



Virginia "Ginny" Burris

February 9, 1948 - November 10, 2021

Virginia "Ginny" Pierce Burris, 73, passed away Wednesday, November 10, 2021, at Ochsner Hospital in New Orleans. A long-time resident and community fixture of Franklinton, Ginny was retired after a long career teaching music at Franklinton Primary and Elementary schools as well as Enon Elementary School. She also spent many years directing the choir and playing the piano and organ at Centenary United Methodist Church, where she remained active throughout her life. After retirement she enjoyed traveling with her beloved husband of fifty years, Judge William "Bill" Burris, and embraced her role as Grammie to her nine grandchildren.

Ginny was a vibrant light in our world. She sang long and loud and drew those around her into the music. Her smile and easy laughter filled up a room, and her influence changed the lives of so many in her community.

She is also survived by:

5 Children and Spouses: Elizabeth and Jeff Bellocq of Metairie, LA,
Jennifer and Chris Veillon of Missouri City, TX,
Katie and Chris Johnston of Thompson Station, TN,
William "Billy" and Lacy Burris,
John W. and Natasha Provost Burris all of Franklinton

Grandchildren: Carter Veillon,
Cole Veillon,
Cooper Johnston,
Hudson Johnston,
Lila Burris,
Cora Burris,
Grace Burris,
Lauren Burris,
Luke Burris

2 Brothers and a Sister in law: Robert Pierce of Shreveport, LA,
Barry and Monica Pierce of Covington

Also nieces, nephews and many special friends

She was preceded in death by her parents Harvell Pierce and Dorothy Bell Pierce, father in law and mother in law Joe Burris and Gwen Sylvest Burris.

Visitation will be at Crain Funeral Home (1109 Bene Street, Franklinton) Sunday November 14th from 5:00 pm until 9:00 pm. Visitation will continue Monday from 9:00 am until 11:00 am at Centenary United Methodist Church (1015 Cleveland Street, Franklinton). A funeral service will be held in the church at 11:00 am Monday with Rev. Cecil Locke officiating. Burial will follow in the Morris Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers memorial donations to the Louisiana Methodist Children's Home (www.lumcfs.org / Louisiana United Methodist Children and Family Services; 904 DeVille Lane; Ruston, LA 71270) or to the Centenary Methodist Church Memorial Fund at the address above.

Pallbearers: Jason Pierce, John Pierce, Jimmy Burris Jesse Burris, William

“Rusty” Knight, Dr. Robbie Brown

Honorary Pallbearers are Robert Pierce, Barry Pierce and the United
Methodist Women of Centenary Church

Tribute Wall

PT

“ So sorry to hear about the passing of Ginny. I feel like I know her because of all the stories my Mother, Doretha Taylor, would come home and share with us, when she was employed by the Pierce family for many years. My mother was later employed by Ginny and her husband and cared for their children. Sending prayers of strength, peace and condolences, for your loss is truly a great one.

*Patricia A. Taylor Daughter of Doretha Taylor
Nashville, TN*

Patricia Ann Taylor - January 18, 2022 at 02:00 PM

JU

“ Ginny wonderful person devoted wife and Mother Family was everything to her. Along with a Beautiful Lady, Loved her Community and Church,
Prayers and Love to the Family
Joyce Unsworth



Joyce Unsworth - November 15, 2021 at 04:53 PM

MP

“ To Ginny's immediate family, I am so very sorry for your loss. I am certain that many people whose lives she touched are joining us in grieving.

All of the cousins in our generation loved being around her and appreciated her ability to make everyone smile. She was such a compassionate, talented, loving person. After all of our parents passed away and we became the oldest Pierce Generation, Ginny made sure that we had an opportunity every few years to gather at Ginny & Bill's home in Franklinton. We were all blessed to have her in lives. She inspired everyone who met her to help each other. She is now at peace with God and waiting for us to join her someday, My regret is that I cannot be there to join you to celebrate her life and to honor her with a song. May God continue to bless our extended family.
Love, Marah Gayle Pierce

Marah Gayle Pierce - November 14, 2021 at 10:27 PM

PS

To Bill and all of her family, I am so sorry for your loss and will continue to lift you all in my prayers. Ginny's smile could light up a room instantly and that will be missed by all of Franklinton. To know her was to love her and I certainly did. She helped all of us "Pierce" cousins gather every few years and oh what a wonderful joy that was. Though I am a few years older than Ginny, I have always looked up to her. She is amazing.

It is with great sadness that I cannot be with all of you to celebrate her life and pay honor to her and sing praises. May our Lord and Savior bless each of you and give you peace.

Much love, Patricia (aka Trish)

Patricia (Trish) Pierce Schneider - November 14, 2021 at 11:25 PM

DS

“ Once in a lifetime, people get to see a great teacher such as Mrs. Burris. I will forever remember the joy she brought to me as a student and to the many other students she touched. Thank you for being a light.

Delarious O. Stewart

Delarious Stewart - November 14, 2021 at 08:13 PM

SS

“ It broke my heart to read this. Mrs. Ginny was my music teacher all thru grade school. I will forever remember her smile, so warm and kind. ❤️

sissy steimle - November 14, 2021 at 03:24 PM

SI

“ Sam, Tonda and Sam III purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Virginia "Ginny" Burris.



