



Ellen Burnette

March 12, 1929 - July 19, 2011

Julia Ellen Meador Burnette, 82, formerly of 428 Fairhaven Drive, widow of Don Cecil Burnette, died July 19, 2011 at Legacy Heights.

A native of Chester County, daughter of the late Guy Atkinson Meador, Sr. and Cora Lee Hudspeth Meador, she was a retired teacher from Mountain View Elementary School and taught swimming locally for many years.

Surviving are a son, Phill M. Burnett of Taylors; a daughter, Donna B. Ehrlich of Charlotte; and two grandchildren, Sam and Abby Ehrlich of Charlotte, North Carolina.

She was predeceased by a brother, Guy A. Meador, Jr. and three sisters, Norma Skeels, Doris Little, and Beth Hoyle.

Funeral services will be held 2:00 p.m. Friday at The Wood Mortuary, conducted by Pastor Jeff Lageman.

Visitation will be held 12:30-1:30 p.m. Friday at The Wood Mortuary.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com

Previous Events

Service

JUL **22**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Dear Phill and Donna,
I was so sad to read about Ellen's death when we returned from our vacation trip. What a remarkable woman she was, certaily one of my favorite cousins. Her quick wit and plain-speak were characteristics that I valued immensely. My memories of her are treasured and will live with me all my life. The positive influence she had in the lives of so many will live on in generations to come. Uncle Guy's and Aunt Cora's circle is now unbroken. Please accept Jack's and my sincere sympathy.
With love, Midgie##imported-begin##Midgie Conrad
Cornwell##imported-end##

July 27, 2011 at 02:53 PM



“ Mrs. Burnette was one hard gym teacher, but she was fair. She and I got along well even though I was a terrible gym student! I know you will miss her terribly. My thoughts are with you at this difficult time.

Vicki Kennedy##imported-begin##Vicki Kennedy##imported-end##

July 26, 2011 at 04:19 PM



“ I AM TRULY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS, BUT THERE IS REASON TO HOPE, FOR GOD PROMISES THAT THERE WILL BE A RESURRECTION OF ALL THOSE FOUND IN HIS MEMORY. (ACTS 24:15) YES, WE HAVE THE WONDERFUL PROSPECT OF SEEING OUR LOVED ONES AGAIN SINCE THEY ARE SIMPLY ASLEEP. (JOHN 11:11,14) AND THE LIFE TO BE ENJOYED WHEN THIS TAKES PLACE IS ALMOST TO WONDERFUL TO CONTEMPLATE. (PSALMS 37:10,11,29; ISAIAH 65:21-25; REVELATION 21:3,4) tymack79@aim.com##imported-begin##Ty##imported-end##

July 25, 2011 at 03:36 PM



“ Phil and Donna, I am so sorry about the loss of your mother. I remember several years of swimming lessons with her! May you all find peace and comfort knowing she is in heaven.##imported-begin##Terri Wood Long##imported-end##

July 22, 2011 at 05:10 PM



“ Dear Family:

We were sad to learn of your Mother's death. She and your Dad were special people in our lives. They both taught us at Davenport and were a big influence in our learning. They were not only our teachers but really friends that you could have a lot of fun with. PE was so much fun with your mother - she kept us all laughing while attempting the physical moves we were doing. We were happy when they dated and married - they were special! Everybody loved them. Let us rejoice that she is now in the loving arms of our Heavenly Father in a new body with no pain and dancing with the angels. Our prayer is that God's love and mercy will give you peace during this sad time.

Clyde and Linda Coggins Roberts###imported-begin##Clyde & Linda Coggins Roberts###imported-end##

July 22, 2011 at 12:43 PM



“ Phil: I was so sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. I can still see her sitting behind Pat and me at Redeemer. Kow that you are in our thoughts during this difficult time and please get in touch with one of us soon. We miss you. God's peace.###imported-begin##Judy Johnson###imported-end##

July 22, 2011 at 09:19 AM



“ My prayers and thoughts are with the family, i just know Ellen is in heaven watching over us all when she isn't teaching them to swim :).###imported-begin##David Rhodes###imported-end##

July 22, 2011 at 08:02 AM



“ Donna and Phill,
Never in my life have I reminisced as much as this week. One minute it's laughter and the next is tears. My children keep asking me what's wrong with me! If they knew your mom like I knew your mom, they would understand.##imported-begin##Jennifer Dacus Craft##imported-end##

July 21, 2011 at 11:30 PM



“ Phil and Donna I wanted to give you my condolences on the loss of your mother. She was a wonderful woman and will be missed. My prayers are with your family.##imported-begin##Keenan Howell##imported-end##

