



## Mrs. Mary Etta Moore McCourry Dykes

May 2, 1923 - April 18, 2018

Mrs. Mary Etta Moore McCourry Dykes, 94, of Sylvester died Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at Pine Shadow Retirement Manor.

The funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, April 21, 2018 at First Baptist Church Sylvester with interment to follow in the Hillcrest Cemetery. Rev. Donnie Duncan will officiate.

Mrs. Dykes was born on May 2, 1923 in Wakulla County, FL to the late Johnny Mae and Mary Ethel Smith Moore. She moved to Worth County with her family when she was 12. Mrs. Dykes spent her life working and serving others. She retired from Sylvester Healthcare where she assisted patients as a Social Worker. Mrs. Dykes had many joys in life but her greatest love was her family. She also enjoyed children of all ages, playing Bridge and dancing. Mrs. Dykes was a faithful member of First Baptist Church where her love of children lead her to serve as a worker in the church nursery.

Survivors include her sons, Johnny A. Dykes of Sylvester and Mark Dykes of Jacksonville, FL; daughter, Donna King (Davis, Sr.) of Sylvester; grandchildren, Ashley King Shepard, Davis King, Jr., Rachel Giddens, Austin Dykes, Garrison Dykes and Flynt Dykes; great-grandchildren, Kingsley Shepard, Molly Shepard, Elly King, Davis King, III and Charlie Giddens, along with a number of extended family members and friends.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Dykes was preceded in death by a brother, Charles M. Moore on December 16, 2004.

The family will receive friends on Saturday from 10:00 AM until the Service

Hour at First Baptist Church Sylvester.

Please sign our online guest registry at [www.banksfh.com](http://www.banksfh.com).

Banks Funeral Home in Sylvester is in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Mary Etta Moore McCourry Dykes*

January 28, 2023 at 12:53 PM



“ *MARY ETTA was one of the "GREAT BEAUTIES" born in the 1920's. How very appropriate that GOD Chose Mary Etta to be a part of THE GREATEST GENERATION. She was one of the "Precious Gems" of this MOST SPECIAL GENERATION. She/They "Welcomed in" the GOLDEN ERA OF FILMS....and--THE BIG BAND ERA. There will Never Be another GENERATION like them. THEY fought and WON WORLD WAR II. To have been the Children of Mary Etta---and THE GREATEST GENERATION is not to be taken lightly. Donna, Johnny and Mark---myself---and millions of others---are deeply THANKFUL TO GOD for His allowing US to be THEIR children. It is Our "CHARGE" to Lift the "BANNER HIGH" on behalf of THE GREATEST GENERATION...because WE have been PRIVILEGED to be THEIR CHILDREN. WE also Must "Take A Stand" in our Generation for the FREEDOM that THEY FOUGHT FOR---AND MANY DIED FOR (600,000 Americans.) WE can do No Less.....It is all a part of HONORING OUR MOTHERS AND OUR FATHERS. WE carry THEIR BLOOD inside of us... WE must "PRESS ON" just as THEY "PRESSED ON"---THEY PREVAILED---and SO MUST WE. IN LOVING MEMORY OF MARY ETTA MOORE MCCOURRY DYKES. I have known her and Adored her since I was a young child. She has Always been one of my Most Favorite People throughout my entire lifetime. SHE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED. Her laughter was "infectious"---and Always made me feel good all over!!! Our LORD's sweet Peace and Comfort to this Dear Family Now and in the days to come. In the Precious and Holy Name of JESUS THE CHRIST. Amen Most sincerely, Marsha Carol Watson Gandy*

Marsha Carol Watson Gandy - May 14, 2018 at 01:54 PM

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“ Donna, I am sorry to hear about your mother. I have very fond memories of her from school.. She was truly a sweet lady!

Donna Broadway (Odom) - May 14, 2018 at 01:54 PM

KL

“ Mark, I'm so sorry to hear about your Mama!! I enjoyed helping do her hair at Pine Shadows, she was so sweet and full of life and Loved to talk about you, especially when she learned we graduated together..she loved talking about Johnny and Donna too and all those Grandbabies!!!! She will be missed, Again, so Sorry for your loss!!!! My prayers are with ya'll!!!!!!!!!!!!

Kimberly Littleton - May 14, 2018 at 01:54 PM

DJ

“ Mark, Johnny and Donna, my heart is broken to hear of your Moms passing. I loved Mary Etta, she was ALWAYS one of the friendliest, sweetest ladies I ever knew. Mark, I have so many good memories of her when we were in high school....she always made me smile. Thinking of you all, I love your family and all of you so much-Del

Del Jones - May 14, 2018 at 01:54 PM

JH

“ Donna, so sorry for this great loss for you and your family. Mary Etta was a beautiful lady with a loving personality. My heart and prayers are with you. Judy Hancock

Judy F Hancock - May 14, 2018 at 01:54 PM

GS

“ *I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Mrs. Mary Etta. She always had a smile and was a wonderful sweet lady. Our prayers and loving thoughts are with you.*

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**Gerry Sutton** - May 14, 2018 at 01:54 PM