Sam, Tonda and Sam III - November 14, 2021 at 10:30 AM

JV

“ We will be praying for Bill and family. Ginny was such a sweet, loving friend. She will surely miss her. Love and prayers 🙏❤️
Joanie and Jimmie D Varnado



joanie varnado - November 13, 2021 at 09:44 PM

DB

“ *Special thoughts and prayers to Bill and the family. I remember Ginny and Bill from FUMC Lafayette. Make God's comfort and love see you though this time of loss and adjustment.*
Dale Ann Bacon



Dale Ann Bacon - November 13, 2021 at 01:28 PM

MW

“ *Mercedes Wilson sent a virtual gift in memory of Virginia "Ginny" Burris*



Mercedes Wilson - November 13, 2021 at 04:07 AM

BW

“ *When we first moved to First Methodist Church in Lafayette, La. Ginny was the organist & choir director- our fondest memories of living there. Such a talented musician and Dear Friend! Our love to Bill & her family. Bonnie & Gene Wolfe*

Bonnie & Gene Wolfe - November 12, 2021 at 10:27 PM

JW

“ *Jackie Williams lit a candle in memory of Virginia "Ginny" Burris*



Jackie Williams - November 12, 2021 at 10:13 PM

 Bobbie
Cothern

“ *Ginny and I went to high school together. She was always a friendly and happy person. She was always doing class reunions. I will miss her. Her family will be in my prayers. Bobbie Fornea*

Bobbie Cothern - November 12, 2021 at 12:11 PM



“ *I'm deeply saddened by the passing of Ms. Ginny. I attended Centenary Methodist with her, babysat her children, and took piano lessons from her. She had the biggest heart, the kindest words, and the most joyful spirit. She was such a talented lady!*

I loved taking piano from her....it was not only a lesson but usually a social visit with a lot of laughing and cutting up. She always let me play what I wanted to play (usually a pop song from the radio) instead of assigning an extremely hard/boring classical piece! She drove 300 miles to Shreveport to play the piano for my wedding in 1992. I loved her so much and will miss her.

To her Family - praying for comfort and hoping fond memories of her bring you peace.

Lisa Johnson - November 12, 2021 at 11:45 AM

 Linda
Bateman

“ *FHS Classmate of 1966 and friend, Ginny Pierce Burris is singing with the Angels now. She will be sorely missed by everyone she encountered. My condolences to Family and Friends.*

Linda Bateman - November 12, 2021 at 11:05 AM

JM

“ *Ginny was such a presence; she will be sadly missed. Prayers for the family.* ”



Judy McCasland Micelle - November 12, 2021 at 10:00 AM

MC

“ *One of the dearest, kindest, most caring, loving, and talented people I have ever known.* ”



Michael Calmes - November 12, 2021 at 08:40 AM

PM

“ *Patrick Murray lit a candle in memory of Virginia "Ginny" Burris* ”



Patrick Murray - November 12, 2021 at 07:56 AM

LW

With my deepest sympathy and sincerest condolences to the Burris family during their time of bereavement for the loss of Mrs. Virginia "Ginny" Pierce Burris, a treasure to those having had the privilege of knowing her. During the days ahead, although her absence will be something that you will never transition to without a reminder, memory or the occasional tear, each of you will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers.

Retired Judge William "Bill" Burris, you have shared fifty years of life with someone with whom you have built a relationship, shared a home, children and grandchildren. A life partner, a soul mate and a person who you shared your heart with each other.

I know that there are no words that can make you feel better, other than to express that Mrs. Ginny was indeed a exemplary christian spirit in action, word and the life she lived.

She is in heaven for the eternity, and will be rewarded for the kind person she has always been.

Again, I have you in thoughts and prayers my dear friend.

Lance Woodward - November 12, 2021 at 08:24 AM

MC

*our deepest sympathy to you Judge bill, and judge billy, and the other four children !!!Ginny was a really special lady to everyone. she will be missed to the entire community!!!prayers to all of you. Judge hillary and mary crain
!*

mary and hillary crain - November 12, 2021 at 01:25 PM

JL

“Ginny’s heart was as big as they come and she never failed to welcome you into the folds of her heart and her family. I loved Ginny and will miss having her in the world making it better

Jan Lemaire - November 12, 2021 at 03:26 AM

SL

“ *Sylvia Moak LaPointe lit a candle in memory of Virginia "Ginny" Burris*



Sylvia Moak LaPointe - November 12, 2021 at 02:33 AM

SL

Ginny will be remembered by me as a classmate, a Church and choir friend, and a Girl Scout mate. So much time spent together in activities growing up. She will be sorely missed in our small town where she was such a beacon of life. God bless her family.

Sylvia Moak LaPointe - November 12, 2021 at 02:40 AM

BF

“ *Ginny is One I Will Miss!! Her Voice, Smile, and Love for People Gave an Air of Comfort Unsurpassed!!*

Billy Ray Fisher - November 12, 2021 at 01:24 AM

BP

“ *For many years I was lucky enough to spend a couple weeks with ginny and my aunt Irene and other cousins (Mary Woody) at her home under the supervision of aunt Dot and uncle Mutt. These were some of the happiest memories of my childhood. Ginny was generous with her laugh and so much fun. She organized family gatherings for all of us. She played for my wedding many years later. I believe she was a blessing to everyone she shared herself and talents with and hope knowing this will comfort her family she loved so much.*

Becky Pierce Punzo - November 11, 2021 at 11:17 PM