



Martha Emily Crocker Spivey

December 7, 1932 - November 2, 2016

Martha Emily Crocker Spivey (83) of Tallahassee, FL died on November 2nd, 2016. She was born in Suffolk, VA, December 7, 1932, to the late Henry Butler Crocker and Katherine Beamon West Crocker. After graduating from Randolph-Macon Woman's College in 1954, she married Robert Atwood Spivey, also of Suffolk, who survives.

Other survivors include their three children and spouses, Hope Crocker Spivey and Jeff Stephenson of Palmetto, FL, Matthew Lee and Lisa Applegate Spivey of Tallahassee, FL, and Paul Atwood and Cynthia Hicks Spivey of Palm Coast, FL, five grandchildren: Sarah Crocker Spivey Stephenson, James Fechet Stephenson, III, Robert Andrus Stephenson, Bradley Atwood Spivey and Lee Ann Spivey, nephews G. S. Hobbs, III and Ronald Atwood Spivey, nieces Katherine Cottingham Hobbs and Elizabeth Leigh Hobbs, three great nieces, Meredith Prince Harris, Martha Caitlin Prince Antinori, Sarah Rebecca Hoffman, Meredith Spivey Parks and Amanda Spivey Rogers and numerous other family members, especially the West family.

By way of comment, she excelled at the "little things", above all her relationships with family and friends. She was at home in church, including Sunday School, the Altar Guild, especially teaching with little children, and the Monday Night Group. Her jobs: secretary for Pitney Van Dusen at Union Seminary, Institute for Social Policy Studies, under Leo Sandon, she also worked as entertainment coordinator at R-MWC. Sabbatical years first in Germany and later in England. Recreation happily included tennis, swimming

and bridge.

Above all, in family and friends she lived with an amazing capacity for grace and love.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday November 5th, 2016 at 10:30am at Deer Lake United Methodist Church. A burial service will be at a later time in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Suffolk, VA.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to a favorite charity. Todd Wahlquist with Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements. 850-385-2193, www.bevisfh.com

Previous Events

Memorial Celebration

NOV 5. 10:30 AM (ET)

Deer Lake United Methodist Church
8013 Deer Lake South
Tallahassee, FL 32312

Tribute Wall

MD

“ Dear Spivey family,
I remember meeting Gran years ago when my Daughter and Lee Ann went to a softball camp. She was the epitome of Southern Charm and Grace. She mentioned that she loved to drink out of cups with a lip and that has stayed with me all these years. She also called Home to talk to Bob, but he wasn't there so she left a message. Later on she listened to the message and couldn't figure out who the woman was that was calling. She loved Brad and Lee Ann like she was their own mother.
She will be missed. Love Mellisa Donahue

mellisa donahue - November 06, 2016 at 06:04 PM



Melissa,

Thanks for your kind words. Sounds exactly like her about the phone call. Love you and your family so much!

Paul

Paul Spivey - November 06, 2016 at 09:34 PM

“ Dear Bob, Paul and All of Martha's Family: In today's Lynchburg paper, I read of Martha's passing, and I was deeply saddened. I hold you all in my thoughts and prayers. I will certainly have a Mass offered in her honor. There are no words to comfort you adequately. Please just know that I care very much about your grief and loss. You have always been important people to me. Bob, I recall so many wonderful conversations with you, and I still so admire your remarkable achievements at RMWC. Paul, you were one of my best advisees at VES when you guys first came to Lynchburg. You were a very young super star even then.

I remember Martha as the consummate southern lady: gracious, elegant in word and manner, warm and welcoming, eager to be a friend and madly in love with her family. I also remember how you depended on her quiet wisdom and practical sense.

Paul, on Monday, I will commemorate the life of my dad who died some years ago. I know every day that my dad, though now able to see God as God is in His fullness, is still very, very close to me and to my brother and sister. He is as close as the breath I take. He loves me...just as your mom loves you ...present tense.

All The Best To A Great Family

*Phil Garmey
Lynchburg, Virginia*

Phil Garmey - November 04, 2016 at 07:48 PM



Mr. Garmey: Thanks so much for your kind words. Your guidance at VES has stayed with me my entire life. Not only have you been an inspiration to me but also the many students that you have touched during your career. You always tried to get the best out of all of us.

Good luck on Monday and please keep in touch in the future. Your words have touched me deeply during this sad time.

Best to you and your Family

Paul Spivey

Paul Spivey - November 05, 2016 at 08:13 PM

DG

“ *Donna Gross purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Martha Emily Crocker Spivey.*



Donna Gross - November 03, 2016 at 07:10 PM

DG

“ *4 files added to the tribute wall*



Donna Gross - November 03, 2016 at 06:55 PM

DG

We dearly treasure our time spent with Aunt Martha. Such a gracious and generous soul!! Margaret still vividly recalls making biscuits with Aunt Martha...and the homemade circus animal themed birthday cake she made for her 5th birthday.

Donna Gross - November 03, 2016 at 07:00 PM

DK

Many times I have heard Betsy speak of Aunt Martha. May God bless you all as you celebrate her beautiful life. My prayer is for you eventually fill the void you are feeling now with fond memories of a life lived well! Love and Sympathy, Diane and Joe Kesterson Virginia Beach

diane kesterson - November 06, 2016 at 03:57 PM

LP

“ *Linda Spivey Pruett purchased the Sunny Memories for the family of Martha Emily Crocker Spivey.*



Linda Spivey Pruett - November 03, 2016 at 01:38 PM

RA

“ *Ronnie and Patsy Spivey and Meredith and Amanda purchased the Gift of Grace Bouquet for the family of Martha Emily Crocker Spivey.*



Ronnie and Patsy Spivey and Meredith and Amanda -
November 03, 2016 at 11:30 AM