



## Virginia Lee Smith Burdine

February 10, 1930 - December 30, 2013

Virginia Lee Smith Burdine (83) of Lilburn, GA went to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Monday, December 30, 2013. Mrs. Burdine was the fourth oldest child of 16 children born to Adolphus and Pearl Smith of Clarkesville, GA. Their family later moved to Eatonton, GA.

After graduating from Eatonton High School, Mrs. Burdine moved into a boarding house in Midtown Atlanta in the early 1950s and rode the bus to her job at a downtown furniture store. During this time, she met and fell in love with her bus driver, Martin Burdine. They were married in 1957 and lived in Decatur until they relocated to Gwinnett County in 1967.

Mrs. Burdine was a skilled seamstress; she delighted in making exceptional clothing for her children and younger siblings. She designed and created beautiful garments for local Atlanta clients as well as major corporations such as Milliken Fabrics and Vogue Patterns. She was able to work from home and raise her two daughters, Debra and Rochelle. After her girls reached their teens, she took a job as a customer service representative with G.E. Capital Corporation. She enjoyed working with the public. She retired from GECC in 1992.

Mrs. Burdine is preceded in death by her husband of 49 years, Martin P. Burdine, Jr.; sisters: Edith Galloway, Willene Batty, Margaret Bryant, Laura Smith, Mary Jo Rogers, Dona Dell Pesosky and brothers: Randolph Smith, Grady Smith and Raymond Smith.

She is survived by her loving and devoted daughters: Debra (Tim) Secrist,

Peach Creek, WV, Rochelle Burdine, Atlanta, GA; grandchildren: Paul, Ben and Hannah Secrist, Peach Creek, WV; sister: Louise (John) Morrison, San Antonio, TX; brothers: Homer Smith, Saginaw, TX, Frank Smith, LaGrange, GA, Ross Smith, LaGrange, GA, Howard (Pat) Smith, Gray, GA, Alley Smith, Eatonton, GA and a host of caring nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, her family has requested donations to Buckhead Christian Ministry, Atlanta, GA. She loved participating in their Adopt-A-Family Program each Christmas to help families in need.

A public graveside service will be held on Saturday, January 4, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at White Chapel Memorial Gardens, Duluth, GA. Tim Stewart Funeral Home in Lawrenceville, GA is in charge of the arrangements. Please sign the online guestbook at [www.stewartfh.com](http://www.stewartfh.com)

# Previous Events

## Service

JAN 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

White Chapel Memorial Gardens  
1832 Pleasant Hill Road  
Duluth, GA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Virginia Lee Smith Burdine*

October 08, 2022 at 11:31 AM



*You're missed*

**anonymous** - December 29, 2025 at 10:53 PM



“ *Debra and Rochelle - We are so sorry for the loss of your mom. She was a sweet and beautiful person and a wonderful mom. We will keep you in our hearts and prayers. God Speed my dear sister. Your spirit will live in my heart forever and always. - John, Louise & Tiffany Morrison##imported-begin##John, Louise & Tiffany Morrison##imported-end##*

January 04, 2014 at 11:08 AM



“ *Debra and Rochelle, I have many good memories of your Mother. She helped me get my first job while I was still in high school and was always very caring for others. She lived a life well lived! In sympathy and love, Martha and Wendell##imported-begin##Wendell and Martha Nash##imported-end##*

January 03, 2014 at 10:33 PM



“ Debra and family,  
We are sorry for your loss. We are playing for you.

Bob and Donna##imported-begin##Bob and Donna  
Miller##imported-end##

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January 02, 2014 at 09:43 PM



“ praying for a safe year.sorry for your lo9ss.##imported-  
begin##jimmy gresham oak cir.##imported-end##

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January 02, 2014 at 11:09 AM



“ I'm thinking of you!##imported-begin##Laraine Wilson ##imported-  
end##

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December 31, 2013 at 02:53 PM



“ Our deepest sympathies at the loss of your wonderful Mama. We  
are keeping you and your families close in our hearts and prayers.

Much love to you both, Debra and Rochelle.

Ron and Denise##imported-begin##Denise and Ron  
Tinkel##imported-end##

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December 31, 2013 at 02:28 PM