



Gertrude "Trudy" Croxton Bland Christian

March 30, 1922 - July 6, 2016

Gertrude "Trudy" Croxton Bland Christian, 94, of West Point, VA departed this life July 6, 2016. Trudy was born in King William County on March 30, 1922 to the late Dr. William Edward Croxton of Belmont and Sophie Robinson Croxton of Springfield. Two years later she moved to West Point where she grew up and graduated from West Point High School and attended The College of William and Mary where she was a member of Phi Mu Sorority. She married Robert Tyler Bland, Jr. at Burton Parrish Church, Williamsburg, VA on December 16, 1942 and Burnet Claiborne Christian at St. Peter's Church, New Kent, VA on May 9, 1998.

Trudy was preceded in death by her husbands R. Tyler Bland, Jr. and B. Claiborne Christian, a son William Croxton Bland and three sisters Anne Croxton Meehan, Sophie Croxton Christian and Juliette Croxton Clothier.

She was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, the Altar Guild and the Episcopal Church Women. She was talented with needlework designs which are still evident in her church and in the homes of family members. Trudy was also active in The Monday Club, King William Women's Club and the DAR. All of her life she loved sewing, making clothes, needlepoint pillows, chair seats and kneelers for the church. She excelled in delicious homemade meals for all occasions and dearly loved spending time with her grandchildren. Trudy is survived by a son Robert Tyler Bland, III (Anne) of West Point; a daughter Beverly Bland Branch of West Point; five grandchildren Robert Bland IV (Michele), John Bland (Rebekah), Patteson Branch, III (Eliza), Tyler B. Hickey and Anne Beverly Fuller (Burton); nine great-grandchildren; a sister Maria Croxton Walther Haff of Rosemont, PA and nine nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held 2 p.m. Sunday, July 10th in St. John's Episcopal Church, 916 Main Street, West Point, VA 23181. Interment will follow in Sunny Slope Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. John's Episcopal Church, PO Box 629, West Point, VA 23181. Vincent Funeral Home handling arrangements. .

Cemetery Details

Sunny Slope Cemetery

King William Avenue
West Point, VA 23181

Previous Events

Service

JUL 10. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. John's Episcopal Church
916 Main Street
West Point, VA 23181

Tribute Wall

MC

“ Ty, Beverly, and family. Bob and I were out of town we heard about Trudy's death. I will always remember her as my Girl Scout leader. What fun we had! I know all the precious memories will bring you ROSES IN DECEMBER! In Christian Love,
Marianna and Bob Chestnutt

marianna chestnutt - July 14, 2016 at 12:51 PM

GH

“ Beverly, Ty, Anne & family, Heard about your Mom today. Great memories abound. We will never forget the greeting your Mom & Dad gave us when we moved to 1st Street in 1981(?) Such great "across the street" neighbors and friends! We are saddened that she is gone and we will not forget her. You know, we will see her again
May God give you peace.

Love,
Carolyn & Hutch

Glen & Carolyn Hutchinson - July 11, 2016 at 03:02 PM

VA

“ Dear Beverly, Ty, Anne and families, Will and I want you to know that our heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with you all. God bless and may your many good memories bring you comfort and peace.

Love, Virginia and Will

Virginia and Will Addison - July 09, 2016 at 08:23 PM

JP

“ Beverly, Ty and Anne,
So sorry to hear about your Mother, but she lived a long life. She was a beautiful lady inside and out and you have a lot of wonderful memories, which will mean so much to you in the days to come. Please know that all of you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Judy and Glenn Palmer

Judy Palmer - July 07, 2016 at 11:53 AM