



Mrs. Katherine Leila Pritchett Clark

January 10, 1931 - December 29, 2014

Katherine Leila Pritchett Clark, 83, of Albany, died Monday, December 29, 2014 at Albany Community Hospice in Albany, Georgia. There will be a memorial service at Porterfield Memorial United Methodist Church at a later date.

Mrs. Clark, born January 10, 1931, daughter of Hannah Warlick and Robert Pritchett graduated from Ensley High School, Birmingham Southern College, and the University of Alabama. She was a student at FSU, attended master classes at the International Music Festival at Aspen, CO, and studied privately at the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto, Canada, the San Francisco Conservatory, and Summer Music Conference at Interlochen Michigan. She believed music was a gift from God to be used for His glory in service to others to make the world a better place.

She served as a keyboardist for the Zoelner Chamber Orchestra, named for a dear friend who was founder of the Albany Symphony. She and Wotan Zoelner were honored with a "Lifetime Achievement Award" by the Dougherty County Youth Orchestra under the direction of Sergio Rodriguez.

Her primary interests were church music and teaching but she also enjoyed performing especially as accompanist for oratorios, operas, weddings, and recitals in Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina.

Her career in church music began at age 17 at Eleventh Avenue Methodist Church where she served for 25 years and where she met her devoted husband of 61 year and where all of their children were baptized.

In Albany, she was organist for Temple B’Nai Israel for 23 years, First United Methodist Church for 15 years, First Baptist for 13 years and organist, music director at First Presbyterian for 5 years.

She was a life member of the Charity League of Albany and board member of the Community Concert Association, SOWEGA Council of Aging, Albany Community Hospice, Symphony Guild, and Auxiliary to the Dougherty County Medical Society and Liberty House.

She was a member of Porterfield United Methodist Church, of the Chi Sunday School Class, and the UMW there.

Survivors are Dr. Eugene C. Clark, husband and children are Gene Jr of Dallas TX, Bob Clark of Birmingham AL, Jim (Amy) Clark of Austin TX and Sally (Fred) Dugger of Albany. Grand children are Sarah Katherine Clark and Sam Clark of Birmingham AL and Bo Hudson and Dalton Dugger of Albany GA.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Salvation Army or the American Red Cross.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

Porterfield United Methodist Church
2200 Dawson Rd
Albany, GA 31707

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Katherine Leila Pritchett Clark*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *Mrs. Katherine Leila Pritchett Clark*

May 22, 2023 at 01:29 AM



“ *Mrs. Katherine Leila Pritchett Clark*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *I have fond memories of riding my bike up the road to her house for my piano lessons each week. She was such a sweet lady and a very talented, patient piano instructor.*

Karen Reddish Jackson - January 05, 2015 at 11:53 PM



“ *Dear Mother, If you're reading this from Heaven, I just wanted you to know how much I yearn to be with you forever as soon as possible! My heart is truly broken without remedy. Your only shortcoming with me was that you tried too hard. My biggest regret in life is the fact that I did not treat you better and show you the infinite appreciation that you deserved sooner--along with the fact that I was not there when you passed away! Please try to forgive me for that! With all my love, Gene, Jr.*

Gene Clark, Jr. - January 01, 2015 at 04:07 PM

JJ

“ *Our community has lost a dedicated and talented musician and teacher. My sympathy to the family. Janice Jordan*

Janice Jordan - January 01, 2015 at 01:22 AM

JC

“ *My heart is saddened to hear of the loss of your precious loved one. I will look at the stars now as a reminder of the twinkle she had in her eyes as she looked on you as if there was no one else in the room. She truly had a way of making you feel loved and special. Sally, I will keep your family in prayer at this time. Jeronda Cade and Family*

Jeronda Cade - December 31, 2014 at 08:48 PM

NB

“ *Gene and Family, We loved and appreciated Katherine and her music ministry. We have fond memories of her while we were in Albany. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Neil & Cindy Brown*

Neil and Cindy Brown - December 31, 2014 at 12:18 PM

BG

“ I will always remember Katherine's dedication to her music ministry at First Methodist Church. I was on the television crew there and I will never forget her coming in to play the morning after she had just had surgery on both knees. She had to be helped into her seat at the organ that morning. She played beautifully (as always) that morning. After the 8:30 services were over and all the congregation had left, I went into the sanctuary to "tidy up" television cables and equipment. I heard a soft sound. I traced it to the organ and found Katherine lying on the floor. I nearly panicked until she told me that she was just "resting" until the 11:00 services and that she was perfectly alright. That's a trouper! Nothing got Katherine down or kept her from her duties. She was the best organist we ever had in my 50+ years at First United Methodist Church. There will never be another like Katherine Clark. She was the best!

Bruce Garey

First United Methodist Church Television Ministry (1982-1999)

Bruce Garey - December 31, 2014 at 08:27 AM

SW

Oh how I loved Katherine! Her music ministry was one of love and true dedication, both to First Methodist and Temple B'nai Israel. She hosted rehearsals in her home and was always asking if we needed something to drink or eat. What a wonderful gal. I'll miss her dearly, but am so glad she passed through my life and brightened my days. Rest well, sweet Katherine, rest well.

Shirley Wirth

Shirley P. Wirth - January 03, 2015 at 10:47 PM

SA

She was one of my favorite piano teachers. I learned a great deal about life and music from her. Her wisdom passion and excitement were contagious and inspiring.

Sarah - January 05, 2015 at 07:04 PM

JR

Gene and family, I have wonderful memories of Katherine playing the organ and producing such wonderful music in the worship services. Reverence of God for the worship of God was what she played and in the way she played. I am thankful for having known her and you, Gene, and I am grateful for all you two did for me. No doubt you have many wonderful memories of her to last for a life time. God bless. Nan and Jim Ramsey

Jim Ramsey - January 05, 2015 at 10:32 PM