



## Virginia Claire Pruitt

July 3, 1930 - March 2, 2019

Virginia Claire Pruitt, 88, a lifelong resident of Morgan County, passed from this life after years of failing health on Saturday, March 2, 2019 at 3:20 am with her loving family by her side. Virginia was the only child born to the late John E. and Muriel E. (Crews) Musgrave. She was born on Thursday, July 3, 1930 in Morgan County, Indiana.

Virginia was a graduate of Martinsville High School with the class of 1948. She was a naturally talented musician and had a love for playing piano, organ, accordion and marimba, as well as, singing. Her passion for music inspired her to attend the Butler University Jordan School of Music and led to a lifetime enriched with music lessons, playing in bands, singing in various choral groups and much more. Virginia gave private piano, organ, accordion and voice lessons for over sixty years to countless students in Martinsville, Eminence and Greencastle. Her music also granted her a position with the Women's Marimba Band for many years.

Virginia was a longtime member of the Pleasant Grove Christian Church in Green Township, where she was also church organist and pianist. Additionally, she had been a member of the Morgan County Homemaker's Club and Chorus, Shamrock Home Economics Club and previously attended and played piano at the Eminence Christian Church.

Raising five children and teaching music lessons for 60+ years did not allow for an abundance of spare time; however, Virginia did take pleasure and excel in gardening, cooking and sewing. Undoubtedly, her favorite pastime was being with her family, especially her grandchildren!

She will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by her family, students, and countless friends including her daughters, Linda (husband, Barry) Maxwell of Martinsville and Dianne (husband, Don) Wildrick of Indianapolis; sons, Robert "Bobby" (wife, Tammy) Pruitt and Randall "Randy" (wife, Linda) Pruitt both of Martinsville; daughter-in-law, Ellen Wilson-Pruitt of Martinsville; 11 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Allen Eugene "Gene" Pruitt on December 30, 1998; son, Leslie D. Pruitt on November 19, 2015 and one great granddaughter, Kyndra Lynn Schoolcraft on January 17, 2012.

A service celebrating Virginia's life will be on Thursday, March 7th beginning at 11:00 am at the Pleasant Grove Christian Church, 6601 Maple Grove Road, Martinsville. Family and friends are invited to visit one hour prior to the funeral service at the church and she will be laid to rest following the funeral service in Centennial Cemetery, Martinsville.

The family has requested that memorial contributions be made in lieu of flowers to the Pleasant Grove Christian Church, 6601 Maple Grove Rd., Martinsville, IN 46151.

Memories and condolences may be shared with the Pruitt family online at [www.nealandsummers.com](http://www.nealandsummers.com)

# Cemetery

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# Events

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## Centennial Cemetery

1510 Centennial Rd.  
Martinsville, IN, 46151

**MAR 7** Visitation 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Pleasant Grove Christian Church  
6601 Maple Grove Road, Martinsville, IN, US, 46151

**MAR 7** Funeral Service 11:00AM

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Pleasant Grove Christian Church  
6601 Maple Grove Road, Martinsville, IN, US, 46151

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Neal & Summers Mortuary** - March 06 at 04:35 PM

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“ Patrick, so sorry to read of the lost of your "Granny" it reads like she had a God loving life,

**Susie Hamilton** - March 08 at 08:43 AM

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“ Praise the Lord! Virginia is in her eternal home. She is playing a piano with Jesus. What a duet.

We are so sorry for your loss but know she is at peace.

She was a beautiful lady inside and out and what a teacher. Our boys each spent 10 to 11 years with her as students every week for that half hour. I especially enjoyed sitting on her front porch in the summer listening to her patiently instructing them. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

**Bob & Nancy Peedin**

**Bob & Nancy Peedin** - March 07 at 08:59 AM



“ Thank you so much. Mom loved your boys, she would mention them often.  
Dianne (Pruitt) Wildrick

**Dianne Wildrick** - March 08 at 06:44 PM

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“ Mike & Sherry Musgrave lit a candle in memory of Virginia Claire Pruitt



**Mike & Sherry Musgrave** - March 06 at 08:11 PM



“ Thanks so much, lots of great memories of you two.

