



Iris Teal Burgess

October 18, 1950 - December 30, 2005

Mrs. Iris Teal Burgess

North Augusta, SC—Memorial Services for Mrs. Iris Teal Burgess, 55, of White Oak Drive, North Augusta, SC, who died December 30, 2005, at her home after a ten year long battle with spindle cell sarcoma, will be conducted Saturday morning at 11 o'clock from the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Pastor James K. Glander officiating. Interment in Pineview Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Iris Burgess was born Iris Gwendolyn Teal on October 18th, 1950 in Camden, SC. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey S. Teal, nurtured Iris in a loving and giving environment that helped her to become a truly great woman. She attended Lexington Elementary School, Hand Junior High School, and Dreher High School. She was a graduate of the University of South Carolina, possessing a BA and MA in Early Childhood Education.

After graduating from USC, Iris Teal married Craig Burgess and spent thirty-five years being the most loving and devoted wife. Her marriage brought about other new roles over the course of thirty-five years, those of mother and grandmother. Iris Burgess was a warm and caring mother to her two daughters, Kjarstie and Kristina. Her love continues to comfort them, even though she has passed on. Although the last few years of Iris's life were extremely taxing on her mind and body, there was one thing that consistently

brought her joy: being a grandmother. The hugs, kisses, laughter, and happy memories that were brought about by Granny Iris will live on forever not only in the heart of her grandson but in the hearts of all her loved ones.

Mrs. Burgess left a legacy of love and kindness with all who had the privilege of knowing her. She used her many gifts to improve whatever situation she found herself in. Although her generous and giving nature knew no bounds, Iris felt that she could do the most good through teaching children. She taught kindergarten for twenty-seven years in Aiken County with unyielding enthusiasm and passion. Her presence in the school system enriched the lives of both her students and her colleagues. Following recommended medical treatment, Mrs. Burgess reluctantly retired from the public school system in 1996.

Iris Burgess also used her many talents in the name of the Lord. She had various roles and positions in her beloved Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, including: Sunday School Teacher, Hand Bell Choir member, Church Council, Ruth Circle member, co-coordinator of Ladies Night Out, and Director of the Holy Trinity Lutheran Preschool Program. She also volunteered for the Lydia Project and participated in Relay for Life through her church. Her natural ability to bring peace and happiness to people as well as her devotion to God caused Iris to be frequently called an "Earth Angel." There is no doubt that Iris Burgess is now in the company of heavenly angels.

Survivors include her husband of thirty-five years, Craig Michael Burgess; two daughters and a son-in-law, Catherine Kjarstie and Joseph Robert Puetz and Kristina Teal Burgess, and grandson, Joseph Robert Puetz II, all of North Augusta; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey S. Teal; a sister, Teresa Teal Boswell, and a brother, Marshall Dennis Teal, all of Columbia; nephews, Eric Pope, Bartley Boswell, Brooks Boswell, and Stuart Teal; nieces, Anne Booth, Beth Paetow and Kelly Teal; great-nephews, Ryan Burgess, Andrew Booth and

Jackson Boswell.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Joseph R. Puetz, Eric Pope, Bartley Boswell, Brooks Boswell, Stuart Teal, and Stephen Armstrong.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home Friday evening from 6 to 8.

Memorials may be made to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Children's Ministry, 1002 Carolina Avenue, North Augusta, SC 29841 or the Lydia Project, 1321 Arsenal Avenue, Augusta, GA 30904.

Stephen D. Posey Funeral Home of North Augusta in charge of arrangements (803-278-1181). Visit the registry online at www.poseyfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Residence following the service

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Posey Funeral Directors
1307 Georgia Avenue
North Augusta, SC

Service

JAN 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
1002 Carolina Ave
North Augusta, SC

Tribute Wall



“ *Iris Teal Burgess*

October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ *Iris Teal Burgess*

September 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ *I was so saddened to hear of the passing of Iris. I am a friend from many, many years ago. Iris, Teresa, Dennis and neighborhood friends met many afternoons at Emily Douglas Park in Columbia. We played ping pong, kickball and cards after school. I remember the good times we all had at the park with Mrs. Deloache. Iris was fun to be around and always brought cheer to everyone she came in contact with. I wish everyone in the family an abundance of christ's comfort and peace at this time. Sincerely. Marion Marks*

January 10, 2006 at 03:43 PM



“ *I am a friend of Harvey and Ella Catherine's and their children. Sorry I didn't make the funeral. I didn't know about Iris' death until after the funeral had already taken place. Please know you in thoughts and prayers*