July 21, 2011 at 11:21 PM



“ Donna and Phill, All my memories include your parents. They were there for so many of my events. I remember your mom telling of trying to make me learn to sit up at 6 months old. I have heard so many of the stories and laughed at the pics and film of all the Christmases and birthdays. Y'all were always a part of our lives. Every event we shared with y'all. And since we didn't have so many events, we had to come up with a few on our own! Every time it snowed, we got together. Every time we needed a ride, we knew who to call. Remember the July 4th when your dad organized that parade with the music out of the VW Beetle and the neighborhood kids on bikes? I'm not sure what he played (record? how?) or where he hung that flag from, but we had a blast. Remember going to that mansion in Sptbg and then our parents deciding it cost too much to go in? Remember being carried to Easley for shopping and the adults ate at the steak house and the kids had to go to Hardees? Camping, VBS, church choir, feeding each others' animals, all the little things that friends and neighbors do. But so much more. When daddy had to be rushed to the hospital, your parents were there. When one of my kids were born, (maybe more than one!) your mom was the one who came and stayed with the others. Ellen was always ready and willing to do anything you asked of her. Gladly. Which may not seem like her on the surface, but for those of us who were blessed to have her as a standby mom, we knew. And all the meals we had together - more fried food, beans, and cornbread than my kids have had in a lifetime! So we are blessed. Blessed to have had the love and the laughter that being a part of your lives has meant to us. Thanks for sharing your parents with us. They were the greatest!###imported-begin##Leslie Dacus Blackwell###imported-end##

July 21, 2011 at 09:57 PM



“ *Everything I Need to Know Learned in Swimming Lessons*

I learned obedience. If Ellen spoke, we did it!

I learned trust. The water will hold you.

I learned faith. You can make it to the other side.

I learned to take turns. Everyone gets one. I also learned that the inexperienced and young may need extra turns.

I learned that some things in life are fair. You get a turn if you want one or not.

I learned that other things aren't so fair. Some people are just better at some things than others.

I found out that there is always more to learn. When I learned all the strokes, it was time to learn to dive.

I learned that you begin at the beginning. Everyone starts by blowing bubbles.

I learned that you move faster when you try harder- you really can "pull" yourself thru the water with a little extra effort.

I learned the importance of practice. If you improve, you must practice.

I learned that I wasn't in this alone. Ellen was your commander-in-chief or your biggest cheerleader, whichever you needed most.

I learned that you have to get wet to get to the other side.

I learned that there is a purpose for the deep end and the shallow end; one is for rest and one to challenge. Both are important in your development.

I learned that there are some things that you think you don't need to know or want to learn, but eventually, you will be very glad that you learned them.

I learned that there is pleasure in learning something new.

Because I eventually became one of Ellen's "assistants", I learned that there is pleasure in teaching something to others.

And, maybe most importantly, I learned that your friends are waiting for you on the other side.##imported-begin##Leslie Dacus

Blackwell##imported-end##

July 21, 2011 at 09:33 PM



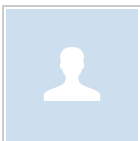
“ I am so saddened to read of Mrs. Burnette' passing but know she's in a better place. We had so much fun with her. She was my PhyEd teacher at Davenport and we loved her very much. You all are in my prayers.##imported-begin##Jane Hawkins Thorne##imported-end##

July 21, 2011 at 05:17 PM



“ So many of my childhood memories include your mother. I was so priviledged to have her as my PE Teacher and also my swimming Teacher. I have so many fond memories of her picking us all up in her station wagon and bringing us to the pool and lovingly teaching us how to swim Everytime I get in the pool I think of those things she taught me so many years ago. She was also a dear friend to my mother Martha who worked with her at Mountain View for many years. God truly blessed us for a season to have her in our lives. Our thoughts and prayers go to the entire family in this great loss of this WONDERFUL woman. I will always remember her with great fondness. May GOD bless you in the days and weeks ahead. Lori Plttman Turner and Martha Pittman##imported-begin##Lori Pittman Turner##imported-end##

July 21, 2011 at 03:30 PM



“ Phil,
I'm sorry to read about your Mother's passing. You're in my thoughts and prayers.
Pat Howard##imported-begin##Patricia Howard##imported-end##

July 21, 2011 at 11:40 AM



“ I would like to express my prayers for the family. We know that she is with the Lord now and she is whole again. I can remember when she was a gym teacher at Davenport School and she was my teacher.

Sincerely,

Merle Blevins##imported-begin##Merle Brockman Dacus
Blevins##imported-end##

July 21, 2011 at 10:28 AM



“ Phill, You know I hate what you are all going through. I have so many happy memories of your mom!!!! She isn't suffering now and is dancing and swimming and riding Harleys!!! If you need anything at all, don't hesitate to ask !! We love you!!!

Rachel, Moh, and Tarek##imported-begin##Rachel
Rashad##imported-end##

July 21, 2011 at 02:25 AM