



## Mary Linson Blichtington

April 9, 1916 - January 11, 2011

Mrs. Mary Linson Blichtington

North Augusta, SC—Funeral Services for Mrs. Mary Linson Blichtington, 94, of West Arlington Heights Ave, North Augusta, SC, who entered into rest January 11, 2011, will be conducted Thursday morning at 11 o'clock from the Grace United Methodist Church. Rev. James E. Dennis, Jr., Dr. John M. Younginer, Jr., and Dr. T. Joseph Lusk officiating. Interment in Pineview Memorial Park.

Mrs. Blichtington was born April 9, 1916, in North Augusta, SC. She was the daughter of the late Lewis O. Linson and Lena Bradshaw Linson. Preceding her in death were her husband of sixty-seven years, William E. Blichtington, Jr., and a sister, Dorothy C. Linson.

Mrs. Blichtington was a life-long musician and member of Grace United Methodist Church. She began playing for Sunday School classes by the age of twelve and became Church Musician at fifteen. She continued as organist and choir director for forty-seven years, creating choirs for all groups of all ages. She continued to sing in the choir past her ninety-third birthday.

After finishing Augusta College, she furthered her education at other institutions, including Scarratt College and Eastman School of Music. She

attended numerous workshops in hymnody, piano pedagogy, and vocal technique through the years. The Certified Church Pianist program she created was published by the Methodist Church for suggested implementation in all its churches.

In addition to her work in church music, she was a dedicated piano teacher, giving lessons from the age of fifteen through eighty-four. In her later years, she attempted to determine the number of students she had taught to play. She stopped counting at 1500. She continued to play for the residents at Sterling House and Hammond House, the assisted living facilities where she resided after her husband's death in 2008.

Mrs. Blitchington's mind remained quite active through-out her long life. She often contributed to Wrinkles in The North Augusta Star and this past Christmas sent a quiz on Christmas carols to Bill Kirby, who published it in his Augusta Chronicle column.

The family will be ever grateful to Betsy Nunamaker, who provided unlimited support and assistance to Mrs. Blitchington for many years.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara and Robert Graybill, Brenda and William Skipper, and Beverly and David Blevins, all of North Augusta; four grandchildren, William R. Graybill, Jr., Lexington, SC, Wesley M. Graybill, Columbia, SC, Cynthia L. Smith, Allendale, SC, and Paul D. Blevins, North Augusta. Also surviving are five great-grandchildren, as well as a step-brother, Lewis O. Linson, Jr., Lithonia, GA, and a sister-in-law, Betty B. Purcell, Covington, GA.

Honorary Pallbearers will be members of the Chancel Choir at Grace United Methodist Church. Active Pallbearers will be William Graybill, Wesley Graybill, Marcus Covar, Don Miller, Jim Dollar and Bob Young.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home this Wednesday evening from 5 until 7.

Memorials may be made to Grace United Methodist Church, 639 Georgia Ave., North Augusta, SC 29841.

The family will be at the residence of Barbara and Rob Graybill, 1015 Marshall Ave, North Augusta, SC 29841.

Posey Funeral Directors of North Augusta in charge of arrangements (803.278.1181). Visit the registry online at [www.poseyfuneralhome.com](http://www.poseyfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Pineview Memorial Park

450 West Five Notch Road  
North Augusta, SC 29841

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 12. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Posey Funeral Directors  
1307 Georgia Ave  
North Augusta, SC 29841  
(803) 278-1181  
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<https://www.poseycares.com>

## Service

JAN 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

Grace United Methodist Church  
639 Georgia Ave  
North Augusta, SC

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Linson Blitchington*

October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ *Mary Linson Blitchington*

September 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ *Mrs. "B" was my piano teacher for 10 years. She taught so much more than music - she is a tribute to elegance and grace. She always wore high-heeled shoes for piano lessons! She will be greatly missed.*

