



Elizabeth Bruce

July 4, 1912 - March 17, 2014

Elizabeth Mayfield Bruce, 101, born July 4, 1912, departed this earthly life on March 17, 2014, exactly 52 years after the death of her beloved husband, Miles Melvin Bruce, Sr.

Elizabeth was born in Greer, South Carolina, daughter of the late Eula Alexander and Isham A. Mayfield. She graduated from Greer High School and Winthrop University, majoring in chemistry and biology. She taught school in Ware Shoals and Greer, S.C. She was a charter member of the Greer Music Club, enjoying playing organ, piano and handbells. She was honored by the National Federation of Music Clubs for fifty years of service in church music. She was active in Greer First Baptist Church, teaching Sunday school, playing piano for Senior Adult activities and playing handbells. She loved flowers and enjoyed her many camellias very much. She traveled extensively over the world.

Mrs. Bruce is survived by two sons, Miles Melvin Bruce, Jr., and his wife Rebecca Dobson Bruce and Curtis Allen Bruce, and his wife Agnes Dobson Bruce; six granddaughters, Sandra Bruce Bowlin and her husband, Edwin, Janet Marie Bruce, Erin Bruce Moncure and her husband, Rob, Allison Bruce Anderson and her husband, Luke, Amelia Bruce Zelnak and her husband, Brent, and Adele Bruce Shartzter and her husband, Adam; and eleven great-grandchildren, Bethany, Bruce and Brooke Bowlin, Caroline, Clayton and Knox Anderson, Lauren Ann, William and Catherine Zelnak and Jackson and Bennett Shartzter.

The family is extremely grateful for the wonderful caring caregivers of Interim Healthcare and Interim Hospice, who attentively cared for our beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother since 2005.

Services will be held 2:00 p.m. Saturday, March 22, 2014 at The Wood Mortuary to be preceded by visitation at the mortuary at 1:00 p.m.

Pallbearers will be Steve Dillard, Bill Bomar, Bruce Bowlin, Edwin Bowlin, Rob Moncure, Luke Anderson, Brent Zelnak and Adam Shartzner.

Honorary escort will be the Sunshine Sunday school class.

Interment will be at Hillcrest Memory Gardens following the service.

Memorials are requested to be given to Greer First Baptist Church, 201 West Poinsett Street, Greer, S.C. 29650.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Memory Gardens

14050 East Wade Hampton Boulevard
Greer, SC 29651

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 22. 1:00 PM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary, Inc.
300 West Poinsett Street
Greer, SC 29650
(864) 877-3351
woodmortuary@bellsouth.net

Service

MAR 22. 2:00 PM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary Chapel
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Tribute Wall

RJ

“ Kurt and I were so sorry to learn of the passing of Mrs. Bruce. I remember when we first moved into our home, Mrs. Bruce came over to introduce herself with some of her wonderful homemade bread still warm from the oven. She was always so kind. I loved hearing her talk about baseball and her beloved Braves. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Roanne Jacobsen - April 25, 2014 at 10:32 AM

BT

“ I too was a student of Mrs. Bruce while I was at Woodland Elementary. She was such a wonderful, Godly women who touched many many lives. She will be missed. Barb (Marsh) Thompson, Lexington, SC

barb marsh thompson - March 28, 2014 at 03:19 PM

EL

“ I was so sorry to learn of Mrs. Bruce's passing. She had taught my youngest son in the second grade. I also worked at Woodland with her. She was such an elegant lady. I will always remember her bring some of her beautiful camellias to the office so we could share them with everyone that entered the building. Mrs. Ida Clayton was the principal then. Mr. Lockaby was the principal when my son's were students there. She lived a long life and apparent left a wonderful legacy in her children and their children.

Elizabeth Lynn - March 25, 2014 at 09:28 PM

CM

“ *My sympathy to Melvin and all his family. May the love of friends give you strength; may the love of God give you peace.*

*Carl Malm
Huntsville*

Carl Malm - March 23, 2014 at 07:48 PM

EW

“ *Allen and Melvin, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your families. She was a trooper at the Bruce Reunions as long as she could be there. She was a special lady to everyone who knew her. I will not be able to attend the funeral service but I will be thinking and praying for you.*

Era Wood

Era Wood - March 20, 2014 at 07:21 PM

LD

“ Dear Allen and Melvin,

I am certain that I do not need to tell you that your mother was nothing short of an angel in disguise. She began encouraging me to play the organ when I was in youth choir, and allowed me to substitute for her at Wednesday night prayer meetings in the chapel. (Allen, remember when you gave me summer organ lessons?)

When I was organist/choirmaster at The First Baptist Church in Laurinburg, NC for nine and one-half years, I stopped in to see Elizabeth on a visit to Greer. She made me a sandwich and sat on the edge of her chair as I told of the music program in Laurinburg. She glowed with pride.

Later when I played for Mr. Murray's retirement Sunday, in fact, anytime I returned to play at Greer First Baptist, Elizabeth was the first to greet me. To say that she will be missed is the understatement of the decade. What a precious Spirit she was/is.

It is with a full heart that I send my deepest sympathy.

With love,

*Lee Duncan
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Lee Duncan - March 20, 2014 at 06:24 AM

BE

“ I had Mrs. Bruce as a teacher in 1967 at Woodland Elementary and she taught me to play the bells and I got to play in front of the school one time. My condolences to the family. She was a great lady and will be truly missed.

Brad Edens - March 19, 2014 at 10:48 PM

JG

“ Melvin and Allen, Your mother was a great lady who inspired many people and contributed much to the City of Greer. She was more than gracious to allow some of the wild bunch to come and go in your home. I have fond memories of playing ping pong in the basement and basketball shooting at a hoop that required more luck than skill to score. We are lucky to have these great memories of a great lady. May God bless your family as you say goodbye to your Mother, Grandmother and Great-Grandmother.

Jack & Margo Green

Jack Green - March 19, 2014 at 06:01 PM