



Mrs. Carolyn Merle Land McGuire

December 20, 1922 - January 28, 2013

Carolyn Merle Land McGuire stopped what she was doing, mentally strapped on her dancin' shoes, and left this place on Monday, January 28, 2013. She had recently celebrated her 90th birthday.

She was born on December 20, 1922, in Danville, Virginia, the youngest girl of seven children born to Alfonza F. Land and Evelyn W. Land. Sadly, she experienced all of their deaths prior to her own.

She lived in Danville and Spencer, North Carolina during her childhood and adolescent years, moving to Miami, Florida to attend secretarial school after graduating from high school. After wow-ing all the young and handsome military officers stationed in Miami during the War, she met Marvin Hurt McGuire, Jr. (the most handsome of all) in Salisbury, North Carolina; they married in 1944.

And "Oh!" what a life she and her "Mickey" had! They travelled, they entertained, they danced many a night away. They settled in Richlands, where he was born, and raised three children here. He preceded her in death in 1977, and she did what she had always done.....she carried on.

She continued to travel and entertain and, of course, dance. She loved digging in the dirt, and had the most glorious flower gardens in all of Tazewell

County. She played golf and bridge with her friends. She read books-lots and lots of books. She visited her children and grandchildren. And, when in these latter years she could no longer get around easily, she sat in “her corner” and regaled her friends and family with tales of yore, and with her thoughts on the state of this ol’ world.

In 2005, her son, Mick, passed away in Texas, then, in 2009, her younger daughter, Eve, died. Although these two tragic losses dealt her an immense blow, she did what she had always done...she carried on. She leaves behind one daughter, Dinah McGuire Douglas, and her partner, Linda Fowler; six beautiful and talented grandchildren: Marvin Hurt McGuire IV and his wife, Vikke, John McGuire and wife, Nicole, Matthew McGuire and wife, Melissa, Marianne McGuire Ewell and husband, Law; Courtney McGuire Douglas and William Hurt Douglas and his partner, Peter Widmer; twelve great-grandchildren (and another soon to arrive in April).

Carolyn McGuire -“Gan”, “Guiresey”- was one amazing woman: glamorous, loving and kind, passionate, a Friend to all who knew her, involved in her community, fiercely strong, fun-loving and full of joy. She had opinions and expressed them openly and honestly. In other words, she lived. And she truly carried on to the end.

Funeral services for Carolyn Merle Land McGuire will be conducted Saturday, February 2, 2013 at 10:00 am at the Cedar Bluff United Methodist Church in Cedar Bluff, Virginia with Annette Warren officiating. Interment will follow at Clinch Valley Memorial Cemetery, Richlands, Virginia. Pallbearers will be: David Peery, Joe Adair, Terry Stevenson, D. G. Jennings, George McCall, John McGuire, John York Lindsey, Jim Peery and Joe McCall. Honorary Pallbearers will be: Wade Peery, G.T. Harris, Bruce Mitchell and Don Dye. Friends may call from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm Friday evening at Hurst-Scott Funeral Home; 1401 Second Street; Richlands, VA 24641. Memorial

contributions may be made to the Cedar Bluff First United Methodist Church, Box 209, Cedar Bluff, VA, 24609 and to the Richlands Ministerial Association, PO Box 173, Richlands, VA 24641. Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia is in charge of the arrangements and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Clinch Valley Memorial Cemetery

3201 West Front Street/US 460
Richlands, VA 24641

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home
1401 2nd Street
Richlands, VA 24641
<http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com>

Service

FEB 2. 10:00 AM (ET)

Cedar Bluff United Methodist Church
Old Kentucky Turnpike
Cedar Bluff, VA 24609

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Carolyn Merle Land McGuire*

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *Mrs. Carolyn Merle Land McGuire*

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *McGuire Family,
So very sorry to hear of the loss of your dear loved one. She will be missed by many. A loved one lost can grieve the heart and make us yearn for tomorrow, when Jehovah will keep the promise he made of no pain, no death, no sorrow. I hope all the wonderful memories that were shared continue to sustain you in the days to come. Warm Christian Love*

Robin R - February 05, 2013 at 06:08 AM



“ *Dr. Jeanne Royall Hillman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carolyn Merle Land McGuire*



Dr. Jeanne Royall Hillman - February 03, 2013 at 12:39 PM

DH

I can still remember the friendships my Aunt Mary Bell Royall, my mother, Snooks Litz Royall, and Ms. Carolyn shared. They were, all three, Dancin' Dames. I witnessed this time after time when I was allowed, as a child, to sneak down the staircase or when allowed to take "the wraps" at the Country Club. I was mesmerized by the glitz and glamour! Please accept my most sincere condolences, Dr. Jeanne Royall Hillman

Dr. Jeanne Royall Hillman - February 03, 2013 at 12:46 PM

NJ

“ Naomi Joyce lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carolyn Merle Land McGuire



Naomi Joyce - February 02, 2013 at 07:21 PM

NJ

Loved Carolyn McGuire!

