



## Marie Emma (Balazs) Knight

March 13, 2024

Marie Emma (Balazs) Knight, went home to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, after a brief illness.

Marie was born on November 15, 1929, in Kanawha City, West Virginia, the fifth daughter of Carl and Emma Heintz. She worked in various vocations having most recently retired from the West Virginia State Tax Department after 25 years of loyal service. During her early tenure with the Tax Department, Marie was instrumental in developing the department's Main File data processing system. She later transferred to the property Tax Division, contributing to that division's success prior to her retirement.

Marie was a devout Christian, attending Saint Francis, Maranatha Fellowship and Grace Life Churches; and was most recently a Media Church member of Jimmy Swaggart Ministries. She and her husband Jerry together walked closely with the Lord, and everyone who knew Marie knows that she is now serving with and for her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Carl and Emma Heintz; first husband, Arthur Balazs; son, Michael Balazs; sisters, Dorathy Valley, Charlotte Webb and Kathleen Petry.

Marie is survived by her husband, Jerry A. Knight; sons, Christopher and

Steven Balazs; grandchildren, James Balazs (Kristina), Lisa Auker (Corey), Andrew Balazs, Brooke Dunham (Jared), and Aubrey Matkovick (Michael); great-grandchildren, Ambrielle and Bishop Balazs, Liam Auker, Jaelyn Dunham, and Julia and Blain Matkovick.

In keeping with Marie's wishes, her body will be cremated and there will not be any funeral services or memorials. Marie simply wanted everyone to remember her when she was with us and she walked and lived her life for the Lord. Those who knew Marie will miss her dearly, but we all will have consolation in knowing that she ran the good course and that she is now in the loving care of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Contributions in Marie's memory may be sent to Jimmy Swaggart Ministries, P.O. Box 262550, Baton Rouge, LA 70826.

One may visit Marie's tribute page by visiting [bartlettnicholsfuneralhome.com](http://bartlettnicholsfuneralhome.com) to share condolences or memories with the family.

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, family owned and located at 409 Sixth Avenue is honored to serve the Knight family.

# Tribute Wall

MB

“ Marie was my Aunt and she was a fun loving Aunt I have many many great memories of her. She will be sorely missed . Thank you for all the laughs and smiles throughout the years. God bless your boys and Jerry. 🦋

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**Mary Beth** - March 20, 2024 at 08:55 PM

PW

“ So sorry to hear of Marie's passing. I didn't know her very well, but met her through Ann Sylvester and Mary Mason. She had such a sweet sweet spirit. My deepest condolences. Priscilla Waddy

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**Priscilla Waddy** - March 18, 2024 at 08:11 AM

MM

“ Jerry and family, I was saddened when I heard of Marie's passing. At the same time I can rejoice with the saints in heaven at the reception of our sister who has gone on to receive her reward in Christ. Marie loved the Lord and was unapologetic in sharing His love to others. I cherish the laughter and adventures we had with each other in our earthly friendship. Greater still what joyous reunion awaits us in His presence. Yours in His Service, Minister Mary M. Mason

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**Minister Mary Mason** - March 16, 2024 at 02:57 PM

GM

“ Marie was one of the first people I met when I started at Tax in 1971. We connected right away I guess because our birthday were only one day apart. For years we shared a commitment to having dinner on Friday evenings. Ya know how sometimes people you haven't seen or connected with for a while will cross your mind....Marie and memories crossed my mind this week. I'm sorry we didn't "run into each other" before this week.  
Jerry, my heart hurts for your loss and words just aren't big enough to express my sorrow. Ginny Moles

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**Ginny Moles** - March 16, 2024 at 09:16 AM

JK

“ It will never be goodbye, but rather until we meet again. Life will not be the same without you. Our 36+ years of marriage were a true blessing from the Lord. You fought the good fight and you ran the good race for Jesus. Enjoy eternity with Him and we will be together again soon.  
Love you Babe!  
Yours for ever... Jerry

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**Jerry knight** - March 16, 2024 at 07:49 AM

SU

“ RIP Aunt Marie.... I Love you! 🌻

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**susie** - March 15, 2024 at 08:50 PM