



Mrs. Frances Fisher Martin

May 14, 1922 - February 25, 2013

Frances Eugenia Fisher Martin, 90, of West Point, Virginia, passed away on February 25, 2013. She was born at Ashland Farm, her parents' home in New Kent County, on May 14, 1922, to the late Hugh Pearson and Sue Haxall Spencer Fisher.

She was also preceded in death by her oldest daughter, Nancy Sue Martin; her devoted husband, Percy Hart (P.H.) Martin, Jr.; her brother, Dr. Hugh P. Fisher, Jr.; her sisters, Harriett Minor Fisher and Ella Mae Fisher Johnson; and her step-mother, Alice Virginia Fisher. Those left to cherish her memory are her daughters and their husbands, Patricia Hart Martin Todd and John Y. Todd, III, of Charlotte, N.C., and Jane Fisher Martin Dunaway and L. Stuart Dunaway of Kilmarnock, Va. Survivors also include four grandchildren, Hugh Campbell Kelley (Caroline) of Quincy, Mass., Thomas Hurst Kelley (Jennifer) of Richmond, Va., Susan Todd Walker (Gary) of Charlotte, N.C., and John Martin Todd of Monroe, N.C., and nine great-grandchildren: Lawson Hart Walker, Isabel Natialy Kelley, Schuyler Brooks Kelley, Saoirse Noelle Kelley, Lorelei Spencer Kelley, Rowan Christabel Kelley, Felix Atwater Kelley, Merritt Ware Kelley and Rosalie Violet Kelley. She is also survived by a sister, Mabel Fisher Ward, and a brother, George Wallace Fisher; a sister-in-law, Dorothy Martin Walker Krewatch and many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Frances graduated from New Kent High School as valedictorian of her class in 1938 and from Mary Washington University in 1942, where she was president

of Le Cercle Francais. She taught in various positions for many years in the King William County and West Point schools.

She was an active member of First Baptist Church of West Point for 65 years where she was formerly a Sunday School teacher and superintendent, and a member of the Church Council, Church History Committee, Centennial Committee, and Finance Committee. She was involved in leadership positions for all age groups in the mission work of the Baptist Women of her local church, the Kate Gravatt Group and the Dover Baptist Association WMU. She was a past president of the Monday Club of West Point, former president and volunteer in the King William County Unit of the American Cancer Society, former chairman of the Pamunkey Regional Library Board of Trustees, former president of the King William/King and Queen Education Association and former member of the Board of Trustees of Averett University. Her many hobbies included gardening, sewing, cooking, and church and community activities.

The family will receive friends 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, February 26, at Vincent Funeral Home, 417 11th St., West Point, Va. The memorial service will take place at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, February 27, at First Baptist Church of West Point, Va. Interment will be private.

The family is deeply grateful to many friends and caregivers who offered loving and compassionate support to our mother during her illness.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Building Fund of the First Baptist Church, PO Box N, West Point, VA 23181; or West Point Volunteer Fire Dept., PO Box X, West Point, VA 23181.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **26**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

FEB **27**. 2:00 PM (ET)

First Baptsit Church of West Point
West Point, VA 23181

Tribute Wall

JM

“ *What a long and full life Mrs. Martin had! I have many memories of her at FBC and at WPHS. She tried so hard to teach me French! Gods blessings to her family.*

*Jeanette Pierce McConchie
Alpharetta, Ga.*

jeanette pierce mcconchie - April 11, 2013 at 07:16 PM

SW

“ *Patsy, Jane, and Family,
So sorry to hear about the passing of your Mother. Wonderful, truly sincere, and good women like her are such a treasure and will be missed tremendously by this entire community. I know it is a huge loss for her family, but wonderful memories and examples you have for your children.*

My condolences to you and your families, Sandra Willis

sandra willis - March 03, 2013 at 08:12 PM

BH

“ *Patsy and Jane, I have so many fond memories of your mother and father. I missed seeing your mother this past October at the Crab Carnival First Baptist booth.*



Betty(Rodman) and Scott Harris - February 26, 2013 at 09:50 PM

MC

“ Mrs. Martin was a true friend and lover of beautiful flowers and individuals. Frances helped with several flowers planted at our home. She was always helping me to get things from my and her garden for church on Sundays. Patsy, Jane how many weekends were spent at your home with your parents. Your Mom had to hear from me about the times your Dad said she sat on the curb waiting for him to come to Mary Washinton College to see her. Oh what stories were told to us by your Dad only to have Frances speak up and tell us her version. Those precious memories will bring to you ROSES IN DECEMBER. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. In Christian Love,
Marianna and Bob Chestnutt



Marianna&Bob Chestnutt - February 26, 2013 at 01:40 PM

LH

“ Our heartfelt prayers and thoughts go out to the family of this very fine woman. I had the chance to know her as a caretaker and companion and the many hours I spent with her showed me what a loving and compassionate person she was. She always put others first and her concern and love for her family was beyond recognition. She will always be remembered by me as someone who held her traditions very highly and her outstanding talents showed through in all the things she loved the most. I was very blessed to have had the chance to share with her many fond memories of a life celebrated.

Larkin and Brenda Hundley - February 26, 2013 at 08:44 AM

BR

“ *I have fond memories of this outstanding lady: as a YWA leader she taught me how to be a young lady for the Lord, as my friend's mother, she taught me how to play bridge and be graceful at winning and losing, as a friend, she always had a loving hug to give when times were sad. She will be missed by family and friends.*

Becky Major Robbins - February 26, 2013 at 08:14 AM