, Mary moved back to Henderson to care for “Mama Mays” in 1980 and never left.

Mary loved her Lord, “First Church” (Pine Bluff and Henderson), her family, and her friends. Her spirit, memory, and occasional finger-waggle were legendary. Mary never had children of her own, but that didn’t stop her from having a profound influence in the lives of her nieces and nephews.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Ralph E. Justice; her brother, James W. (“Billy”) Mays; her sisters: Bennie Ruth (“Dutch”) Monzingo, Rebecca Byrd Risinger, and Ann Mays Hollingsworth. Survivors include: Mary Fullen (David), Arthur Monzingo (Christine), Cheryl Monzingo Adams (Tommy), Vernon Monzingo, James W. Mays, Jr. (Susan), Kay Mays, and Karen Ytterberg (Alan), and a host of great nieces and nephews, family and friends. Thanks to the staff at Brookdale-Henderson for their loving care these last few years.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at [www.crawfordacrim.com](http://www.crawfordacrim.com).

# Cemetery Details

## New Salem Cemetery

CR 4258 D  
New Salem, TX 75652

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **21**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home  
1414 S. Main St  
Henderson, TX 75654

## Service

DEC **21**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

PB

“ MY DEAREST FRIEND,  
I WILL NEVER FORGET OUR TALKS WE HAD WHILE I WAS AT  
MRS CHRISTINE NUTTS HOUSE AND OUR CONTINUED  
FRIENDSHIP MANY YEARS LATER I REMEMBER ONE TALK WE  
HAD ME WHY YOU WERE STILL HERE I SAID FOR ME I SAID  
YOU WILL BE HERE WHEN JESUS RETURNS YOU ALMOST  
MADE IT WAIT TILL R AND R CHRISTOPHER YOU ARE A  
HUNDRED WELL MY FRIEND I HOPE I LIVE TO BE HALF THE  
LADY YOU WERE GRACIOUS KIND UNCOMPLAINING ALWAYS  
SMILING AND ALWAYS UPLIFTING FROM PAM  
BYNUMLONGVIEW TX

pam bynum - July 22, 2021 at 03:19 AM

BF

“ Mrs Justice was such a staple in my and my mothers life. they  
worked together for many years at ESD. I just happend to do a  
search and found this. Today is Aamon Baker ( former music  
director at First in PB). My prayers are with you. I love Mrs Mary

betty funkhouser - December 31, 2020 at 10:01 AM

SB

“ Staci Bryan lit a candle in memory of Mrs.  
Mary Mays Justice



Staci Bryan - December 27, 2020 at 02:04 PM

DC

“ Oh Ms. Mary. The most kind, loving lady ever. You will be missed here but your destination is clear to me that you have seen your Savior and you are so happy.

*Our deepest sympathies to those nieces and nephews you have and loved.*

*DAVID & KATHY CHAPMAN*

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**David & Kathy Chapman** - December 23, 2020 at 11:16 AM

MS

“ *Monica & Bob Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Mays Justice*



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**Monica & Bob Sanders** - December 20, 2020 at 07:05 PM

MT

“ *Mike & Delores Toon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Mays Justice*



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**Mike & Delores Toon** - December 20, 2020 at 05:21 PM

MM

“ *Mike And Debbie Mason lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Mays Justice*



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**mike and debbie mason** - December 20, 2020 at 07:41 AM

RE

“ Robert & Dianne Everitt lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Mays Justice



Robert & Dianne Everitt - December 19, 2020 at 09:40 PM

RS

“ Rhonda Stanfield lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Mays Justice



Rhonda Stanfield - December 19, 2020 at 06:52 PM

SM

“ Mary always remembered our anniversary. No matter what was going on, there was a card in our mailbox. I also so appreciated when Trey was at LeTourneau, how Mary opened her home to him during big tests or papers he had to write. Her house was quiet and welcoming and he could get his work done away from dorm-life. And she never failed to take him to dinner when he stayed with her. She never asked or expected anything in return. There is a special place in my heart for Mary. I wish I'd known Ralph. I believe I only met him once when Jay and I were dating, but felt that they were probably two of a kind. I rejoice that she is healed and most likely getting some good visiting in, in her new home in heaven. See you one day, Mary! ❤️

Susan Mays - December 19, 2020 at 05:02 PM

KC

“ *Mary Justice will be missed, such a special lady.* ”



