



## Mavis Jean Christopher

December 4, 1945 - September 16, 2023

Mavis Jean Christopher, a lifelong learner, dedicated social worker, and loving mother, passed away on September 16th, 2023 at the age of 77. Born in Oakland, California, she spent her formative years in Sterling, Illinois, where she developed a strong foundation for her remarkable journey through life. Mavis was a proud 1963 graduate of Sterling High School, where she laid the first stones on her path to success. Her journey of self-improvement and service to others began early, and it was a thread that wove through the fabric of her life. She moved to St. Augustine in 1972. In her early working years, Mavis was an interior decorator and was also a skilled seamstress. Her most important work was that of a mother raising a family of three children. Her commitment to her family was unwavering. Mavis was a truly lifelong student. She was a graduate of UNF with a Bachelor degree in Psychology, she earned a Master's Degree in Social Work from FSU, and in 2020 she completed a Ph.D. in Psychology from Walden University. The Dissertation that she wrote for her PhD "An Exploration of Attitudes Among Veterans and Military Personnel and Reintegration" was published and was instrumental in helping caregivers understand and prevent Veteran Suicide. Most recently, Mavis was working on a Master's Degree in Christian Counseling from Liberty University. In her professional life, Mavis served her community with distinction, working many years as a social worker before continuing her education. She leaves behind a legacy of kindness, determination, and an unyielding spirit of service.

Mavis was preceded in death by her parents, Shirley & James Byrd, and brothers Ron and Steve. She is survived by her children, Christine Hatch and her husband Trey of St. Augustine, FL, Roxanne Edmonds and her husband David of Palm Coast, David Scott Christopher and his wife Rosie of Palm Coast; Brother Jeff Byrd and his wife Rhonda of Rock Falls, Illinois; four grandchildren, as well as five great grandchildren.

A celebration of Mavis' life will be held at a later date.

St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

MJ

“ Thank you Mavis for being such a wonderful friend. My deepest condolences to your family and loved ones!!!

Michael J. - July 16, 2025 at 05:14 AM

BF

“ Rest in peace Mavis thanks for being my friend. I'll always be grateful for the kindness and I will see you again one day. I love you, Linda.

Bobbie Ford - September 25, 2023 at 01:30 PM

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“ Miss Mavis was always good to me, she never treated me a different than she treated my sister Rosie, who is married to her son Scott, she was always consider it a nice and always had good things to say, when she started making her Christmas Angels, she asked me and my favorite color and things that I liked she was in the process of making my angel at the time when the Good Lord called her home! I will be forever, grateful for her kindness, and excepting my family as if it was hers. Rest in peace, Miss Mavis! See you again one day



Bobbie Ford - September 25, 2023 at 01:29 PM

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“*Roxanne, Christine and Scott...The one thing that stands out most in my memory of your momma is that she deeply loved her children. There was never a doubt about that! She was proud of all three of you and made sure to mention your achievements or something you had done for her. I know she is missed terribly... And it gives some relief in our hearts to know she is now with her Savior and no longer in pain. I will continue to pray for you all as you navigate life here without her.*

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**Sandy Meadows** - September 24, 2023 at 02:29 PM