



Ethel Gaines Burton

December 21, 1925 - November 13, 2014

Ethel Gaines Burton, 88, of West Point, VA passed away on November 13, 2014. A native of Madison County, VA she graduated from Madison College (now James Madison University) and came to West Point in 1948 to teach Business Education at West Point High School. After teaching for eight years she worked for Tidewater Insurers as a bookkeeper until her retirement. Ethel was a member of First Baptist Church in West Point for many years where she had served as Church Historian and was active in the Women's Mission Organization. At the time of her death, Ethel was a resident of Imperial Plaza Retirement Community in Richmond, VA where she and her husband had relocated to in 2008.

Ethel was preceded in death by her parents, Glenn A. Gaines and Dorothy Hoffman Gaines; a brother, William R. Gaines; and a nephew. Ethel is survived by her husband, John Y. Burton; a sister, Joan Tanner; niece and two nephews.

A funeral will be 2 p.m., Sunday, November 16, 2014 at Vincent Funeral Home in West Point. The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m., just prior to the funeral service. A private burial will be held at Olivet Baptist Church Cemetery, King and Queen, VA. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box N, West Point, VA 23181.

Cemetery Details

Olivet Baptist Church

25338 The Trail
Mattaponi, VA 23110

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 16. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Vincent Funeral Home, West Point Chapel
417 11th St
West Point, VA 23181
(804) 843-2550

Service

NOV 16. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JK

“ I just learned of Ethel's passing from my mother who was a neighbor on Virginia Avenue . May perpetual light shine on her.
John Kojcsich, Winston Salem, NC

John J Kojcsich - November 16, 2014 at 01:12 PM

GC

“ Ethel was such a sweet, kind and caring Lady. I always loved to see you both, because I knew I would be greeted by two warm and friendly people. John, you are in my thoughts and prayers. God bless you.
Gloria Couch

Gloria Couch - November 16, 2014 at 10:52 AM

CW

“ Loved working with Ethel years ago. She was a very thoughtful and patient person...always a smile and a kind word.
Cynthia Wilson

Cynthia Wilson - November 15, 2014 at 10:57 PM

WA

“ John, please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time in your life. I'd like to share with you some words that were sent to me when my father died. They have provided much comfort to us over the years.

"In one sense there is no death. The life of a soul on earth lasts beyond her departure. You will always feel that life touching yours, that voice speaking to you, that spirit looking out of other's eyes, talking to you in the familiar things she touched, worked with, loved as familiar friends. She lives on in your life and in the lives of all others that knew her."

Gloria and Al Wajciechowski

Wajciechowski - November 15, 2014 at 10:48 PM

BE

“ John, so sorry to learn of Ethels' passing, such a Lovely Lady.
You are in our thoughts and prayers,

*Love,
Beverly & Jim*



Beverly - November 14, 2014 at 07:31 PM