



## Ann Frances Burruss

November 6, 1935 - January 2, 2018

Hayes: Ann Frances Burruss, 82, died peacefully at her home in Hayes, Virginia, on January 2, 2018, surrounded by her children.

A passionate lifelong educator, Ann was a graduate of Achilles High School and Christopher Newport College. Her teaching career spanned half a century; she taught in Saudi Arabia for over a decade and in Tidewater Virginia when she returned from overseas. After retiring, Ann was a member of the Gloucester County School Board, and, like her mother before her, was a director and tutor for the Literacy Volunteers of Gloucester, teaching GED in the jail and elsewhere for 17 years. She was a member of the Gloucester County Educational Foundation, the Gloucester County Re-entry Council, the Woodville School/T.C. Walker Foundation, and was an Elder of Groves Presbyterian Church.

She earned many awards for her volunteer service, including a Gold Award from President Bush's Council on Service and Civic Participation, the Governor's Senior Volunteerism and Community Service Award, and the Bank of America Hero Award. Ann is survived by her children, Lewis "Spike" Whitaker, Karen Kovacs and Bob, and Catherine Catina and Rich; grandchildren Adam Barron, Nicholas Barron, Travis Catina, and Rebecca Catina; and a brother, Lewis "Bucky" Burruss. She was preceded in death by her daughter Eleanor Whitaker Barron and by her former husband, Dion S. Whitaker. In our mother's memory, contributions may be made to the Gloucester Community Foundation, P. O. Box 2303, Gloucester, Virginia 23061; or to the Piano Fund at Groves Memorial Presbyterian Church, P. O. Box 1263, Hayes, Virginia 23072

A memorial service for Ann Frances Burruss will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, January 13th, at Groves Memorial Presbyterian Church, 9117 Glass Road, Hayes, Virginia.

Arrangements under the direction of Hogg Funeral Home and Crematory, Gloucester Point. Please visit <http://www.hoggfh.com> to share condolences and memories with the family.

# Events

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**JAN**   **Celebration of Life Service**   11:00AM

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Groves Memorial Presbyterian Church  
9117 Glass Road, Hayes, VA, US, 23072

# Comments

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“ My thoughts and prayers go out to this wonderful woman, who like her Mother, was ahead of her time on this earth. Ann taught me Red Cross swimming lessons at York River Beach a Gloucester Point 60 years ago.

Richard Kelley Parkes, Williamsburg, Va.

Richard Kelley Parkes - January 14, 2018 at 04:45 AM

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“ Ann was a very special person who saw the possibilities in everyone she met, whether it was her work with inmates in our jail or those who had dropped out of high school and wanted, in later years, to get their GEDs. She was dedicated and committed to bringing out the best in all of her students. There are so many people in Gloucester, who as adults, realized their deferred dreams because of Ann's patience and dedication to their circumstances. To her family, we hope that your sorrow will be replaced, in the days to come, by wonderful memories of Ann and her passion for others.

Harrison and Sylvia Dixon

Harrison and Sylvia Dixon - January 12, 2018 at 09:58 PM

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“ I will remember Ann as a terrific school board member, but more importantly as a lovely lady who became a good friend. Ann's energies were always directed toward others. Her passion was directed toward children and adults in Gloucester County. Her love was directed toward her family. Gloucester County has lost one of its finest but Ann's legacy will live on through the lives of those she touched.

Ben Kiser

Ben Kiser - January 11, 2018 at 05:16 PM

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“ Ann was the perfect volunteer. I enjoyed working with her on the Woodville project. I will miss her grit and insight. RIP.

Rev. Graham

E. R. Graham - January 11, 2018 at 01:21 PM

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“ Ms. Burruss was my 6th grade math and science teacher. She was always so supportive--down to when I broke my ankle severely and needed surgery and had to be out of school for the rest of the year, she signed on to be my in-home tutor. She was a dedicated teacher and a kind person. Grateful to have known her!

Courtney (Parkinson) Ellis - January 09, 2018 at 10:28 PM

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“ Ann was truly a champion of children. It was refreshing to have her on our school board because she was one of the few who understood what it means to be an educator. I always admired her and her perspective and her honesty. She was a remarkable woman and taught me a great deal about being genuine and unafraid. I will miss Ann.

Kim Chandler - January 09, 2018 at 07:33 PM

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“ What a privilege it was to have Ann in our lives. She was always honest, kind and loving to us. She was a friend to many and showed compassion and love to those in need. What a gift she gave to many -- the gift of learning to read and write. I have seen her eyes sparkle when she would encounter one of her former students who had been given a second chance. Being Ann's friend was a lesson in how to treat others. She will be missed. -- Johnny and Mary Alice Livingston

Mary Alice Livingston - January 08, 2018 at 05:44 PM



“ Educator, Leader, Pillar in the community and church, Ann touched many lives throughout her long life of service. We will dearly miss your loving smile and can do attitude :)

rebecca reed - January 09, 2018 at 05:30 AM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ann Frances Burruss.



January 06, 2018 at 09:32 PM