



## Margaret Bralley Burton

April 13, 1931 - March 20, 2025

Margaret Douglas Bralley Burton, age 93, passed away peacefully on March 20, 2025. Margaret was born in Lynch Station, VA on April 13, 1931 to Stephen Prater and Margaret Douglas Bralley. She was raised in Richmond, VA and returned to Altavista in 1956 after marrying James E. "Ed" Burton, III. She moved to Westminster Canterbury Lynchburg in 2010 following the death of Ed. They were married for 51 years.

Margaret was very active in her community having served two terms on the Altavista Town Council, she served on the local Red Cross board and organized the blood mobile in town for many years, directed numerous children's church choirs, wrote the church bulletin for Lane Memorial United Methodist Church, played the piano for men's bible class, and sometimes played the organ for church. After moving to Westminster Canterbury in Lynchburg she played piano for chapel service.

Affectionately known as "Mark" by her grandchildren, she loved to read, knit, needlepoint and cook. She made needlepoint Christmas stockings for grandchildren; knitted sweaters and golf club headcovers; and loved making her famous biscuits and cheese spreads for family members.

She is predeceased by her parents, husband and three siblings. She is survived by her four children, Jeb (Betsy), Doug (Holly), Stephanie Patterson

(Robbie) and Danks (Joanne); twelve grandchildren, Jeb V (Annie), Grace (Jack), Buck B. (Sarah), Doug Jr. (Michelle), John (Caroline), Kaki, Louis (Emma), Jake (Hannah Grace), Julia (Matt), Buck P., Rett, and Drew; six great grandchildren, Jamie, Willie, Hunt, Danks, Libby, and Emmy.

A graveside service will be conducted at 11:00 a.m., Monday, March 24, 2025 at Green Hill Cemetery, Altavista.

The family will receive friends from 3:00 until 4:30 p.m., Sunday at Westminster Canterbury.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests gifts to VMI Keydet Club, P.O. Box 932, Lexington, VA 24450 or Lane Memorial United Methodist Church, 1201 Bedford Avenue, Altavista, VA 24517.

Finch & Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Altavista is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Green Hill Cemetery

300 Westwood Drive  
Altavista, VA 24517

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **23**. 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM (ET)

Westminster Canterbury  
501 V.E.S. Rd  
Lynchburg, VA 24503  
(434) 386-3500

## Graveside Service

MAR **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Green Hill Cemetery  
300 Westwood Drive  
Altavista, VA 24517

# Tribute Wall

KG

“ Kyle Goldsmith lit a candle in memory of Margaret Burton



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**Kyle Goldsmith** - July 20, 2025 at 10:15 PM

EC

“ Ellyn Cox lit a candle in memory of Margaret Burton



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**Ellyn Cox** - March 27, 2025 at 07:16 AM

TH

“ Sorry to hear of Mrs. Burton's passing. I have fond memories of her when I was a young child, before moving out of state. She had such a welcoming home, and always made the other children feel so comfortable. She kept a neat and orderly home (and least what I saw!) and seemed to really enjoy the domestic duties, knitting, cooking, taking care of her husband, and raising wonderful children. I always loved going over to her house and playing in the backyard. Condolences to Stephanie and her brothers.

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**Tish Thompson Harner** - March 25, 2025 at 04:15 PM

NE

“ Nancy Edwards lit a candle in memory of Margaret Bralley Burton



Nancy Edwards - March 25, 2025 at 11:31 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Margaret Bralley Burton.



March 24, 2025 at 11:47 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Margaret Bralley Burton.

March 24, 2025 at 11:47 AM

PM

“ Pamela Munch lit a candle in memory of Margaret Burton



Pamela Munch - March 24, 2025 at 11:09 AM

PM

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs. Burton. I know she will be truly missed. I also have many fond memories of her growing up with Stephanie being my best friend. Many miles and years between us but the love and admiration is still here. May you all find peace in knowing where she is and now resting in Jesus' arms. The tin can of chocolate chip cookies will be missed for sure! Love to you all!

Pamela Munch - March 24, 2025 at 11:08 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Margaret Bralley Burton.



March 21, 2025 at 04:27 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Margaret Bralley Burton.

March 21, 2025 at 04:27 PM

BE

“ Ms. B was a true gem, I can still hear her “yoo-hoo” as she came through our house door for a quick visit or drop of those fabulous ham biscuits. She kept us all straight growing up and the door (front or side) seemed to always be open at the Burton house. I know she will be missed, God Bless...

Bob Elliott

Bob Elliott - March 21, 2025 at 11:20 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Margaret Bralley Burton.



March 21, 2025 at 10:53 AM



“ Stephanie, Jeb, Doug, Danks and Family ❤️  
Thinking of all of you with a heart filled with sympathy and love. "Miss B" positively impacted all who crossed her path in this life and has left a beautiful legacy for each of you. I will always remember her with a special fondness.



Anita Freeman Phillips - March 20, 2025 at 07:48 PM



Doug, Danks, Jeb and Stephanie. We are sorry for your loss and know that she will be missed. Prayers are with you guys. Bill and Faye

Bill Brooks - March 23, 2025 at 09:35 AM