



## Anita Burkhardt

March 18, 1941 - December 28, 2010

Anita Louise Axford Burkhardt, 69, an awesome example of faith, love, patience and meekness died Tuesday, December 28, 2010.

Born in Pontiac, MI, she was the daughter of the late Kenneth and June Dunston Axford. Mrs. Burkhardt was a homemaker, graduate of Bob Jones University with a BA and MA, and attended Wayside Baptist Church.

Surviving are her husband of 46 years, Vernon L. Burkhardt; daughters: Vanessa Daugherty, Bethany Beam; son: Nicholas Burkhardt; sister: Susan Van Tuyl; grandchildren: Abigail Morgan Daugherty, Emily Daugherty, Madalin Beam, Haven Beam, Extra Beam, Cathrine Burkhardt; and cousin: Richard Axford.

She was predeceased by and infant brother Gary Axford.

The family will have a private visitation for relatives only.

Funeral service will be Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. at Wayside Baptist Church, with burial on Monday, January 4, 2010 at Greenville Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Wayside Baptist Church, 2091 Howlong Ave., Greenville, SC 29609.

The family will be at their homes.

Online condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.thehowzemortuary.com](http://www.thehowzemortuary.com).

The Howze Mortuary, Travelers Rest is in charge of the arrangements. (864) 834-8051.

# Previous Events

## Service

JAN 2. 2:30 PM (ET)

Wayside Baptist Church  
2091 Howlong Avenue  
Greenville, SC

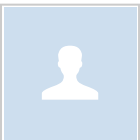
# Tribute Wall



“ Dear Burkhardt family,  
I am deeply sorry to hear of the loss of your beloved family member Anita passing away. I send my deepest sympathy to the family during this very difficult time. When we lose a dear loved one to the enemy death, it is the most traumatic thing we could ever experience. We may try to come up with an answer to the oldest question in the world "Why?" We may hear a lot of different conflicting stories to this question. Some may say it is because "God called them home" or "God needed another angel in heaven" or even " It is God's will. The Bible gives us a simple answer to that question. It says that we die because of our first parents Adam and Eve.(Genesis 3:1-7)(Romans 5:12)  
So, basically we die because Adam and eve disobeyed God. Being imperfect, they could no longer have perfect offspring. Thus as a result of their sin, we too come to be imperfect and susceptible to death.  
But our loving Heavenly Father did not leave us without hope. Through his perfect son Jesus Christ, he promises us that "There is going to be a resurrection of the righteous and the unrighteous"(Acts 24:15)(John 5:28-29). Isn't it comforting to know that in the very near future, we have the prospect of being reunited with our loved ones again?  
When our Lord Jesus was here on the earth, he showed that he has the power to bring the dead back to life here on the earth. On one occasion, he resurrection his dear friend Lazarus back to life.(John 11:-44) On another occasion, Jesus resurrection a 12 year old girl.(Luke 8:49-56) These miracles give us comfort and hope that one day soon, these same miracles will be performed on our dead loved ones.  
So Burkhardt family, continue to lean on the strength that only God can gives us. (Philippians 4:13)  
Continue to draw comfort from the scriptures to help you to cope during your bereavement period.(2 Corinthians 1:3-4)##imported-begin##Sandra##imported-end##

---

January 11, 2011 at 12:33 PM



“ Our prayers are with all of you. We will miss Mrs Burkhardt. From all of us at the East North Street SunTrust.##imported-begin##Kyle Rowan ##imported-end##

---

January 04, 2011 at 09:20 AM



“ Vernon and family, we were saddened to hear of Anita's homegoing. We pray that the Lord will give you comfort and grace during this time.##imported-begin##Howard and Joanne Klinetop##imported-end##

January 03, 2011 at 10:21 PM



“ Vern, I don't know if you remember me, but I was married to the late Phil Payne, who used to work for you. I am sorry to hear about the homegoing of your beloved wife Anita. I pray the LORD will give you comfort and peace as He heals your heart.

Grace & Peace,

Mary P. Harris##imported-begin##Mary Payne Harris##imported-end##

January 03, 2011 at 02:09 PM



“ Anita Burkhardt had a great impact on my life for Jesus Christ. She prayed for me, along with Brenda Worrell, and Darlene (Jones) Smook, to go to Bob Jones University when I did not want to go to school there. In time, God greatly impressed me that it was His will for me to go to BJU. I am so thankful to each of these ladies whom God used in my life for at BJU God changed my life for good. Anita was also the person who demonstrated to me how important it was to have a strong Christian testimony, know the Scriptures, and share it with others. Anita was a wonderful, unique person and I am so glad I knew her. I hope to spend time in Heaven with her, getting to know her better than I did here on earth.

My husband, Stafford, and I will be praying for your loss Vern, Vanessa, Bethany, Nick and families.##imported-begin##Judy (Fischer)##imported-end##

January 03, 2011 at 10:24 AM



“ Hearing the homegoing of Anita was with great sadness mixed with great happiness for her because I know she is with her Lord she loved. Vern, Vanessa, Beth and Nick I am so sorry for you that she is gone, but she left us with wonderful memories. I will never forget her. I have two paintings she did hanging in my house and I think of her often when I look at them. God Bless you all. You will be in our prayers. Love Brenda and Ronnie##imported-begin##Brenda & Ron Worrell##imported-end##

December 30, 2010 at 04:21 PM