



## Mary L. Burdick

December 18, 2018

Mary Louise Burdick 89 of St. Petersburg passed away Tuesday, December 18, 2018. Mary was born in Darlington, South Carolina and was one of six children born to Ellen Stokes Blackmon and William Bruce Blackmon. She married Ralph Carl Burdick on October 23 1953 and daughter Carla was born to them a few years later. She was a member of Clearview United Methodist Church which she loved greatly. She attended services there and often ushered on Sundays. She participated in activities such as gatherings and pot luck suppers in the fellowship hall. Many folks would always try to get some of her delicious casseroles or desserts before they ran out. She loved roses and flowers and enjoyed gardening at her home in St. Petersburg. For many years Mary ran a licensed child care for working folks from her home. All her “kids” and their parents considered Mary part of their family and were grateful for her kindness and loving care to their children. Mary was the loving mother of Carla Shelden of Palm Harbor, FL and her husband, Eric; the sister of Alvin “Sonny” Blackmon of Hartsville, South Carolina and his children (her niece and nephew) Belinda and Bruce Blackmon; devoted grandmother to Christina Austin of Athens, GA, Warren Austin of Tazewell, Tennessee, and Miranda Austin of St. Petersburg, FL. We hope you will join the family and friends for a gathering at the funeral home on Saturday, January 5, 2019, from 1 pm – 2 pm. The service will be held at 2 pm with Reverend Jackie McMillian, former pastor of Clearview, presiding.



# Tribute Wall



“ *The family of Mary L. Burdick uploaded a photo*

August 19, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *Lowrie Ward - Friend of daughter posted a condolence RIP, Mary. I remember your grace and charm from my childhood. I'm glad you are at peace now. Sending love and hugs to Carla and family through this time. Xoxoox, Lowrie*

**Lowrie Ward - Friend of daughter** - January 03, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *Anne Ward - Friend and close friend to her daughter Carls posted a condolence I have known Mary for coming up 28+ years since we moved to the US - My daughter became good Friends with Carla's daughter on First grade - then our son's became good friends as well. So we have spent many many happy times at pool birthday parties over the years - almost always Mary was there; the totally devoted Grandmother - always wanting to help her family if she could. A very sweet - always happy to help lady - Her declining health over the last few years upset us all - She will be remembered as a very very nice lady but above all devoted Mother and Grandmother.*

**Anne Ward - Friend and close friend to her daughter Carls** - January 03, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *Warren K Austin - Former son-in-law posted a condolence Mary was a wonderful woman who held great values and strong beliefs. She would work tirelessly for family and friends. She will be missed.*

**Warren K Austin - Former son-in-law** - January 02, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ Pamela Rose - Church Member posted a condolence My thoughts and prayers are with you as God welcomes home an angel. May you continue to draw strength from your family, friends, and faith during this time. It is never easy to lose our beloved family.

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**Pamela Rose - Church Member** - December 29, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Cheryl J. - Neighbor posted a condolence Carla, family and friends, the pain, the grief, and feelings of helplessness can seem unbearable. Our Grand creator, father of tender mercies, lovingly provided his word the Bible to provide you comfort in this case. (2 Corinthians 1:3,4) hates death so much that death is called “the last enemy” and will “be brought to nothing.” (1 Corinthians 15:26) God promises that the dead will live again. (Isaiah 26:19) Doesn’t this fill your heart with hope? “All those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out!” (John 5:28, 29) One of the greatest earthly marvelous kindness will be the resurrection of humans from “the Grave.” Imagine that! One day, your loved one will be brought back to life. So while you grieve now for your lost loved one, allow God’s word to comfort and strengthen you while you eagerly await the day you can see your mom once again. The best is yet to come!

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**Cheryl J. - Neighbor** - December 28, 2018 at 12:00 AM