January 07, 2006 at 02:20 PM



“ Kristina - I'm thinking of you during this time in your life, even from so far away. Know you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

(Stephen's sister)##imported-begin##Amy Armstrong##imported-end##

January 07, 2006 at 01:32 PM



“ Iris touched the life of a lot of children. It was an honor to have worked with her. Her strength and positive attitude was reflected in her smiling face. She fought a good fight. God Bless all of you, She will surely be missed.##imported-begin##Eddie and Toni

Watkins##imported-end##

January 06, 2006 at 11:26 PM



“ Please know that you family is in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

Beth Satterwhite Kunkle##imported-begin##Beth Satterwhite Kunkle##imported-end##

January 06, 2006 at 12:48 PM



“ Craig, Kjarstie, and Christina,

I was so saddened by Iris' passing. I am grateful I was able to go by and visit with her a few weeks ago. She was such a dear friend to my Momma. I know that they are reunited now! I will pray for each of you to have peace, comfort, and wonderful memories.

Much Love,

*Brandie S. Rodgers##imported-begin##Brandie Strom
Rodgers##imported-end##*

January 06, 2006 at 10:27 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy is with you in this time of grief. May God Bless You All.

*Dennis Teal is a long-time friend and co-worker.##imported-
begin##Randy and Marsha Raines##imported-end##*

January 06, 2006 at 09:34 AM



“ When we heard that Iris had died, we knew that God needed another angel in Heaven. He surely got one in Iris.##imported-
begin##Tommy and Brenda Padgett##imported-end##

January 05, 2006 at 08:46 PM



“ We're very sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Linda & Tom
Cullum##imported-end##

January 05, 2006 at 08:34 PM



“ *The love and courage that Iris showed us all will always be remembered. There are no words to express our grief all the while knowing that she is in our Lord's care now and forever. We send our love and prayers to all Iris's family and friends who will miss her smile and her encouragement.##imported-begin##Carl and Karen Douglas##imported-end##*

January 05, 2006 at 08:15 PM



“ *Kjarstie and family,*

I am so sorry for your loss, and cannot imagine what you all must be feeling now. Iris was one of the nicest, most loving, and most giving individuals I have ever met. I know that she was such a source of strength for her family, and was always there with her kindness and support. I have personally seen many examples of her love for family, having lived with Kjarstie for several years. She was best friend to her daughters, and I am told, loved her grandson more than anything. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Angela Strickland##imported-end##

January 03, 2006 at 03:01 PM



“ *So sad to hear about Iris. But I know she is in a better place. She was such a delightful person. She endured so much for so long. Now we know she is at peace. She will be missed.*

*Love to the family,
Suzanne Ready West##imported-begin##Suzanne Ready West##imported-end##*

January 03, 2006 at 10:16 AM



“ Craig, I am so sorry to hear about your recent loss. If I am not able to get to the visitation, know that my prayers are with you and your family in this difficult time.##imported-begin##Ebb Dudley##imported-end##

January 03, 2006 at 09:14 AM



“ Iris was a gentle, generous, lovely lady who was well respected and liked by so many people. She really was an excellent teacher of young children, too. God bless you.##imported-begin##Theresa Heffernan##imported-end##

January 02, 2006 at 08:55 PM



“ Craig, Kjarstie & Kristina:
I was blessed to meet, prayer, and serve with Iris on Via de Cristo weekends. She was the most graceful lady! We all miss her sweet face and gentle smile. YSIC, Vivian Knight##imported-begin##Vivian Knight##imported-end##

January 02, 2006 at 01:57 PM



“ May the love of Jesus Christ be a light in this difficult time.##imported-begin##Sandie Griffeth##imported-end##

January 02, 2006 at 07:09 AM



“ Our prayers are with you and your family. We had the pleasure of knowing Iris for many years. Our oldest two children (both are graduated from college now) had the pleasure of being taught by Iris. She was truly a beautiful lady with a sweet and loving spirit. She will be missed greatly but her dedication to her students will live on.##imported-begin##Hatcher Family - Rick, Martha, Erica, Charles & Andrea##imported-end##

January 01, 2006 at 07:56 PM



“ I am filled with sorrow that one of God's angels has left us here on Earth and returned home ... I hope Iris' family can find that "peace that surpasses all understanding" in knowing she is herself at peace! God Bless!
YSIC~Elise##imported-begin##Elise Leaird##imported-end##

January 01, 2006 at 06:56 PM



“ Dear Crag and Family, I am in Florida and so sorry to hear of Iri's death. My prayers are with you all. Love in Christ
Janice Forrest##imported-begin##Janice Forrest##imported-end##

December 31, 2005 at 09:20 PM