Naomi Joyce - February 02, 2013 at 07:22 PM

BP

“ Bill & Karen Patton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carolyn Merle Land McGuire



Bill & Karen Patton - February 02, 2013 at 04:30 PM

JA

“ *Jentil Antony lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carolyn Merle Land McGuire*



jentil antony - February 02, 2013 at 04:23 PM

MC

“ *Mutt, Charlotte And Chas lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carolyn Merle Land McGuire*



Mutt,Charlotte and Chas - February 01, 2013 at 05:14 PM

LG

“ *Dear Dinah, I'm sorry to not be able to extend my sympathy in person. The radiation and chemo has left me with little energy. I will miss your mother sitting in her pew across from us at church. When I was able to get to church we would always congratulate ourselves on being at least on our feet.....I am trying to get over a sinus or some kind of infection now and wont try to get out to the funeral etc. Lara will have to take my place.....I'm sorry I'm not up to doing much now and she and Tom are my 'caretakers'. I miss being able to get around and help like I used to do. With love and much sympathy,
Lou Grimm*

Lou Grimm - February 01, 2013 at 04:32 PM

CH

“ In many ways I hardly knew Carolyn at all, but I did know her well enough to call her a true friend. Even in these last years I always enjoyed her wonderful smile as we greeting one another in the Post Office or around town. With all the sadness and problems no doubt she felt in her own soul, she without fail would always ask me about my family---"How are those girls" she would inquire in such a way that no one would think she was just making conversation. She really cared about others. May God give us who are left a continuing love for those around us!
Carolyn will surely be missed by all of us in Cedar Bluff!!
Love in the Lamb of God,
Carl Howell

Carl Howell, - February 01, 2013 at 03:29 PM

HC

“ to the family of Mrs. Carolyn McGuire,
May God Bless and comfort you in your bereavement over the loss of your loved one!
Jerry Vencill

Helen Vencill Custalow - February 01, 2013 at 03:29 PM

LH

“ It was a pleasure to have Carolyn on our Volunteer Team here at Legacy Hospice. We could always count on her smile & kindness! She will be remembered by all of us. Dina & family you are in our thoughts & prayers!

Legacy Hospice - February 01, 2013 at 02:02 PM

LH

“ Legacy Hospice lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carolyn Merle Land McGuire



Legacy Hospice - February 01, 2013 at 01:59 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Carolyn Merle Land McGuire.



February 01, 2013 at 10:55 AM

RJ

“ Raymond & Karen Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carolyn Merle Land McGuire



Raymond & Karen Jackson - February 01, 2013 at 09:00 AM

MF

“ Marilyn, Andrew and Family purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Mrs. Carolyn Merle Land McGuire.



Marilyn, Andrew and Family - February 01, 2013 at 05:30 AM

BA

“ Dear Dinah, Not sure if you will remember me. I am Betty Joe Worth, your buddy from Camp Iva. I saw your mom about 15 years ago at Drs. Smith and Jones in Princeton. She was there with a friend and recognized me after all those years!! What a delightful lady, such class and so entertaining. Thoroughly enjoyed our visit. I will keep you and family in my thoughts and prayers. You were blessed to have your mother for so many years.

Betty Joe Worth Asbury - January 31, 2013 at 08:44 PM

MM

“ Dear Family and Friends of Mrs. Carolyn McGuire, I am a stranger but after reading the obituary I feel as if I knew her. Wonderfully written and engaging. My condolences.

Myra M. McGuire

Myra M. - January 31, 2013 at 07:44 PM

TB

“ 1 file added to the album *Town of Cedar Bluff*



Town of Cedar Bluff - January 31, 2013 at 12:52 PM

MK

“ Mom Moeller, Rod, Tom, Bonnie, Elijah and Kim purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Mrs. Carolyn Merle Land McGuire.



