



## Mrs. Elouise McCray

February 9, 1943 - April 23, 2026

In loving memory of Elouise McCray, a remarkable woman whose warmth and kindness left an indelible mark on the hearts of all who knew her departed this world peacefully at home on April 23, 2026, leaving behind a legacy of compassion and love that will be cherished for generations. Born on February 9, 1943, in South Carolina, Elouise was a beacon of warmth and joy to all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Elouise was the beloved daughter of late Allen and Lou Ida Mitchell. She was preceded in death by her siblings Romeo Mitchell, Edith Rolls, Annie Loucille Victoria Moore, Allen Mitchell, Jr., Addie Mae Mitchell, Inell Champagne, William T. Mitchell, and Hansome Mitchell, who now welcome her into eternal rest.

Married on September 13, 1959, Elouise and her devoted husband Willie A. McCray, Sr. shared 66 years of unwavering love and companionship. Together, they built a nurturing home filled with laughter and warmth, raising six wonderful children: Wendale Tubbs, Willie McCray, Jr., Curtis McCray, O'Neal (Jamel) McCray, Antonio McCray, Sherita (Edward) Jenkins and Delores (Paul) Allen.

Elouise's family extended beyond her children to include cherished grandchildren Jo'Hareshea "Angie" Gibbs, Tracy "TJ" Bunting, Jr., Nicos

McCoy, and Rayshad (LaJaiah)Scott, as well as her precious great-grandchildren Irie and Bobbi Scott. Her sister, Johnnie Mae Mitchell, and best friend, Ms. Bennett (Mahogany), held special places in her heart. She also shared a close bond with her niece, Theresa McCray Stokes, and a host of additional nieces and nephews.

A dedicated worker, Elouise spent her career in housekeeping at Whitaker Hospital and later at Riverside Hospital, where she retired in 2005. Her colleagues and patients alike knew her for her unwavering dedication and kind spirit.

Elouise was a pillar of her community as a committed member of Ivy Baptist Church for over 50 years. Her faith was the cornerstone of her life, guiding her in all she did.

Her hobbies reflected her nurturing personality. She found joy in cooking and baking sweet potato pies that were famous among family and friends. Elouise loved watching soap operas, tending to her plants, and, most importantly, caring for those in need. Her home was a sanctuary for anyone who entered, thanks to her remarkable gift for making everyone feel welcome and valued.

Elouise's kindness and generosity touched countless lives, leaving an indelible mark on everyone she met. Though her absence leaves a profound void, her legacy of love, compassion, and hospitality will be carried forward by her family and friends.

The family invites all who loved Elouise to join in celebrating her life and legacy. A service will be held at Ivy Baptist Church 50 Maple Ave, Newport News, VA 23607, Saturday, May 2, 2026, at 11:00 AM, where family and friends will gather to remember and honor the extraordinary woman she was.

Interment will follow at Peninsula Memorial Park.

Elouise McCray's life was a testament to the power of love and kindness. She leaves behind a world made better by her presence, and her memory will continue to inspire all who knew her.

# Cemetery Details

## Peninsula Memorial Park

12750 Warwick Blvd  
Newport News, VA 23606

# Previous Events

## Mrs. Elouise McCray Public Visitation

MAY 1. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

M.E. Fisher Funeral Home  
2117 Madison Avenue  
Newport News, VA 23607

## Mrs. Elouise McCray Celebration Service

MAY 2. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Ivy Baptist Church  
50 Maple Avenue  
Newport News, VA 23607

# Tribute Wall

OR

“ *Condolences and prayers of strength and comfort to Sister Angie Gibbs and the family of Ms. Eloise McCray. May your precious memories lead, guide, and comfort you in the days ahead. With love and sympathy.*

*O. Robinson-Taylor & Family*

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**Oriel Robinson-Taylor** - May 02 at 12:14 PM

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“ *S&J Ladybugs planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Elouise McCray.*

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**S&J Ladybugs** - May 01 at 11:59 AM

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“ *S&J Ladybugs purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Mrs. Elouise McCray.*



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**S&J Ladybugs** - May 01 at 11:59 AM



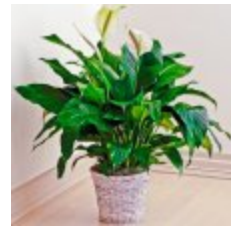
“ 23 files added to the album Life Tributes



M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - April 30 at 11:18 AM



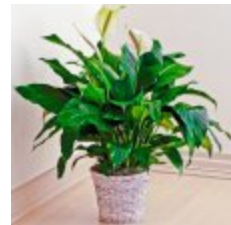
“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mrs. Elouise McCray.



April 29 at 07:51 AM



“ Jessie & Brenda McCray purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Mrs. Elouise McCray.



Jessie & Brenda McCray - April 28 at 05:55 PM

VM

“ Vickie v mathis lit a candle in memory of  
Elouise McCray



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**Vickie v mathis** - April 24 at 10:23 AM

VM

“ I stunned and so sorry for the lost of my cousin Ella cray so sorry  
Willie and so sorry for dale Tony Neil Rita glen, Curtis may she walk  
round heaven all day love yah

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**Vickie v mathis** - April 24 at 10:23 AM

JM

*My heart goes out to the bereaved family. Oh how wonderful to be  
living with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I know that Aunt Ella is  
absent from the body, but is at home with the Lord.  
God bless The McCray's Family*

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**Jessie McCray** - April 25 at 03:57 PM