



Miss Elaine Byrd

December 12, 2013

Elaine Byrd, 60, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Thursday, December 12, 2013 at the home of her niece, in Biloxi, Mississippi. Mary Elaine Byrd was born August 5, 1953 in West Point, Mississippi to the late Mary Ellen May Byrd and Oliver Carroll Byrd. Elaine served as pianist of Petal Presbyterian Church in Petal, MS. She was a piano professor at William Carey University in Hattiesburg. She loved traveling with family, arts & crafts and anything to do with music. Funeral services will be Saturday, December 14, 2013, 11:00 a.m. at West End Baptist Church with the Reverend Ken Ribelin officiating. Burial will follow in Memorial Garden Cemetery West Point, Mississippi. The body will lie at the church from 10:00 a.m. until service time. Calvert Funeral Home of West Point is in charge of arrangements. Survivors include two brothers, Tommy Byrd (Ann) of Biloxi and Wayne Byrd (Karen) of Quitman; her nieces Carol Ann Simmons (Robi), Christy Vacchio (Dan), Shannon Byrd (Chris); her nephews Ronald Byrd (Tessa) and Tommy Byrd and a host of loving family and friends. Pallbearers will be Keith May, George Parker, David May, Gregg Wamble, Robert Young, and Robert Simmons. Memorials may be made to William Carey University Music Department, 498 Box 14, Tuscan Avenue, Hattiesburg, MS 39401. Visitation will be Friday 5:00 until 8:00 p.m. at Calvert Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

BE

“ *What a loss for this earth, but what a gain for her and for heaven. She got there just in time to play for "The Messiah." She won't need to practice. She can sight-read anything. The heavenly choir hasn't ever sounded as good as it will with Miss Mary Elaine Byrd at the keyboard. She was one of a kind and an absolute jewel. We will miss her greatly.*

Brenda Edwards - December 14, 2013 at 03:23 PM

SK

“ *It was a joy to get to know Elaine when she came to William Carey University. We pray that God will grant you peace, strength, and a sense of His love and presence during this time of grief and loss.*
Sandra and Tommy King

Sandra King - December 14, 2013 at 03:15 PM

CS

“ *Praying for the family after the loss of such a sweet lady. I already miss getting to see her and talk about what books we're reading. Fly high sweet lady, no more suffering.*

Catherine Stephenson - December 13, 2013 at 09:20 PM

MS

“ *Due to conflicts, we will not be able to make it to visitation and funeral. Elaine was a very kind and friendly person. She was a good friend to our daughter, Megan, who she accompanied on piano for her voice class when she was at MUW. She also had given Megan piano lessons one summer. We are truly blessed to have known her. Our prayers are with your family and may you feel God's comfort, peace and hope during this difficult time.*

Marilyn, Megan & Don Searcy - December 13, 2013 at 04:03 PM

MS

“ Due to conflicts, I am sorry that we cannot make it to visitation or the funeral. Elaine was a special person --kind and friendly to everyone. She was a good friend to my daughter, Megan, and accompanied her on piano for her voice lessons when she was at MUW. She also gave Megan piano lessons one summer. We offer our prayers to your family at this special time of year that you will feel God's comfort, peace and hope during this difficult time. We are truly blessed to have known her.

Marilyn, Megan & Don Searcy - December 13, 2013 at 03:57 PM

JJ

“ Although I did not know Elaine personally, I have experienced the grief that comes with losing a loved one in death. May the memories of her bring you much comfort as well as the hope of a future resurrection.

Joanne Jackson - December 13, 2013 at 11:05 AM

JF

“ I was so saddened to hear of Elaine's death. Our prayers and thoughts are with you during this time of loss. Elaine was a precious Christian friend and wonderful lady and an amazing musician! She and I worked together at the bank for years and she was always a joy to be around. Praying for comfort and strength and a peace that passes all understanding. Mrs. Jerlene (Jerri) Wallace & Family

Jerlene Wallace and family - December 13, 2013 at 09:46 AM

PH

“ Bob joins me in sympathy and prayer that you will feel God's love and comfort as you face this time of great loss. Christ's Peace.

Priscilla Allen Harper - December 13, 2013 at 06:36 AM

ST

“ *With sympathy and friendship, Susanne Allen Thomas*

Susanne Allen Thomas - December 12, 2013 at 07:18 PM

MR

“ *Praying for comfort and strength during this time. I will continue to pray for you during this holiday season. She will truly be missed by all that knew her. I admired her dedication to serving God throughout her life and the many lives she touched. Mary Ann*

Mary Ann Richardson - December 12, 2013 at 04:29 PM