



## Mary Lou Burgin

January 6, 1919 - September 19, 2013

Graveside services for Mary Lou Burgin, 94, of Tyler, will be held on Saturday, September 21, 2013, at 1:00 p.m. at Concord Cemetery, Wood County with The Rev. Matt Boulter, Assistant Rector of Evangelism at Christ Episcopal Church of Tyler officiating.

Burial will follow at Concord Cemetery in Quitman under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mrs. Burgin passed away Thursday, September 19, 2013 at Azalea Trails Assisted Living.

She was born January 6, 1919 in Quitman to Ellie and James Walton Pollard. Mrs. Burgin was a member of Fellowship Baptist Church, Longview. She earned a Bachelor Degree at East Texas Teacher's College (TAMU – Commerce) with a major in English and minor in Music and a Master of Educational Psychology at East Texas State University (TAMU – Commerce). Mrs. Burgin taught in public schools a total of 38 years in Utah and Texas and retired in 1984 from Pine Tree ISD in Longview, TX.

Mrs. Burgin was preceded in death by her husband, John Wilson Burgin; sister, Sarah Frank Sandifer and brother, James Walton Pollard, Jr.

She is survived by her loving family including Lou Ann Berman, daughter, Lauren Lusk, granddaughter, and Maryn Davis great-granddaughter and several nieces and nephews.

The family would like to extend their deepest appreciation for the loving care and devotion provided by the staff and volunteers at Azalea Trails Assisted

Living and The Hospice of East Texas.

If desired, memorials may be made to the Kirshbaum Student Master Class Program, East Texas Symphony Orchestra, 107 E Erwin St. Tyler, Texas 75702 or The Choir School of East Texas, Christ Episcopal Church, 118 So. Bois D'arc, Tyler, Texas 75702.

# Tribute Wall

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“*Lou Ann, so sorry to hear about you mother. It was always a lot of fun talking with her and planning for the future, back in the day. She has lived a full life and my prayers go out to you and Leo. Steve*

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**Steven Hunt** - September 23, 2013 at 04:22 PM

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“*It was a privilege sharing some teaching years with Mary Lou. What a professional she was! I remember how easy it was to get acquainted with her and how interested and caring she was with all her "new" friends at Pine Tree. Always enjoyed comparing notes on our British travels and laughed about running into one another by chance at Edinburgh Castle. So many good memories off Mary Lou. Also delighted to be acquainted with John and admired their loving relationship. My son, Jason, taught her granddaughter swimming and afterwards, she and Jason continued to be friends. She was always so appreciative.*

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**Margie Graves** - September 21, 2013 at 08:23 PM

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“*Mary Lou and John were our neighbors in Longview for many years. They were the best neighbors ever. We just love them. They treated us like family. They were both very special people. Our prayers are with you. Ken and Marian Perry*

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**Ken and Marian Perry** - September 21, 2013 at 07:28 PM



“ I was so sad to hear about Mrs. Burgin's passing. She was just the most beautiful person. I grew up next door to the Burgin's and they were like another set of grandparents to me. What a wonderful blessing to have such great people cheering you on in life. I'll never forget the love that they shared with me. Love Melinda Perry Cummings

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**Mindy Cummings** - September 21, 2013 at 07:10 PM



“ Dear Mrs. Mary Lou, how shocked I was to see your name in the paper this morning in the obituaries. However, I knew last week you were standing at Heaven's portals when I visited with you. I will always cherish being your friend and you telling me you loved me when I left last week. Thank you for being such a help to Bro. Bennett in leading singing in the Sunday School class at Atria for many years, and then continuing to faithfully attend. Thank you for the many times we sat and discussed books, politics (we agreed), and our families. Thank you for being the wonderful Christian lady you were. Until we meet again in Heaven, tell Bro. Bennett and Paul hello for me. I love you, too.  
Carmen Bennett

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**Carmen Bennett** - September 21, 2013 at 07:05 PM

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“ Ms. Burgin, I will miss you always. Your ladies and I and talked of our memories of you yesterday. You were always going in the opposite direction as us. I love how you spoke your mind even when we disagreed with you. Your stories about you and your husband life together as well as your love for Bill O Reilly were sweet and entertaining. I love how you always talked about how wonderful your daughter is, and how much you love her, well truth is, she loved you just as much. Family and God played a huge roll in your life and showed. Well little lady its hard to believe your gone, I look at your table and wish I could pour just one more cup of coffee, or sneak you some ice, and Pat will miss read the comic to you. Stay sweet dear. Love Q.

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**lala** - September 21, 2013 at 09:54 AM