



Dr Patricia Jean Burchfield

July 24, 1930 - March 30, 2022

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Patricia Jean Crosby Burchfield of Mobile, 91, a native of Bay Minette whose hometown was Foley, Ala., died Wednesday, March 30, 2022, at her home in Mobile, Ala., surrounded by her family.

Dr. Burchfield held a doctorate in math education from Auburn University, awarded in 1989. She was a member of the inaugural graduating class of the University of South Alabama in 1967 and earned her master's degree there in 1976.

In 1990, Dr. Burchfield received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics Teaching from President George H.W. Bush. In 1992, she was named an Outstanding Auburn University Graduate, celebrating “100 Years of Women at Auburn.” She held national certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards in teaching mathematics to adolescents and young adults.

Dr. Burchfield taught at many area schools, including Philips Middle School, K.J. Clark Middle School, Murphy High School, and the University of South Alabama. She taught many advanced-level mathematics classes.

In addition to her work in mathematics, she was known for her writing, including poetry and prose, and was the winner of several poetry contests. Dr. Burchfield was a member of Christ Church Cathedral in Mobile and a long-time communicant of the Episcopal Church.

Dr. Burchfield was preceded in death by her father, Marshall W. Crosby; her mother, Vieva Chason Crosby, both members of pioneering Baldwin County families; her infant sister, Gwynne Chason Crosby; her husband, W.M. "Sonny" Burchfield; and her daughter, Vieva Ellen Steele. She is survived by five children, Erin Lakeman Keniston of Huntsville, Jean Lakeman (David) Helms of Daphne, Amelia Mary Lakeman of Mobile, Anne Lakeman (Joey) Wofford of Robertsdale, and Thomas Crosby Lakeman of Burbank, Calif.; her step-daughter, Renea Burchfield Darby of Huntsville; 10 grandchildren, Robert C. (Siddhary) Olsen III, Laurelin (Patrick) Waites, Matthew C. (Annie) Steele, AnneMarie (Brian) Grayburn, Gwynne (Ian) Springer, Kerry (David) Komai, Julia Wofford, Mary (Michael) Sammartino, Emily Elizabeth Drain, and Karen (Walter) Huble; 19 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Sunday at Christ Church Cathedral, 115 S. Conception St., Mobile, Ala. with a visitation at 1 p.m. and the service to follow at 2 p.m. Arrangements are by Pine Rest Funeral Home, Foley, Ala.

Memorial contributions may be made to Christ Church Cathedral Endowment or the Mobile SPCA, 620 Zeigler Cir. W, Mobile, AL 36608.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 3. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Christ Church Cathdral
115 S Conception St
Mobile, AL

Memorial Service

APR 3. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



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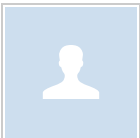


“ *Pat Burchfield and I met late in life-Spring, 2012. Although we had corresponded through online Genealogy sites and email before in 2011, we didn't quite get how we were related until I started doing Genealogy, which had been my passion since 2010. Turns out she was one of my many Thomley Cousins that I fell in love with as I made so many trips to Mobile between 2010 and 2022. It has been a magical time.*

Pat was an elegant lady with a sweet smile. I loved her instantly when we met. Over the last decade she shared many, many family stories with me. It was pure delight when I would open my email and there would be a lengthy missive from Cousin Pat. Over the years, I was able to share my research on the Thomley/Crosby Families with her.

We also shared many dinners with cousins over this time. Each was a delight, and she was always happy to bring another of her children or grandchildren to introduce to the group of cousins. One of her favorite gatherings was the Thomley Family Reunion that we held at the home of Bill and Anita Phillips. I will always cherish the time we had together getting to know each other, as well as learning about our shared ancestors. Another cousin taught me to always count your blessings. I consider having Pat in my life a tremendous blessing. I will always be grateful to have found and loved Sweet Cousin Pat. May God bless her with everlasting salvation.

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“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr Patricia Jean Burchfield.*



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“ *One of my favorite teachers ever. I was always good at math but didn't like it that much. Your mom taught me to like math. This helped me as I moved on to study many thing and in life. I'm not sure how many of us she taught, perhaps all of us, Lacy, Carol, Jerry, Frank and Guy O'Connor. Our condolences and prayers.*

Jerry

Jerry O'Connor - April 01, 2022 at 01:31 PM