



## Sylvia Taylor McKinney

June 10, 1937 - September 16, 2020

Sylvia Taylor McKinney, 83, went to her heavenly home on September 16, 2020.

A native of Greenville, daughter of the late Jonah E. and Edith Jones Taylor, she was the organist and pianist for many years at Piedmont Park Baptist Church and Buncombe Road Baptist Church, and a former secretary at Piedmont Park Baptist Church and retired from First Presbyterian Church, Greenville. Mrs. McKinney was a member at Mountain Creek Baptist Church. She was a talented musician, avid reader, gifted seamstress and never shied away from learning new things. She loved birds and spent hours watching from her sunroom.

Surviving are her husband, Clyde A. McKinney of the home; one son, Greg McKinney (Ginny) of Central; one daughter, Loretta M. Stephens (Scott) of Greenville; two sisters, Nancy Taylor of Greenville and Sue T. Paris of Greer and two grandchildren, Clay and Brad Stephens.

Funeral services will be held 2:00 p.m. Sunday, September 20, 2020 at Mountain Creek Baptist Church conducted by Rev. Bert Watts. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Memorial Park.

The body will lie in state on Saturday, September 19, 2020 from 1:00-7:00 p.m. at The Wood Mortuary.

The family is at the home.

Memorials may be made to Mountain Creek Baptist Church, 255 West Mountain Creek Church Road, Greenville, SC 29609.

Online condolences may be made at [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Woodlawn Memorial Park

1 Pine Knoll Drive  
Greenville, SC 29609

# Previous Events

## Service

SEP 20. 2:00 PM (ET)

Mountain Creek Baptist Church  
255 W. Mountain Creek Road  
Greenville, SC

# Tribute Wall

MJ

“ Clyde, Nancy and Sue..  
As a special cousin, we always enjoyed Sylvia's music. As years have progressed we did not see others except at our reunions. It was always meaningful to share stories of our lives during these times. May God bless you and give you strength as we mourn a very talented and loving person. Mary Ann Jordan

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**Mary Ann Jordan** - September 20, 2020 at 07:29 PM

WR

“ My heart is very sad for your loss. I will always remember Sylvia's sweet smile.  
She was so kind and supportive of me at Buncombe Road Baptist. She was such a blessing to me.

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**Wanda M Reese** - September 20, 2020 at 07:18 PM



“ I just saw this- Sylvia was always such a special blessing. She was a kind and encouraging servant. Everyone who knew her loved her. Know you are in our thoughts and prayers!

*Pastor Eddie*

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**Eddie Coakley** - September 20, 2020 at 02:57 PM

NC

“ Our prayers and love are ongoing and filled with sadness and gratitude. Sad that we no longer have Sylvia with us in person. Grateful for the friendship with her and all the family. Sylvia was a wonderful secretary and musician with unwavering commitment to her Lord and her church. She was the matriarch of her family and found immense joy in loving and being loved by her family. She will be missed and lovingly remembered. She knew that her family cared for her and deeply loved her. She took care of her children when they were young and in the wondrous cycle of life her children were her adoring and kind caregivers when she needed it most. This is a model of family dignity and Godlikenes and love.  
Sent in love,  
Neil and Candy

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**Neil and Candy Cochran** - September 20, 2020 at 11:48 AM

DM

“ I met Sylvia through Ginny which is Sylvia's daughter-in-law and my sister-in-law. Sylvia was always so nice and courteous. I know that Greg and Loretta and Clyde and all the family will miss her...I pray that God will take the pain away and fill each one's heart with sweet memories!

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**Diane Martin** - September 19, 2020 at 10:50 PM

JR

“ So sorry for your loss! I went to Berea High with Sylva and she was always such a sweet person and great memories of School. Jeanne Brown Rhodes

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**Jeanne Rhodes** - September 18, 2020 at 02:43 PM

SH

“ Sylvia was the perfect example of a godly Christian . She and Clyde were also wonderful example of a committed and caring Christian couple. The world needs for these! My memories go way back to her always being at Piedmont Park Baptist Church playing the piano or organ every Sunday morning and evening for so many years. She was always sweet and nice to my parents, my sister, and me. I have known her my entire life. The last time I saw her was at Red Lobster restaurant. She and Clyde were very happy celebrating their wedding anniversary. My condolences and sympathy to the family. May your memories cushion your pain. May their be peace in knowing she is with her Lord and Saviour without any pain enjoying a celestial celebration with all of her loved ones that have gone before her.



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**Steve Hand** - September 18, 2020 at 01:32 PM

CN

“ Such fond memories of Sylvia at Piedmont Park Baptist. Sweet lady, always ready with a hug when I came to visit from Houston. Mother, Frances Hand, always loved her. Now they are singing and playing in a heavenly choir together. Bless you, Clyde, and all your family. Love, Cynthia Hand Neely

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**Cynthia hand Neely** - September 18, 2020 at 01:23 PM

 Joel Wright

“ Sweet memories of spending the night at your house and eating homemade pizza!!!  
Much love to Loretta & Greg!!!!  
Joni Wright

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**Joel Wright** - September 18, 2020 at 09:40 AM

SG

“ *Sylvia was my sweet lunch buddy and friend at First Presbyterian Greenville for many years and continued as a life long friend. She was truly one of God's children. The photo here is just like I want to remember her. She endured much and enjoyed much and loved much.*

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**Sandra Gipson** - September 17, 2020 at 08:06 PM

DA

“ *She was such a sweet lady. She filled in several times for us at Piedmont Park Baptist Church as a pianist even after she went to Mountain Creek and she did a beautiful job on the piano. She was a blessing to all of us. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Love in Christ, Diane Atkins*

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**Diane Atkins** - September 17, 2020 at 02:44 PM

JR

*We are so sad to hear of Sylvia's passing. We have fond memories of the McKinney's at Piedmont Park Baptist Church. She was Amazing at playing the Organ and Piano. One of the brightest stars of the church. Mom and Dad loved spending time with Clyde and Sylvia during fellowship On Sunday nights. Our thoughts and prayers are with Clyde, Greg and Loretta and their families. Love and prayers, Jean Rogers and Karen Jones*

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**Jean Rogers** - September 18, 2020 at 05:25 PM

MT

*I remember Sylvia and Clyde from Piedmont Park Baptist Church. I was a teenager and they were still practically newlyweds. My mother, Lula Clary , thought a lot of her and always wanted me to be as dedicated to playing the piano as Sylvia was. That never happened. Sylvia was a sweet Godly woman and , in my eyes, she and Clyde were a perfect couple.*

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**Merilus Clary Taylor** - September 25, 2020 at 05:23 PM