

*Pall Bearers*  
Family and Friends

*Flower Attendants*  
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## *Acknowledgements*

The family of Mary Lou Leaphart wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to them during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!

~ The Family ~



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## *The Broken Chain*

*We little knew the day that  
God was going to call your name.  
In life we loved you dearly,  
In death we do the same.*

*It broke our hearts to lose you  
But you didn't go alone.  
For part of us went with you  
The day God called you home.*

*You left us peaceful memories.  
Your love is still our guide,  
And though we cannot see you  
You are always at our side.*

*Our family chain is broken  
and nothing seems the same,  
but as God calls us one by one  
the chain will link again.*



*In Loving Memory  
Mary Lou Leaphart*

January 6, 1947 ~ December 28, 2022



*Funeral Service  
Friday, January 6, 2023  
~ 11:00 AM ~*

*New Hope Church of God  
1738 Fairview Road  
Stockbridge, Georgia 30281*

*Bishop Richard Leaphart  
Officiating*

## Obituary

*On the evening of December 28, 2022, God made His way to Hampton, Georgia to pick up our beloved Angel Mary Lou Leaphart. Mary was born in Bunnlevel, North Carolina on January 6, 1947 to the late Atlas and Venna Williams, and was the eldest of her 5 siblings: Lucille, Brenda, Diane, Clayton and Terry.*

*Mary graduated from Harnett County High School, and went on to attend Fayetteville State College where she studied Business Administration. Shortly after her time in college, she went to Fort Bragg where she worked at the Hospital Dining Facility. It was there in 1966 that she met her beloved husband and partner in life Herman Allison Leaphart. A year later, they were married, and they have since reveled in the experience of 55 years of marriage. Mary has a combined total of 25+ years of Federal Service and retired in 2016.*

*Mary was a formidable lover and warrior of God. Both Mary and Al made sure to establish a solid, unshakeable foundation of God to build their family upon. A beautiful seed they made sure to cultivate into all their children that would continue to be passed down through generations. Mary was the epitome of class. One thing you could count on for sure is that she would make sure she looked good every day. She was an entrepreneur who was seemingly always years ahead of her time. She loved to travel and she has impacted a multitude of people across the world throughout her years. Mary lived well, but above all, she loved well. She was an embodiment of God's love right here on Earth that we all got to experience. Love was etched into everything she said and did...right down to her legendary German Chocolate Cake. She exemplified many facets of this love such as grace, kindness, and forgiveness, and she would extend that to all: family, friend, and stranger. Mary's life, love, and the impact she has had will continue on through the legacy she has left behind.*

*Mary was preceded in death by her parents Atlas and Venna Williams, and her siblings Terry Dion, Rudolph Clayton Williams, and Lucille Williams. She will be dearly remembered by her husband Herman Allison Leaphart and her two sisters Brenda and Dianne. She leaves her memories with step-son Greg Evans and her children Anthony and his wife Nancy, Kelvin and*

his wife Tiffany, Timothy, Marsha and her husband Richard, and Christopher and his wife Brianna. She leaves 20 grandchildren Elijah, Roger, Nicole, Asha, Tia, Kelvin Jr., Eboni, Malaki, Zoe, Alexis, Markus, Deandre, Chloe, Grace, Gabriella, Nora, Lyla, Richard Jr., Keylan, and Christopher Jr. Her legacy continues further with 12 great-grandchildren and 2 more on the way.



# If Roses Grow in Heaven

*By Dolores M. Garcia*

*If roses grow in heaven,  
Lord please pick a bunch for me,  
Place them in my Mother's arms  
and tell her they're from me.  
Tell her I love her and miss her,  
and when she turns to smile,  
place a kiss upon her cheek  
and hold her for awhile.  
Because remembering her is easy,  
I do it every day,  
but there's an ache within my heart  
that will never go away.*

# Order of Service

## *Prelude*

## *Processional*

### *Scripture Reading :*

*Old Testament . . . . Bishop Mayme D. Carthen  
New Testament . . . Dr. William H. Walker Jr.*

## Prayer

*Remarks (2 minutes please)*

### *Obituary (read silently)*

*Poem from Children* . . . . . *Kelvin Leaphart*

*Eulogy* *Bishop Richard Leaphart*

## *Acknowledgements*

## *Interment*

*Fairview Memorial Gardens  
164 Fairview Road  
Stockbridge, Georgia 30281*