



## Joyce Blair Burgess

January 8, 1946 - October 19, 2016

After a brave, hard fought battle against cancer, Joyce Blair Burgess, wife of Cecil Gary Burgess for 52 years went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at her home.

Born on January 8, 1946 in the Mills Mill section of Greenville, she was the daughter of Emily Bishop Blair and the late William Oliver Blair.

Until her retirement, she was employed by Furman University for 34 years. She was a member of Berea First Baptist Church. For many years she worked with the GA's and WMU's at Parisview and Sans Souci Baptist Churches. She was a faithful servant of the Lord. She helped with the delivery of Meals on Wheels for five years.

She was a 1964 graduate of Parker High School which she proudly supported. She graduated with high honors as a member of the Beta Club and a member of the Band for four years.

Along with her husband and mother, she is survived by sons Gary Burgess and wife Kristen of Reidville, SC; Darren Burgess and wife Dana of Charlotte, NC; and daughter Erin Oliver and husband Chris of Simpsonville, SC; granddaughters, Cayce and Carey Burgess and Ellison Oliver; grandsons, Nathan and Jeremy Burgess and Aiden Oliver. She is also survived by her brother George Randall Blair and his wife Janet.

Along with her "gang" of special friends, she also had several friends that she considered to be her "children", Elizabeth Bishop Weiss of Washington, DC; Ken, Jill, Jake, Drew and Arie Longshore of Pomaria, SC.

She is also survived by a number of nieces, nephews, traveling and shopping buddies too many to note, but not forgotten.

Visitation will be held Friday evening at The Howze Mortuary from 7 to 8:30 PM.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon in The Howze Mortuary Chapel. Entombment will follow at Mountain View Memorial Park. The family will be at the home.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Meals on Wheels, 15 Oregon Street, Greenville, SC 29605.

# Cemetery Details

## Mountain View Memorial Park formerly Grand View Memorial Gardens

7 Duncan Rd.  
Travelers Rest, SC

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **21**. 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

The Howze Mortuary  
6714 State Park Rd./P.O. Box 369  
Travelers Rest, SC

## Service

OCT **22**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

FA

“ Since my retirement from Furman over 2 years ago, I had lost touch with Joyce. So sorry to hear of her illness and passing. She spoke often of her wonderful family. My thoughts and prayers are with you.  
*Frances Ashley*

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**Frances Ashley** - October 26, 2016 at 09:01 PM

CB

“ Clarence and I were saddened by the news of Joyce's death. She was such a sweet, Christian lady. I first met her at Sans Souci Baptist Church when she was a WMU circle leader. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. May God bless and comfort you today and in the days to come.

*Love and prayers,  
Carolyn Blankenship*

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**Carolyn Blankenship** - October 23, 2016 at 09:07 PM

CS

“ Gary and Kristen, so sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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**Cindy and Lawrence Salley** - October 22, 2016 at 01:52 PM

LA

“ We were deeply saddened to learn of Joyce's death. Our sincere condolences go out to your family. May God's comfort and peace be with you through this difficult time.

*Joanne Ware Cleveland  
Linda Ware Alpert*

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**Linda Alpert** - October 22, 2016 at 07:50 AM

BB

“ Barbara A. Burgess lit a candle in memory of Joyce Blair Burgess



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**Barbara A. Burgess** - October 21, 2016 at 04:31 PM

MC

“ We are sorry for your loss Gary and Kristen. Our prayers will be with you and your family during this difficult time.

*Marty and Mark Chapman*

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**Marty Chapman** - October 21, 2016 at 04:02 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joyce Blair Burgess.



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October 21, 2016 at 12:02 PM

CM

“ *She was a wonderful person . she brought me my meals on wheels on Friday's. I would ask her how she was doing . she would always say OK. She will be missed. I was blessed to have known her.*

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**Catherine Mills** - October 21, 2016 at 11:13 AM

LR

“ *We are sorry for your loss, and pray that you will find peace with God's love and care in the days, months and years ahead.*  
*Linda and Jim Ray*

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**Linda Ray** - October 21, 2016 at 09:23 AM

LP

“ *So very sorry for your loss. Prayers for God's peace, especially in the days and weeks to come.*

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**Leigh Poe** - October 21, 2016 at 08:30 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Joyce Blair Burgess.*



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October 20, 2016 at 08:34 PM

KR

“ *Karen E Robertson lit a candle in memory of Joyce Blair Burgess*



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**Karen E Robertson** - October 20, 2016 at 04:31 PM



“ 69 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**The Howze Mortuary** - October 20, 2016 at 04:25 PM



Caroline  
Eller

“ So very sorry for your loss. You have our prayers and love during this difficult time.

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**Caroline Eller** - October 20, 2016 at 04:01 PM

DB

“ Donna Bishop & Charlie Bell lit a candle in memory of Joyce Blair Burgess



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**Donna Bishop & Charlie Bell** - October 20, 2016 at 11:03 AM