



## Gladys Goodman McCorkle

May 1, 1926 - January 10, 2009

### GLADYS GOODMAN McCORKLE GREENVILLE, SC

Gladys Goodman McCorkle, 82, of 500 Plano Drive, widow of Thomas Bisaner McCorkle, died on January 10, 2009 at her home. She was the daughter of the late Mack and Leila Goodman

Gladys graduated from Montreat College with a degree in Religion. She relocated to Greenville to serve as Christian Education Director at Third Presbyterian Church. She met her husband Thomas while working at Third Presbyterian. They were married for 49 years. Early in her marriage they transferred their membership to John Calvin Presbyterian Church and she served for 45 years as organist, elder, Sunday school teacher, and friendship circle leader. She was also a delegate to the General Assembly. She was a dedicated caregiver to the congregation and to the community.

She retired from Furman University after 20 years of service. She served as Box Office Manager for the Drama Department. The lobby of the Furman Playhouse is named in her honor.

Surviving are her children and their families: Helen McCorkle Finch (daughter) and husband Jim, grandchildren, Sara Elizabeth and David of Charlotte, NC; Thomas Bisaner McCorkle, Jr. (son) and wife Virginia of the home;

granddaughter, Kristin Harrison and husband Jimmy and great-grandchildren, Daniel and Caroline of Greenville, SC; granddaughter, Ashley McCorkle and fiancée Seth Haynes of Asheville, NC. Gladys is also survived by her brother, Raymer Goodman and wife Mildred of Mooresville, NC. She also leaves behind many nieces and nephews whom she dearly loved and who also dearly loved her.

Graveside services will be held on Tuesday, January 13 at Woodlawn Memorial Park at 11:00 am. Also a Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, January 17 at 1:00 pm at John Calvin Presbyterian Church in celebration of her life.

Memorials may be given to John Calvin Presbyterian Church at 1801 West Parker Rd., Greenville, SC 29617 or to Open Arms Hospice at 1836 W. Georgia Rd., Simpsonville, SC 29680.

The family is at the residence.

# Previous Events

## Service

JAN 13. 11:00 AM.

Graveside

## Service

JAN 17. 1:00 PM (ET)

John Calvin Presbyterian Church  
1801 West Parker Road  
Greenville, SC

# Tribute Wall



“ Kristin, Mr. and Mrs. McCorkle, Ashley and Family,

*I am so sorry for your loss. I have fond memories of visiting the home of "Miss Gladys" as a child. I always enjoyed spending time with her. I know she will be missed by many.*

*Christy Leslie Sherman##imported-begin##Christy Sherman##imported-end##*

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January 17, 2009 at 04:40 PM



“ We exchanged Christmas cards every year. Mrs. McCorkle always remembered me and had lovely things to say. I sent her a card this year as always - I'll be sad next year when I get to her name in my address book.##imported-begin##Bert Wallace##imported-end##

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January 13, 2009 at 11:22 PM



“ After I graduated Furman in 1992, one person I always held in my heart was Gladys. She always made me feel so special and I never forgot her. I often thought of her even after she retired and I had long moved away. Having just moved back to Greenville, I saw her just a few months ago and we had a terrific chat, right in the middle of Publix - and I suspect I wasn't the only one who got those chats in her daily life. She was so caring and how lucky I was to know her. What a blessing she was and will continue to be in our hearts.##imported-begin##Tim Brown##imported-end##

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January 13, 2009 at 09:42 PM



“ I just found out about Gladys's passing. I dearly loved her and it was such a blessing to know her. Ashley, you have been a blessing in my life too. Please know I am praying for you.

Susan McCoy###imported-begin###susan mccoey###imported-end##

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January 13, 2009 at 02:31 PM



“ Mrs. McCorkle was always a familiar and welcome face around the Furman Playhouse. She always welcomed everyone with a warm smile. I think of her every time I step into the lobby of the Playhouse. I hope that she will reserve us a seat in heaven even if the show's sold out!###imported-begin###Kirkland Dickey###imported-end##

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January 13, 2009 at 11:52 AM



“ My life was truly blessed by Aunt Gladys Judy###imported-begin###Judith Ann McCorkle Troup###imported-end##

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January 11, 2009 at 11:08 PM



“ Thomas, It was a pleasure to have known your mother, as a neighbor and friend. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Our last visit with you, Virginia and Gladys was a most enjoyable afternoon of conversation about old and present times. Gladys will be missed by all that knew and loved her. As the Bible says, "Well done my good and faithful servant."###imported-begin###Betty & Buddy Stover###imported-end##

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January 11, 2009 at 09:44 PM



“Helen and Thomas, I'm so sorry to hear of your loss and know that your mother will be greatly missed by one and all. Remember our prayers are with you during this time.

We love you,

Dell, Ashley, Austyn, and Joey##imported-begin##Dell McCorkle  
Lawrence and family##imported-end##

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January 11, 2009 at 05:32 PM



“Mrs. McCorkle was the best thing that ever happened to the drama department at Furman University. From 1967 to 1997 she served as department secretary and, more prominently, as box office manager. Her efficiency and her good humor, her knowing season ticket holders by name as well as their preferences in tickets, her friendship and sometime mothering of all the students, made her the face and the heart of the theatre program. Hundreds who knew her will never forget her.##imported-begin##Phil and Margie Hill##imported-end##

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January 11, 2009 at 02:45 PM



“Tom, I am so sorry for your loss. Your Mother was a great blessing to so very many people and such a giving person. I am sure the hole her death created on this side of Everlasting Life only caused an incredible fulfilling of God's Promise on that side of the veil! Her welcome home party had to be stupendous! I pray God's blessings and strength for you and the rest of your family during this difficult time! If I can ever be of service, please let me know!  
Dennis##imported-begin##Dennis Weathers##imported-end##

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January 11, 2009 at 01:33 PM



“ Mrs. McCorkle was a wonderful, warm person who was a great stabilizing force at the Furman Playhouse. It meant a great deal to this (then) college student to have someone as solid and good natured (and just plain good) as her around.

*I wish you all the best as you cope with missing her.##imported-begin##Katharine Slonaker##imported-end##*

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January 11, 2009 at 10:39 AM



“ Tom & Virginia, sorry to hear about Mrs. McCorkle. My thoughts & well wishes are with you. Take care.

*Nita##imported-begin##Nita Finley##imported-end##*

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January 11, 2009 at 08:24 AM



“ Gladys was a wonderful blessing to me. She was such an encourager and my right arm as a volunteer in my classroom. I pray God will comfort you during this time of loss. She will be missed greatly. My love to you. Faith Toole##imported-begin##Faith Toole##imported-end##

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January 10, 2009 at 11:42 AM