



*Mary Grace Haller*

**Nov. 7, 1946 - April 15, 2025**

Mary Grace Haller, 78, of Morganton, NC, passed away Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

Born in Connecticut on November 7, 1946, she was the daughter of the late Elmer Tottenham and Grace Andrews Tottenham.

Mary was an involved member of Praise Assembly of God in Glen Alpine. In 1995, she moved to Glen Alpine from California with her family, and she owned and operated the Glen Alpine Depot from 1998 until 2014. Mary was a people-person who enjoyed talking and taking care of people. She loved Jesus, her family, friends and drinking coffee.

Mary is survived by her children, Justin Haller (fiance, Mary) and Becky Georges (Dusty); step-children, Jon Haller and Jeff Haller; grandchildren, Skylar Georges and Lawson Georges; siblings, Melissa Drozd (Gary) and James Tottenham (Terry); sister-in-law, Charlotte, Rita, and Lanita Tottenham; many nieces and nephews; and the father of her children, Jim Haller.

In addition to her parents, Mary was preceded in death by a sister, Jill Drown; brothers, Jack, Joel, Jeffrey, and Peter Tottenham; and a niece, Teresa Sievers.

The family will receive friends from 12 to 1 p.m., Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at Praise Assembly of God. The funeral will follow at 1 p.m. in the church with Pastor Kevin Crawford officiating.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Visitation

April 22, 2025

noon - 1 p.m.

Praise Assembly of God

Service

April 22, 2025

1 p.m.

Praise Assembly of God

Committal

N/A

# Tribute Wall

I just heard of Mary's passing and am so heart broken. Mary was such a dear sweet lady and someone I would call my friend. I first met Mary when I started going to the Depot restaurant where my mother Donna Hudson worked the checkout. I would go there almost every morning after dropping my son off at school. Mary loved people and she came by to see my mom in the nursing home after she suffered a severe stroke. She would pray with me on numerous occasions. I remember two distinctly when she stand with me in the middle of a gym that we both attended. Praying for my mother and my husband and again, not long before she passed we ran into each other at the Depot restaurant which was being run by someone different but we were both there having breakfast and I was telling her about a niece that was diagnosed with colorectal cancer and she just stood there with me and we prayed for her right then and there in the middle of that restaurant. It is memories I will forever cherish. I wished I could tell Mary that my niece is in remission but I'm sure she already knows. My mom was a big coffee drinker too and I'd like to think that they're sharing a cup of coffee in heaven. My prayers go out to her family.

—Kristi Mace



I just learned of Mary's passing. When we moved to the lake in 2002, our builder told us to try The Depot. We went and became regular breakfast customers. It was like Cheers except no drinking! As newcomers, we enjoyed the small town atmosphere and friendliness. The oatmeal and the vegetable omelettes were the best I ever ate. Behind it all

was Mary who kept it going with good staff and food. She was always there welcoming customers. We send our sympathy to her children, her grandchildren and her church family.

—Janie and Steve Matthews

Ron and I loved Mary, we were always excited to see her..Ron grew close to Mary during his work rehabbing the depot...we took all our kids and grandkids there to eat, she was always so beautiful..we are sorry for your loss.

—Elizabeth P Smith

To Mary - A Bright Light in Our Midst It has been a rare privilege to have known Mary since third grade-some 69 years ago. Our friendship, unique in my life, cast a bright light on my life- always a source of perpetual good spirit and positive support. All through our school years, we walked home together, talking and singing and sharing. We laughed when we ended up at Mary's driveway and kept on, sitting on the stone wall, and old Mrs. Kerr yelling at us, "Get up ! You're going to get piles!" We didn't get up! We sang together in our school chorus for four years, as well as in the church choir for Sunday Mass, with Mary's sweet voice next to me, singing the Ave Maria. Mary's mother, Grace, always had a ready smile, laughing often as she raised her eight children. Mary was fifth- born, and all her siblings were beautiful and handsome, with Mary and older sister, Jill, and younger sister, Melissa, looking at you with smiling faces you always wanted to stay with you. Over the years, I experienced Mary 's letters and support, and we'd visit when we could, but we never missed each other's birthdays- including April 6 th of this year! Mary shared her wisdom, experiences of lovingly providing for her stepsons, and her Becky and Justin, of whom she was so proud . Mary raved to me about her granddaughter, Skylar and grandson, as well as her son in law, who treated her like his mother. Above all, at whatever she engaged herself in, Mary worked hard and put her heart into the challenge and succeeded. She cared for us, and acted on her love and friendship. Mary's loving spirit will go on and stay with us forever. With much gratitude-love always Mary Dettv

with us forever. With much gratitude-love always, Mary, Fatty

—Pat Smalec Wohlford

You will be missed. Love you always in my heart. I will see you again in our heavenly home. You will always be a light of the Lord in my heart and eyes. Thank you for being in my life .

—Valerie



I am so sorry for your loss!! I loved Mary and saw her almost every day when I worked at Clinic Drug!! She will be missed!! Love and prayers to you all!!

—Lynne Mould

Mary was SUCH a good woman. I was shocked to see this although I hadn't seen her in years. The Depot was a God-send to GA and Mary was always so nice and ran it so well. She only met my elderly mother a few times in the restaurant until my mom's health got to where my brother and I would often go in for her for takeout, but Mary ALWAYS asked about her and recalled all the foods she liked and even how she liked them cooked. I was SO impressed with her caring and empathy. To the family-sorry for your loss-she was a good lady.

—David Kiser



Love you guys. So very sorry for your loss. Glad Ms Mary is in a better place with her Saviour. Remember all the good times and know she's looking down sending you love still.

—Tammie Williams



—Mercy Hope



To Mary's family ,there are no words to say how my heart hurts .. Mary was one of my very best friends .. I spent many days just setting at the Depot enjoying time talking and wrapping silverware and other lil things to just help her ..she worked very hard every day .. I can say one things with confidence that I know for sure where she is now .. I love you Mary and Thanks to the Father in heaven for memories I have storied away ....Joann-Riddle

—Joann Riddle



—The King Family!

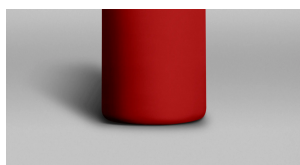


I miss you my precious friend! I loved you like a sister. I know where you are and it won't be long till we see you again

—Shelia Mays



You were the light of my life Mimmie. I'll spend the rest of my life missing you -Sky



my life missing you -Sky

—Skylar Georges



I'll miss you forever my beautiful Mimmie

—Skylar Georges

—Sherri McGimsey



I am so deeply sorry for your loss. Your mother was a wonderful person who touched the lives of many. May you find strength and solace in the memories you shared together.

—JUDY MURRELL

Such a beautiful godly woman, heaven definitely gained an angel that will truly be missed here on earth! Rest easy sweet lady!!

—Jayda Twitty

A very special lady and friend while I was at Clinic Drug that was above the Depot. Our prayers are with the family. We will be out of town for the visitation and funeral but our hearts will be with each of you!

—John Bennett

I am so sorry to hear of her passing. She will be missed.

—Linda Michaels



—Brittney Ruddy



So sorry, Prayers for the family. We Loved Mary, A Special Friend she was.

—Carolyn White & Robert J. White