



## Gladys Fay Buskirk Purcell

November 12, 1913 - June 3, 2011

Mrs. Gladys Fay Buskirk Purcell of 524 Webster Street, South Boston, VA , died Friday, June 3, 2011 at Halifax Regional Hospital. She was born in Grundy, VA on November 12, 1913 and was 97 years old. She was the daughter of the late William D. Buskirk and Cora Alice Elswick Buskirk and was married to the late John Purcell. She studied at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music and the North Western University. She received her Master's Degree from the University of Michigan. She taught music in Grundy, VA, for 20 years and later moved to Michigan and taught there for 14 years. She conducted a Glee Club and wrote many songs. She was a member of the Centerville Baptist Church where she was a devoted piano assistant for 31 years. She was also an advocate leader in the Halifax County Republican Party. Mrs. Purcell loved her God, her country and her fellow man.

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# Tribute Wall

RM

“ It is with great sorrow we learned our wonderful friend Ms. Purcell had gone home to our Father's house. Please know that all are in our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends.  
With deepest sympathy  
Rob and Judy Moore

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**Rob and Judy Moore** - June 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

FE

“ We were blessed to grow up in a large and loving extended family with Aunt Goggie as our Queen. She was a beautiful and talented Lady who put music in all our lives, especially mine. Thanks Gog. We will all miss you but I know you are playing and singing with the Angels.

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**Fran Williams Entrekin** - June 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ The world has lost a very kind and gentle spirit. She was my Great Aunt Goggie. I didn't have a lot of time with her because of distance, but the few times I did have with her I will always hold dear.

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**Robert Hay** - June 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ GoodBye My Sweet Hero

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**Cathy Ann Buskirk Kreider** - June 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Our thought & prayers are with you at this time. May you feel the comfort healing that only comes from God. Gladys will be missed.

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**Sylvia & David Tooley** - June 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NC

“ *A great lady! I loved working with her and she was always a joy to visit.*

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**Nancy Carwile** - June 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

FS

“ *There are not enough kind words to describe this Beautiful Lady.  
Amazing yes,  
Loving a Peaceful Soul, who  
left her Love in all of our  
hearts.  
Love, Thoughts and Prayers to  
Ron, Gayle, and Irving.  
God Bless.*

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**Francila Swisher** - June 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Mrs.Charles/Purcell was my piano teacher for many years. My life would not be the same without her. I have been a church pianist for about 60 years so every church service, funeral, wedding etc, she was a part of. I played for the Glee Club at Grundy and we did many productions orchestrated by her and they hold many fond memories for me. She also helped me make it through Algebra and English Lit. and is why I still love to read. Wonderful lady who is already sorely missed. Ron & Gayle, our prayers are with you. She is in Heaven waiting for you, probably surrounded by beautiful music and enjoying every minute of it. I look forward to seeing her there.*

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**joyce davis statzer** - June 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ *RIP Ms. Purcell. I would give her manicures every few weeks and just found this out. She was a very special lady.*

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**TeLisa McKinney** - June 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *Many pleasant, lasting memories of my beloved Aunt Goggy. She was an amazing person in so many ways. Thoughts and prayers to Ron and Gayle from her niece Roberta, and special thanks to Irvin for his caring devotion.*

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**Roberta Skeens** - June 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM