

Celebration of Life
for
Mrs. Ruth B. Burgess

SUNRISE
July 25, 1921
Anson County

SUNSET
June 24, 2012
Forsyth County



Visitation 1:00 - 1:30
Saturday, June 30, 2012
One-thirty o'clock

Jonesville First United Methodist Church
305 West Main Street
Jonesville, North Carolina

Reverend Dale Swofford, *Pastor/Officiating*
Reverend Timothy L. Porter, *Eulogist*

Interment
Crestwood Memorial Gardens
State Road, North Carolina

ORDER OF SERVICE

Earth's Final Glimpse	1:00 until 1:30
Words of Comfort	Reverend Dale Swofford
Selection "It is Well With My Soul"	Congregation
Scripture	
Old Testament	Minister Roy Brown
New Testament	Minister Roy Brown
Invocation	Bishop Larry Glenn Church of Christ
Selection	Musician Louise Russell
Poem	Laura Hurt (Neighbor, friend)
Obituary (Read Silently) "In the Garden"	Musician Louise Russell
Selection "Lord I Tried"	Musician Louise Russell
Eulogy	Reverend Timothy L. Porter
Recessional (People Standing) "I Am Free"	Elaine Grace
Committal/Benediction	Reverend Timothy L. Porter
Interment	Crestwood Memorial Gardens State Road, North Carolina

Repast will follow at the Jonesville First United Methodist Church
Fellowship Hall

FLOWER BEARERS

Margaret Reid	Rosa Williams
Makita Reid	Tressie Prescott

CASKET BEARERS

Jeffery Porter	Herbert Stempson
James Lomax Jr.	Millory Watts
Anthony Eckles	Andrew Porter

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THE OBITUARY

Ruth B. Burgess was granted her angel wings on June 24, 2012. She was born on July 25, 1921, and lived a full and vibrant life for over 90 years. Her life began in Wadesboro, N.C. where she was born to Blanche Boulware. Later the family moved to Winston-Salem N.C. where Ruth lost her mother and was charged with taking care of her little brother at a young age. Ruth was married to Samuel J. Burgess and later moved to Jonesville, NC where she raised her family and began to build enduring relationships in the community. Throughout her life, she exemplified a strong work ethic, commitment to family and helping others, and an unwavering belief in honesty. She was truly a woman of integrity!

Ruth "Goonie" Burgess was a faithful member of Anna Jarvis United Methodist Church in Jonesville. Mrs. Ruth dedicated many years of her life employed in the medical housekeeping industry at Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital and Elkin Health Care, actively until the age of 88. She loved reading the daily newspaper, watching "public television", and socializing with family and friends.

Ruth is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, her brother, Prince Edward Boulware; her aunts, uncles, and a granddaughter, Michelle Edwards and two sons-in-law Ollie Gray Porter and Michael Davis. She leaves to celebrate her life four children: Rudie Lamar Boulware and Cathalean, and daughters Susan Porter, Gail Davidson, and Dora Maxine Davis. Additionally, Ruth was blessed with nine grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren as well as a host of other relatives and friends.

Let Me Go

When it comes my time to leave you,
And it will be hard I know,
Let me have my long deserved rest.
Just love me and let me go.

I've had a rich and wonderful life,
You, my loved ones, have made it so.

But when it's time to say good-bye,
Just hold me and let me go.

Don't try to hold me to the past,
For my steps are getting slow.

My hands are feeble, and my eye sight dim,
So, just kiss me, and let me go.

And when I cross the other side,

And see Jesus in His glory aglow,

You'll know I walk faster and straighter.

Be happy for letting me go.

With all the love a mother's heart could ever hold, Mom.



Thank You

The loss of the one we held so dear.

It was to us a great comfort indeed,

To see you in the time of sorrow and need.

So from our hearts which you tried to help mend,

We thank you sincerely again and again

For being such wonderful friends.

The Family of

Mrs. Ruth Burgess

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