



## Mildred Louise Massey Dunavant

February 2, 1926 - March 2, 2017

Mildred Louise Massey Dunavant passed away Thursday, March 2, 2017. She was born in Haines City, FL where she lived until she married Ralph D. Dunavant, Sr, July 10, 1948. Mildred and Ralph met when she was in high school and he was in the Army Air Corps in 1943. They had a long-distance romance as Ralph was in the South Pacific during WW II. She was a long-distance telephone operator so after the war as Ralph worked for the federal government in Washington, DC they still had a long-distance romance over the telephone. After they married they lived in Washington, DC until the Korean War. The Air Force recalled him and they were stationed in Florida for the duration of the Korean War. They stayed in Florida after the Korean War with Ralph working for the federal government in Orlando. Their 2 children were born in Florida in 1953 and 1956. At the end of 1956 they went to Frankfurt-am-Main, West Germany for 4 years. Mildred and Ralph helped found Bethel Baptist Church in Frankfurt-am-Mail. This church has grown and is now one of the largest in Frankfurt-am-Main. The family returned to the USA in 1960. During all these moves Mildred worked at part time jobs so she could be home with her children. She was a very loving mother to her children. She helped anyone she could in her church and her part time work. All who met her thought of her as a wonderful mother and friend. She devoted her life to her husband and children and grandchildren. After Ralph retired twice, Mildred, Ralph Sr. and Ralph Jr. started American Printing. Mildred was a main stay of American Printing, where she did whatever was needed. She

worked at American Printing until she was admitted to the hospital. She was loved by all customers and was an integral part of the staff's lives. She is greatly missed by all who knew her. She is survived by her daughter, Angela K. Dunavant, her son, Ralph D. Dunavant, Jr, three grandsons, Ralph D. Dunavant III, Andrew S. Dunavant, and Matthew J. Dunavant. Her funeral is March 18, 2017 at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA at 2:00 PM with visiting from 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM. Interment in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia. Condolences may be sent to: [www.piercefh.com](http://www.piercefh.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA 22211  
<http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/>

# Previous Events

## Family to receive friends

**MAR 18.** 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home  
9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 257-6028  
[pfh@piercefh.com](mailto:pfh@piercefh.com)  
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## Service

**MAR 18.** 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

RS

“ I would like to extend my sympathy to the family of Mildred Dunavant. Although I did not know her personally, I appreciate the fact that she was one of the people founding the church I currently pastor, Bethel International Baptist Church, in Frankfurt am Main, Germany.

May God bless you and comfort your hearts!

Pastor Rodrigo Assis da Silva

[www.bibc.org](http://www.bibc.org)

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**Rodrigo Assis da Silva** - April 21, 2017 at 07:35 AM

NJ

“ The Northeast Polk County Historical Society, Inc., Haines City, Florida, would like to extend our sympathy to the family of Mildred Louise Massey Dunavant. We did not know her, but can appreciate her growing up in our lovely city during its formative years of the 20's, 30's and 40's. We operate the Haines City Historical Museum and will be pleased to file her family information in a place of honor. We invite the family to visit the museum when they come to Haines City. And again, please accept our sympathy. Nell Johnson, Corresponding Secretary.

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**Nell Johnson** - March 21, 2017 at 02:46 PM

MC

“ Mary C. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Mildred Louise Massey Dunavant.



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**Mary C.** - March 18, 2017 at 01:57 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of *Mildred Louise Massey Dunavant*.



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March 16, 2017 at 03:53 PM