Mom Moeller, Rod, Tom, Bonnie, Elijah and Kim - January 31, 2013 at 11:49 AM

JB

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Janet Burrow - January 31, 2013 at 11:38 AM

JB

“ 1 file added to the album *Our Mothers*



Janet Burrow - January 31, 2013 at 11:36 AM

MR

“ *Dinah: Liz Nordquist shared your fabulous tribute to your mother with me today. What a remarkable woman you had in your mom. Right off the bat, the photo with her obituary made me laugh and want to get a drink and dance with this lady. I know she will be sorely missed by your family. Thank you for allowing me a glimpse at this full life, well led. May the gathering of all your family and community be a celebration and solace as your honor your mother's life. Missy Rand, Region Ten*

Missy Rand - January 31, 2013 at 10:55 AM

CC

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



Cedar Bluff Garden Club - January 31, 2013 at 10:36 AM

LS

“ Where does one begin? As you know, Carolyn was an avid gardener and had the greenest thumb of anyone. She was the inspiration for the Memory Garden at Tazewell County Country Club and I treasure the long, hot hours she and i worked together getting that garden established. Most of the plantings were from her garden and transferred there. Many of the trees you see in our town are in memory of Cedar Bluff Garden Club members. Again, the idea and inspiration of Carolyn. She wouldn't want me to be maudlin and I will not be. Rather, I will tell you a typical Carolyn story. She had beds and beds of pachysandra ground cover around her home. I couldn't get anything to grow on the North side of our house. Carolyn had the solution..One hot, humid July day I was taking an afternoon nap and Carolyn comes up the hall and I hear: "get your ass out of that bed and come out here and help me plant this pachysandra"..I will never pass that area of my yard without thinking of her. Rest well my friend. When i see you again it will be pay back time. I will say: "Get your ass up from there and help me do some planting".
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Louise Sereno - January 31, 2013 at 10:32 AM

SH

“ Dear Dinah, I was saddened to hear of your mother's death. She was a good friend of my parent's and one of the last of my mother's friends from Richlands that she still kept in touch with. My mother is Mary Lee Smith and is 95 and living in Va. Beach. They would talk every few months or so, and it kept mom in touch with her "old " crowd. Our moms were both North Carolina gals. I remember your mother always laughing or with a smile on her face! I live in Glade Spring, Va. (near Abingdon) married, and retired from teaching. Just wanted to let you know that even though it's been years since I've seen you or your family , you are in my thoughts and prayers at this time. Fondly, Sherry Smith Hurt

Sherry Smith Hurt - January 31, 2013 at 09:51 AM

CS

“Charlotte, Sam & Family And Anita Short lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carolyn Merle Land McGuire



Charlotte, Sam & Family and Anita Short - January 31, 2013 at 08:40 AM

HH

“Harold And Joan Helton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carolyn Merle Land McGuire



Harold and Joan Helton - January 30, 2013 at 10:14 PM

DR

“Diane & Scott Ringstaff lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carolyn Merle Land McGuire



Diane & Scott Ringstaff - January 30, 2013 at 08:00 PM

PS

“Peggy C Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carolyn Merle Land McGuire



Peggy C Smith - January 30, 2013 at 07:40 PM

CH

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Carol Hall - January 30, 2013 at 07:10 PM

MB

“ *Mary Wherley Braley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carolyn Merle Land McGuire*



mary wherley braley - January 30, 2013 at 05:25 PM

MM

“ *Melissa McGlothlin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carolyn Merle Land McGuire*



Melissa McGlothlin - January 30, 2013 at 04:59 PM



“ *Velma Conner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carolyn Merle Land McGuire*



Velma Conner - January 30, 2013 at 04:35 PM



“ Anita Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carolyn Merle Land McGuire



Anita Gibson - January 30, 2013 at 04:04 PM



Dinah and family, I am so very sorry to hear about your Mom's passing. She was truly a wonderful and most delightful lady. She was always so very kind and sweet to everyone. I was always such a delight to be around her as she was so happy and always smiling. She was such a beautiful lady. My deepest condolences, Dinah to you and the family.

Kirk and Anita McGlothlin-Gibson

Anita Gibson - January 30, 2013 at 04:06 PM

BM

“ Bruce & Linda Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carolyn Merle Land McGuire



Bruce & Linda Mitchell - January 30, 2013 at 03:23 PM

BM

Carolyn was a dear friend that I loved spending time with. I loved all the stories she told of her younger days. She will be greatly missed by all that knew her. RIP Dear Carolyn!!!!

Bruce & Linda Mitchell - January 30, 2013 at 03:25 PM

CB

“ Carolyn Jewell Baldwin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carolyn Merle Land McGuire



Carolyn Jewell Baldwin - January 30, 2013 at 02:44 PM

CB

I have had the privledge of knowing Carolyn for several years. She was a wonderful lady. Full of life. She will be missed.

Carolyn Jewell Baldwin - January 30, 2013 at 02:46 PM

CH

“ Carolyn's Friends At Cedar Bluff Town Ha lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carolyn Merle Land McGuire



Carolyn's Friends at Cedar Bluff Town Ha - January 30, 2013 at 01:51 PM