



## Mary Ham Braswell

December 17, 2020

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So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

- 2 Corinthians 4:18

Mary Ann (Ham) Braswell was born on April 20, 1976, in Kinston, NC. She let go of our hands and took the hand of Jesus on December 7, 2020. She passed surrounded by her greatest love, Anthony, and her two greatest joys, Blaire and Micah.

A native of Hugo, NC, Mary Ann grew up in Lenoir County and graduated from Bethel Christian Academy in 1994. She attended Mt. Olive College in Mt. Olive, NC, where she majored in Music and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in 1997. She and Anthony married a few weeks later, and celebrated everyday together after that for the next 23 years. They welcomed their baby girl in April 2000, and their baby boy in August 2003.

In 2006, the Braswells moved to Raleigh, NC, to plant Northpark Church. Some of the most meaningful moments of her life included serving and living life alongside this church family. Several years ago, Mary Ann found even more extended family at Keller Williams Preferred Realty. She loved her work

and the opportunities that she experienced, but she loved the people there even more.

Armed with southern charm and a smile, Mary Ann's passion was helping others experience the reality of their dreams. Mary Ann loved to sing, read, and was an avid Hallmark Christmas Ornament collector. If she ever went missing, we knew to start looking for her at Cinderella's castle at Disney World, her perfect place this side of heaven.

To have known Mary Ann was to love her. She had an effortless way of making anyone she encountered feel empowered and valued. Her work ethic was unmatched, and her attention to detail as well as her commitment to excellence were just a few of her many attributes. Her love for her family and friends was only outdone by her love for the Lord. Madeleine L'engle said, "We draw people to Christ not by loudly discrediting what they believe, by telling them how wrong they are and how right we are, but by showing them a light that is so lovely that they want with all their hearts to know the source of it." No one personified this truth more than Mary Ann.

Her light and her love live on through all who knew her, especially her family, including her husband, Anthony Braswell, daughter, Madison Blaire, and son, Micah of Youngsville, NC; her parents, Allen and Glenna Ham of Hugo, NC; her sister Karen McGlamery, brother-in-law Devin McGlamery, niece Karlyn, and nephew Preston of Gallatin, TN; her grandmother Mary Ham of Kinston, NC; and her extended Braswell family.

A celebration of life will take place Thursday, December 10, at 6:00pm at Richland Creek Community Church in Wake Forest, NC. The service will also be livestreamed (<https://northparkrdu.online.church>) for anyone unable to be there in person. For those in attendance, we ask that you wear a mask at all times, even when seated, and to join us in worship through the online option if you are feeling unwell.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be made to Northpark Church through the Mary Ann Braswell Memorial Fund. Anthony, Blaire, and Micah will choose the causes, organizations, and needs that the contributions

will go toward throughout the year in honor of Mary Ann. Donations can be made online through the "GIVE" option on the church website at [NorthparkRDU.com](http://NorthparkRDU.com), or by mail to Northpark Church at PO Box 99750, Raleigh, NC 27624.

Thank you again for the thoughts and prayers that have been, and continue to be, extended to the Braswell family. We are grateful to each of you for walking this journey with us.