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**Kristy Campbell** - December 19, 2020 at 04:25 PM

ED

“ *Elaine Davis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Mays Justice* ”



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**Elaine Davis** - December 19, 2020 at 03:02 PM

JW

“ *Jane G. Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Mays Justice* ”



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**Jane G. Williams** - December 19, 2020 at 02:19 PM

RD

“ *I'm so glad to be able to share the last years of your life with you, glamour girl! i love you!* ”

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**Rachel Dessecker** - December 19, 2020 at 01:51 PM

AR

“ *Colby, Amy, Ava, and Libby Rockey*



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**Amy Rockey** - December 19, 2020 at 01:42 PM

DN

“ *Mary has always been a special lady. Think of her so msny times. Prayers for you*



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**Debra Nichols** - December 19, 2020 at 01:33 PM

MM

“ *Prayers to Mary's family during this time of loss. Milton and Sharla McGee*



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**Milton and Sharla McGee** - December 19, 2020 at 01:33 PM



“ *Mary was a delightful lady. My Mother traveled with her a number of time She always looked forward to spending those times with Mary. Such a sweet lady.*

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**Jeannette Ludwig** - December 19, 2020 at 12:34 PM

JC

“ *Mary was such a lovely and caring Christian lady. I am so glad that I got to know her better through the Brookdale Sunday school class. Her sweet smile will be greatly missed.*

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**Jean Colley** - December 19, 2020 at 12:02 PM

JW

“ *Mary was such a sweet lady and a great friend to my Mother through the years. She will be missed.*



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**Janet Williams** - December 19, 2020 at 10:22 AM

TC

“ *Mrs Mary was one of the kindest person I have ever met. Always a smile and a kind word !! She will be greatly missed !! Prayers for the family. Know that she left a legacy behind and y'all will see her again one day !!*



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**Tony and Anita Cavaliere** - December 19, 2020 at 09:48 AM

AL

“ *I know this is for the best but my heart is broken. Coming home to Henderson will not be the same without Mary being there. She was a dear friend and will be missed by everyone.*



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**Ann Lemon** - December 19, 2020 at 09:33 AM

LT

“*Mary was a precious Lady,I so enjoyed doing her hair while she was able to still get out and come to the salon.Talked with her on the phone a few weeks ago on her birthday,it was so good to hear her voice.She will be missed by so many.*

**Liz Thrasher** - December 19, 2020 at 08:40 AM

BF

“*Mrs Mary was a beautiful lady I never forget every Christmas her and mrs Peggy would come to McDonalds to bring us a gift we love her and she will truly be missed rip in heaven mrs Mary we luv u*



**brian freaney** - December 18, 2020 at 11:52 PM

JW

“*Janette Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mary Mays Justice*



**Janette Williams** - December 18, 2020 at 11:43 PM

JW

“*I will miss Mary very much, but I am very happy for her. She was my cousin and my friend and my Christian sister.*  
*Janette Williams*

**Janette Williams** - December 18, 2020 at 11:35 PM

PB

“ *Special lady in my books! She would visit me often at FBC when I worked there. We had some great conversations. Loved her dearly. I will miss her greatly.*  
*Pat Blevins*

Pat Blevins - December 18, 2020 at 08:53 PM

MP

“ *Mildred & Sue Plummer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Mays Justice*



Mildred & Sue Plummer - December 18, 2020 at 06:56 PM



“ *I so enjoyed having Mrs. Justice in my Sunday a school class at Brookdale. I am glad she and Mrs. Monzingo got to spend time together there. They were both delightful ladies. Mrs. Justice was a great influence for her Lord until the very end.*  
*Cathy Hooper*

Cathy Hooper - December 18, 2020 at 06:28 PM

LB

“ *Liz Buckner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Mays Justice*



Liz Buckner - December 18, 2020 at 06:26 PM

LS

“ *Linda Simmons lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Mays Justice*



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**Linda Simmons** - December 18, 2020 at 05:41 PM

DA

“ *Donna J Aaron lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Mays Justice*



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**Donna J Aaron** - December 18, 2020 at 03:27 PM

MS

“ *Mary was truly one of the loveliest women I have ever known. It was always a pleasure to see her as well as a blessing to be in her presence. She held herself in dignity accompanied with humility and Christian principles. Our loss, but her gain.*  
*Margaret Sumrall*



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**Margaret Sumrall** - December 18, 2020 at 03:09 PM