**Donna Hartshorn** - January 19, 2011 at 10:52 AM



“ *Beverly and family, I am sorry to learn about your loss. I know your mother will be missed greatly. I have fond memories of Mrs. Blitchington, especially at Christmas with her playing the piano, but we know she is in a better place and is with Mr. Blitchington.*

**Ralph Elizabeth Busbee** - January 14, 2011 at 03:29 PM



“ *MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU IN THIS MOST DIFFICULT TIME.*

**BUCK TINLEY** - January 13, 2011 at 08:33 AM

DJ

*“ It was a blessing to know Mrs. Blitchington. She and I were in the same circle at Grace for a while. She was always a gracious and talented lady. She will be missed by many. Our love and prayers for all the family.*

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**Dr. Mrs. Ronald Jowers** - January 13, 2011 at 08:27 AM

RB

*“ I am sorry to hear of your loss. Please be comforted by Revelation 21:4 that reads: "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes and death will be no more. Neither will mourning, outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things has passed away."*

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**R Brown** - January 13, 2011 at 06:38 AM

SH

*“ I was one of the more than 1500 children she taught to play piano. She gave me a gift of music I cannot repay.*

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**Stephen Hobbs** - January 12, 2011 at 09:33 PM

PB

*“ What a grand lady Mrs. Blitchington was – always an insightful comment and a kind word. She will be missed in North Augusta.*

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**Phyllis Britt** - January 12, 2011 at 07:55 PM



*“ We are with the extended Blitchington family in spirit tonight, and wishing that we could be physically present for the visitation. I will always remember Mary as a patient choral teacher and accompanist, a devoted friend to my family, and a faithful servant of our Lord. Margaret McKibben Key*

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**Margaret Key** - January 12, 2011 at 06:30 PM

NA

“ HEY THIS DEEDEE, SORRY I CAN'T MAKE IT BEV, I HAVE TO WORK. I BE THEIR IN SPIRIT BEVERLY.---- JUST THINK SHE IS ALL READY SINGING UP THERE. AND SHE IS REUNITED WITH BILL TOO WE WILL ALL MISS HER, BUT LIFE GOSE ON. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTION;S YOU CAN ASK ME CAUSE I KNOW WHAT ALL GOING THOUGHT. LOVE DEEDEE & JOEY HARTZOG



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**NANCY** - January 12, 2011 at 06:30 PM

SF

“ We have been blessed by knowing Mrs. Blitchington and her wonderful family. We will always have fond memories of her. Our love and prayers, Mark & Suzanne Fowley

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**Suzanne Fowley** - January 12, 2011 at 06:01 PM



“ Godspeed Mrs. Mary, a woman of strength, kindness and grace who touched so very many lives. My prayers for your family and my deepest sumpathy.

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**Pat Hyatt** - January 12, 2011 at 05:13 PM

BW

“ Bob Becky Hopkins And Will lit a candle in memory of Mary Linson Blitchington



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**Bob Becky Hopkins and Will** - January 12, 2011 at 03:47 PM

AM

*I took lessons from Mrs Blitchington for many yrs.... she was a wonderful person and teacher. My sympathy goes out to all her family. You will be in our prayers.*

**Annis McManus** - January 12, 2011 at 08:23 PM

BS

“ *Betty Smith lit a candle in memory of Mary Linson Blitchington*



**Betty Smith** - January 12, 2011 at 02:45 PM

VE

“ *Vicki Edwards lit a candle in memory of Mary Linson Blitchington*



**Vicki Edwards** - January 12, 2011 at 02:20 PM

LS

“ *Lynne Sturtz lit a candle in memory of Mary Linson Blitchington*



**Lynne Sturtz** - January 12, 2011 at 12:59 PM

DJ

“ *Debra Jeancake lit a candle in memory of Mary Linson Bitchington*



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**Debra Jeancake** - January 12, 2011 at 12:36 PM

HW

“ *Henriann Walpole lit a candle in memory of Mary Linson Bitchington*



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**Henriann Walpole** - January 12, 2011 at 12:02 PM