



Martha Jane Chudina

May 19, 1930 - October 9, 2021

Martha Jane Chudina, 91, of Clemmons, N.C., formerly of Bluefield, Va., passed away on Saturday, Oct. 9.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 46 years, Frank Chudina, in 1999; her parents, Irsel and the Rev. Lindsay Burton; and her brother and sister-in-law, the Rev. Lorne Burton and Mary Burton.

She is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Tina Chudina, of Greeneville, Tenn.; one daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Danny Spence, of Clemmons, N.C.; three grandchildren, Allison Chudina, Kristen Sorrell (John Sorrell), and Kimbery Spence-Jensen (Lee Jensen); six great-grandchildren, Hannah, Rebekah, Isaac, Eve and Lucy Sorrell, and Zion Spence-Jensen; two sisters-in-law, Dorothy Chudina, of Kodak, Tenn., and Martha Faw, of Roanoke, Va.; three nieces and six nephews, and a special caregiver, Yolanda Couser.

She was born in 1930 in Handley, W.Va., and was a graduate of Stonewall Jackson High School in Charleston, W.Va. She was named to the National Honor Society her senior year, and also the Quill and Scroll, a journalism honor society. She was co-editor of the yearbook her senior year, and was also the president of the Future Business Leaders of America. She was active in the Y-Teens, the Troupers, and the Social Studies Council. She was also in the band, and played the cello and piano in the orchestra.

She was a graduate of Morris Harvey College, which is now the University of Charleston (W.Va.). She graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of

Science Degree in Secondary Education. She was named the Secretary/Treasurer of the student body her senior year, and was president of the Alpha Mu sorority. She was also a member of the Choir, the Wesley Foundation, and Who's Who in American Colleges. She worked for the Vice President of the college, and also worked for the Red Cross for three years. After graduating, she taught Business and English classes for 16 years. She taught in many schools, including Gary Junior High School, Elkhorn Junior High School, Northfork High School, and the Vocational Department of Mercer County, all in West Virginia; Tazewell (Va.) High School and the Executive Secretarial School in Bluefield, Va.

She was inducted into the Delta Kappa Gamma Teacher's Honorary Society in 1977. She retired from teaching to work with her husband for 20 years as the bookkeeper for a family-owned business, Swift Mart Inc., in Bluefield, Va.

She was a woman of strong faith, and was active in several United Methodist churches in the Bluefield area during her life. She was a member at Bluewell (W.Va.) United Methodist Church for 12 years, where the Burton Fellowship Hall is named after her father. She was a member of the Laura Wheeler Circle, and helped teach the Loyalettes Sunday School class. She also sang in the Chancel Choir. She later moved to Virginia Avenue United Methodist Church and First United Methodist Church in Bluefield, Va., where she served on the Administrative Board and sang in the Chancel Choir.

In 1983, she became a member of Edgemont Baptist Church in Bluefield, W.Va., and was a member of the Anne Vencill Circle and the Ladies Sunday School Class. In her later years when she was no longer able to attend church, she moved her membership back to her "church home," Bluewell United Methodist Church in W.Va.

She was an avid lover of flowers and was very knowledgeable about their care. She grew many varieties around her home and yard, petunias being her favorite. She was also a good cook, and passed down many family recipes. She also found great joy in playing the piano and listening to music.

A visitation will be held Saturday, Oct. 23, from 1-2 p.m. at Bluewell United

Methodist Church. A memorial service will follow at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Melissa White officiating, followed by interment in Woodlawn Memorial Park mausoleum in Bluewell, W.Va. If you are attending and prefer to wear a mask, please feel comfortable to do so.

Pallbearers will be nephews and grandsons-in-law.

Flowers are welcome, but those who wish may make a memorial to Bluewell United Methodist Church, 228 Warden Ave., Bluefield, WV, 24701; or Edgemont Baptist Church, 2507 Jefferson Drive, Bluefield, WV, 24701.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting www.MercerFuneralHome.com Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Martha Chudina.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Memorial Park Cemetery

Bluefield, WV

Previous Events

Funeral Service

OCT 23. 2:00 AM (ET)

Bluewell United Methodist Church
Warden Ave.
Bluewell, WV 24701

Visitation

OCT 23. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Bluewell United Methodist Church
Warden Ave.
Bluewell, WV 24701

Burial

OCT 23 (ET)

Woodlawn Memorial Park Cemetery
Bluefield, WV

Tribute Wall



“ *Martha Jane Chudina*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Martha Jane Chudina.*



October 19, 2021 at 05:07 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Martha Jane Chudina.*



October 16, 2021 at 02:03 PM

DC

“ Dear Family of Martha Jane, I am praying for you at this very difficult time. Having Martha Jane as a sister-in-law for many years, I know what a great person she was. I do remember those beautiful petunias and know that she took care of them as she would a child. I am so proud of you for taking such good care of Martha Jane. I know that she loved each and every one of you and that you were so important to her. Love and Prayers,

Dorothy Chudina

Dorothy Chudina - October 15, 2021 at 09:22 AM

RY

“ We are so sorry about hearing of the death of Martha. It been years since we seen her but we have fond memories of her and Frank and the big pig roasts in Simpsons' back yard. Always upbeat and had a smile on her face. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family.

Missy Wallace Simpson and Randy Yost

Randy Yost - October 14, 2021 at 01:01 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Martha Jane Chudina.



October 14, 2021 at 02:12 AM

CR

“ I have many beautiful memories of Martha. I have been a missionary as long as I have known her and she constantly tells me how she prays for me and the work God is doing. What a great prayer warrior. Our most joyful time is When together we sang “I saw the light! “
Her eyes would just sparkle and we were just singing and singing and shouting . She is doing that now❤️
The last time I saw her in the nursing home I told her she had my permission to ask Jesus to let her sing “ I saw the light” and play the piano! I wanted to cheer her up because she was so sick and I knew soon she would be in the presence of our Lord. Praise God for her testimony❤️ Carol Ronning

Carol Ronning - October 13, 2021 at 08:44 PM

BS

“ Jack and Carol,
we are so sorry to read that Martha has passed. she was such a pleasant person and great neighbor. she welcomed us and our young boys when we moved to Meadow Lane in 2002. we enjoyed her company and chats until she moved away to NC. we wish you comfort and condolences during this time.



Sincerely,
Bob and Beth Staton

bob staton - October 13, 2021 at 12:33 PM

AM

“ She was a wonderful teacher, I had her at Northfork, WV. Such a kind and caring person. Sorry for the loss. Anna Belle Goad Murray

Anna Belle Murray - October 12, 2021 at 06:58 PM