



Mrs. Burney Hay Gardner

March 29, 1925 - December 2, 2013

Burney Hay Gardner, 88, of Asheville passed away on December 2, 2013 at the John F. Keever, Jr. Solace Center. Born in 1925 in Covington, GA, she was daughter of the late Samuel Burney Hay, Sr. and Frances Dearing Hay. She was the oldest of three children. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Alvin Allen Gardner, Jr. and her son, Alvin "Al" Allen Gardner, III.

Burney graduated from Auburn High School in 1943, attended Mary Baldwin College from 1943 to 1944 and graduated from Auburn Polytechnic Institute (Auburn University) in 1946. She married Alvin Allen Gardner, Jr. of Montgomery, AL in 1947. They attended Columbia Theological Seminary together from 1947-1950 where Burney received a Master of Arts degree in Christian Education. Allen served as Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, GA, the First Presbyterian Church of Thomasville, GA and in 1960, they moved to Asheville, NC where Allen served as Pastor of the First Presbyterian until his death in 1984. Burney worked tirelessly as a Pastor's wife in the church as well as the community. She has remained an active member of First Presbyterian Church where she served as an Elder, taught Sunday School and was a life long member of Presbyterian Women. Burney began a twenty-one year career, in 1969, as an adult education teacher for Manpower Development which later became Asheville Buncombe Tech Adult Education Program. She retired from AB Tech in 1990. Following her retirement from AB Tech, Burney travelled extensively throughout the world

with the Friendship Force. She was also very active in the Asheville Chapter of the P.E.O. Sisterhood. In 2006, she moved from her home of 46 years on Sunset Parkway to Givens Estates.

Burney Hay Gardner was a beloved friend, daughter, sister, mother, aunt, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She loved her family, the church, reading, knitting, and tennis. She was an expert on fashion and etiquette and knew the Bible from the beginning to the end.

She is survived by three children, Katherine Dearing Gardner of Ashland, VA, Burney "Bea" Gardner Mattice of Arden and Samuel Hay Gardner of Athens, WV; sister, Martha Hay Vardeman of Atlanta, GA; brother, Samuel Burney Hay, Jr. of Covington, GA; eleven grandchildren: Tiffany Mattice Kinnaird of Asheville, NC, Chris Mattice Moss of Arden, NC, Kate Gaddy Leffler of Richmond, VA, Stephen Gardner Mattice of Montpelier, VA, Allen Gardner Gaddy of Bowdoinham, ME, Amanda Winfree Gardner of Richmond, VA, Emma Hay Gardner of Athens, WV, Burney Starke Gardner of Blacksburg, VA, Robert Allen Gardner of Athens, WV, Elizabeth Burney Gardner of Athens, WV and Samuel Dearing Gaddy of Ashland, VA; six great-grandchildren: John Harding Kinnaird, IV, Shelby Frances Kinnaird, Riley Dearing Moss, Allen Grace Leffler, Gardner Grant Moss, and Libbie Creagan Leffler.

A memorial service will be held 3:00 PM, Saturday, December 7, 2013 at the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville. The family will receive friends immediately following the service in the Wallace Foyer.

Memorials may be made to the Memorial Fund or the Capital Campaign Fund at First Presbyterian Church, 40 Church St, Asheville, NC 28801; the Givens Resident Assistance Fund, 2360 Sweeten Creek Rd, Asheville, NC 28803, or to The John F. Keever Solace Center in Asheville, NC, 21 Belvedere Rd., Asheville, NC 28803.

Cemetery Details

Private

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Burney Hay Gardner*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *I want to extend my sympathy to Burney's family. It was my pleasure to work with her at AB Tech from 1976 - 1987. Hundreds and hundreds of students were taught and encouraged by Burney to achieve their high school equivalency certificates. She was thrilled at each and every student's success! Burney's passing comes just months after Willa Bella Rowe's death on September 20. Both of these women were strong, kind, and an inspiration to all of us, staff and students.*

Every Christmas my daughter hangs a beautiful hand knit by Burney stocking on the mantle. I know she knit many stockings over the years for friends and parishioners at First Presbyterian. This year it is especially sweet to remember Burney with this beautiful treasure.

*Renee Reich Aubry
Wildwood, MO*

Renee Reich Aubry - December 09, 2013 at 11:23 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Burney Hay Gardner.*



December 06, 2013 at 04:01 PM

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“ *AgriTrust of Georgia Trustees and Staff purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mrs. Burney Hay Gardner.*



AgriTrust of Georgia Trustees and Staff - December 04, 2013
at 01:22 PM

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“ *I am so sorry for your loss. The Bible provides comfort during these difficult times. Revelation 21:3,4 states - And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away. Very soon now, we will never experience losing our loved ones in death. Hope these words give you a new hope.*

Ana - December 04, 2013 at 06:07 AM

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“*Burney Gardner was a "constant" in my life... from the day I was born (on her 40th birthday) and given her name. In her, my parents saw the kind of woman that any young girl would want to grow up to become. Poised, graceful and stylish without ever compromising her warmth and sense of humor.*

My very fondest memories of childhood include Burney and Allen and the Gardner family, schnauzers and all. Christmas Eve meant seeing them, along with summer trips to the beach and shared birthday dinners. I still have and wear the Stuart Nye ring and earrings that Burney had the good taste to give me almost 40 years ago...

I will miss Burney every day but never forget her indelible influence in my life.

I miss you all and wish I could be there to help celebrate and honor her journey!

Harriet Burney Dale Ligon Meyer, Phoenixville, PA

Harriet Meyer - December 03, 2013 at 07:54 PM