



Mary Alice Purvis Burch

December 21, 1930 - April 19, 2021

Ms. Mary Alice Burch, age 90 of Douglas, passed away late Monday afternoon, April 19, 2021 at Vista Park following an extended illness. Mrs. Burch was born December 21, 1930 to the late Albert Purvis and the late Henrietta Cribbs Purvis. Other than her parents, she was preceded in death by 3 Brothers: Tillman Purvis, Alfred Lee Purvis and Quitman Purvis and 2 sisters: Florence Purvis and Sammie Lou Watson.

Ms. Burch, a native of Coffee County, was self-employed for many years as a child care provider. She was a member of First Assembly of God church, where she taught Sunday School for many years. She also taught Sunday School at College Avenue Baptist Church for a number of years.

Survivors include:

6 Children: Glenda Faye Gardner and husband Glenn, Mary Lou Gillespie and husband Vick, Carlie Evans Burch, Peggy B. Hall and husband Billy Joe and Annette Medders and husband Michael, all of Douglas, GA
Greta O'Steen and husband Greg of Winder, GA

1 Brother: Hilton Purvis and wife Lucille of Douglas, GA

2 Sisters: Dorothy Mae Taylor of Douglas, GA

Dorothy Dukes of Ambrose, GA

1 Sister-In-Law: Nadine Walker and husband James of Kingsland, GA

17 Grandchildren

22 Great Grandchildren

11 Great Great Grandchildren

The funeral service will be Friday morning, April 23, 2021 at 11:00 A.M. at First Assembly of God with Rev. Marshall Adcock officiating. The interment will follow at Bethel Cemetery with Rev. Byron Griffis conducting the graveside service.

The family will receive friends Thursday evening from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at Ricketson Funeral Home.

The active pallbearers for the service will be: Glenn Gardner, Jr., Grant Gardner, Kevin Gillespie, Bryce Hall, Austin Medders, Ashley Sanders, Jason Sanders, Garrett O'Steen, Gavin O'Steen and Gabe O'Steen

Musical Selections for the service will be: "In the Garden" with Jessica Medders at the piano and "Finally Home" sung by Ashley Chaney.

Due to COVID-19, attendees are asked to observe six foot social distancing at the visitation, funeral service and interment. Please wear your mask for safety precautions and in accordance with CDC guidelines.

Ricketson Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Bethel Cemetery

422 Bethel Church Road
Douglas, GA 31535

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **22**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Ricketson Funeral Home, Inc.
305 West Ward Street
Douglas, GA 31533
(912) 384-1155
ricketsonfunhm@windstream.net
<https://www.ricketsonfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

APR **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Assembly of God Church
1200 North Chester Avenue
Douglas, GA 31533

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Alice Purvis Burch*

November 08, 2022 at 06:41 PM



“ *Aunt Mary Alice lives in my memory as a very pretty woman in a kind way. Although I haven't been in her presence in many years, she was always one of my favorite family members. She was always ready to help anyone and trained her children to be caring. She was an in-charge parent and person. She will live in my memory as a bright light indeed!*

Joyce Melissa Chapman - April 27, 2021 at 02:50 PM



“ *Maudine Wright sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Alice Purvis Burch*



Maudine Wright - April 26, 2021 at 03:31 PM



“ *Randy And Beth Davis lit a candle in memory of Mary Alice Purvis Burch*



Randy and Beth Davis - April 23, 2021 at 02:13 PM

RD

“ *Carlie, Annette, and Family:*

So sorry for your loss!! Peace and comfort to all of you!

Randy and Beth Davis - April 23, 2021 at 02:12 PM

AN

Thank you

Annette - April 27, 2021 at 02:14 PM

DB

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*
Danell Bagley



Danell Bagley - April 23, 2021 at 09:42 AM

JL

“ *We are so sorry to learn of her passing away Jerry's says he has nothing but good memories of you all and her growing up as neighbors at Bethel! Sending you all our deepest sympathies*

Jerry and Kay Lott - April 22, 2021 at 06:22 PM

SP

“ *So many memories growing up in and around Sis Mary Alice and her girls. Love and prayers to each of the family. Sandra Freeman Parker*

Sandra Parker - April 21, 2021 at 08:50 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Alice Purvis Burch.* ”



April 21, 2021 at 02:49 PM



“ *Kellie R Lockwood lit a candle in memory of Mary Alice Purvis Burch* ”



Kellie R Lockwood - April 21, 2021 at 09:10 AM



“ *Nell Steptoe Smith lit a candle in memory of Mary Alice Purvis Burch* ”



Nell Steptoe Smith - April 20, 2021 at 10:17 PM



“ *Elaine Wiggins Peacock lit a candle in memory of Mary Alice Purvis Burch* ”



Elaine Wiggins Peacock - April 20, 2021 at 08:19 PM

JM

“ *A Beautiful Lady inside and out that we highly respected. With Love and Prayers*

Johnnie Faye Mancil - April 20, 2021 at 07:42 PM

JM

“ *Faye Nd Jimmy Lee Mancil*

Johnnie Faye Mancil - April 20, 2021 at 07:39 PM

DB

“ *Deborah Boyd lit a candle in memory of Mary Alice Purvis Burch*



Deborah Boyd - April 20, 2021 at 06:38 PM

BM

“ *So sorry to hear this. Loved Ms . Mary Alice. Prayers for the family*



Brenda Moon - April 20, 2021 at 05:23 PM

TH

“ *Tommy And Lynn Harrell lit a candle in memory of Mary Alice Purvis Burch*



Tommy and Lynn Harrell - April 20, 2021 at 10:16 AM