



Donna J. Upchurch

November 19, 1934 - February 21, 2014

Donna J. (Charlton) Upchurch, 79, formerly of New Castle, died Friday, February 21, 2014 at her home in Savannah, Georgia following a lengthy illness.

She was born November 19, 1934 in New Castle, the daughter of the late Virgil and Nina (Gamer) Charlton.

She was a 1953 graduate of New Castle High School where she was a candidate for Prom Queen. She enjoyed playing volleyball and outdoor sports in her younger years. She was an avid Trojans fan supporting basketball, baseball, football, and the Trojans cheerleaders. She was also a member of the Trojans cheer block in high school. Donna was a homemaker most of her life. She was the happiest when she was spending time with her family. She enjoyed watching the Colts play football and Peyton Manning as quarterback. She was a former member of Whittier Lane Baptist Church where she sang in the choir.

She is survived by a daughter, Deborah (husband: Gene) Jones of Savannah, Georgia; three sons, Ronnie (wife: Tara) Upchurch of New Castle, Michael Upchurch of Savannah, Georgia; and Brian (wife: Lisa) Upchurch of Savannah, Georgia; eight grandchildren, Tammy Keelsing, Holly Buckley, Robin Upchurch, Crystal Upchurch, Carlie Upchurch, Kayla Upchurch, Josh Upchurch and Ashley Upchurch; 11 great-grandchildren, Jarret Keesling, Ashtyn Keesling, Olivia Keesling, Emory Keesling, Tyler Buckley, Mercedes Buckley, Mackenzie Buckley, Madison Buckley, Anthony Lloyd, Abbey

Upchurch and Eli Upchurch and a sister, Della Hornback Zimmerman.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Bennett Upchurch, and a son, Terry Upchurch.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 5, 2014 at Sproles Family Funeral Home with Warren Cummings, a friend of the family, officiating. Burial will follow in South Mound Cemetery.

Friends may call from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

Sproles Family Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Donna Upchurch.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Debbie, I am so sorry to learn of the death of your mother. Not that long ago I was sending condolences over the loss of your father. My deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family during this time.*

Kim Morgan McConnell - March 04, 2014 at 11:43 AM

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“ *was so sorry to hear of Donna's passing. She was a very pleasant woman. I enjoyed the talks we would have when we would see each other out and about. She loved her family. Our prayers and sympathy are with you all, and may God give you the grace you need at this time. Ron and Donna Ragan*

Ron Ragan - February 28, 2014 at 09:52 AM

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“ *Donna was a wonderful woman and second mom to all of Debbie's friends. She and Junior always welcomed us to their home for get-togethers, meals, sleep overs, etc. She was a wonderful influence on my life as a role model. I remember when she was our Girl Scout leader and I was struck her beauty and wonderful personality and that first impression continued throughout my life. Her memory lives on in all of us as she impacted so many girls and young women. To her family: You are all special to me and are in my prayers for God to comfort you and give you peace. ~ Beverly Smith-Matthews*

Beverly Matthews - February 27, 2014 at 11:10 AM