Dianne (Pruitt) Wildrick

**Dianne Wildrick** - March 08 at 06:46 PM

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“ So very sorry for your loss. I won't be able to attend the service tomorrow. but you are all in my prayers. Virginia and her family lived next door to us when we were growing up. She and my mother attended school together. Virginia always made us welcome in her home and we all were at each others homes alot! She would be a millionaire if she had a dollar for every song she played for church, solo and ensemble contests, funerals, music lessons, weddings and funerals. I really enjoyed hearing her play the marimba. She played the organ for me and John's wedding in 1972 and was so honored that I asked her to do so. I know she will be missed by many, but I like to think she and Marie Teeters are back to playing together entertaining all those from Pleasant Grove who enjoyed their music so much.

Cathy Fluke Dunning

**Cathy Fluke Dunning** - March 06 at 05:12 PM



“ Thanks so much Cathy. It was great to see your mom and dad and Vicki and Rick. The service at PG was just beautiful. And, I'm sure Marie was wondering what took Mom so long to get there.

Dianne (Pruitt) Wildrick

**Dianne Wildrick** - March 08 at 06:54 PM



“ Such a good example for younger cousins by marriage. We even learned to play an according by her example. She was a gift to remembered.

Jane Evans Parsons and Lucy Evans Strauch

**Jane Parsons** - March 09 at 01:18 PM

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“ 37 files added to the album LifeTributes



**Neal & Summers Mortuary** - March 06 at 03:18 PM

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“ 42 files added to the album LifeTributes



Neal & Summers Mortuary - March 06 at 11:36 AM

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“ I have many sweet, kind memories of Virginia. She was a lovely person inside and out. Although she was married to my dad's first cousin, I always thought of her as my aunt. Taking piano lessons from her was a joy, and I do think of her every time I sit down at my own piano. What a gifted lady! I'm so sorry she struggled with her illness for years, but it makes me smile to think of the beautiful music she is making in heaven now. Thinking of the whole Pruitt clan. xo from Jane Pruitt Hames

Jane Pruitt Hames - March 06 at 10:55 AM



“ Thank you so much for your sweet words Janie, its so good to hear from you, and It was so nice to see Jeananne at the service.

Dianne (Pruitt) Wildrick

Dianne Wildrick - March 08 at 05:57 PM

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“ We are very sorry we will not be able to attend services for Virginia. I have lots of fond memories of the Pruitt family during their years at Eminence. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Don and Mary (Murphy) Knoy and family

Mary and Don Knoy - March 06 at 12:24 AM



“ Thank you so much.

Dianne (Pruitt) Wildrick

Dianne Wildrick - March 08 at 06:00 PM

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“ Your in our thoughts & prayers.



Roy & Stacy Thompson - March 05 at 07:52 PM



“ Thank you so much.  
Dianne (Pruitt) Wildrick

**Dianne Wildrick** - March 08 at 06:00 PM

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“ To the family of Virginia,

What a wonderful Christian lady she was. She always had a smile, never a harsh word, she made the organ sound so beautiful every Sunday or when there was special music. We know she has been hindered with her disease for many years. The entire family is in our thoughts and prayers. We will not be able to make the viewing or funeral, but know we will not forget her or the family.

In Christian Love  
Jeff & Paula Woodruff

**Paula Woodruff** - March 05 at 07:03 PM



“ Thank you so much Paula and Jeff.  
Dianne (Pruitt) Wildrick

**Dianne Wildrick** - March 08 at 06:02 PM

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“ I did not know Virginia, but I want Linda/Barry to know that Dwight and I are thinking of their family. Losing a parent or grandparent is very unsettling and sad even when it is expected.  
My sincerest sympathy to you all.  
Marcia

**Marcia Callis** - March 05 at 03:55 PM

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“ It was my joy to know Virginia and her family when I was minister with the Pleasant Grove Christian Church in the 1960-70's. She was a great part of the music program there and was very appreciated. The last time I visited with her was at The Waters in 2012.

In reality, my association with Virginia goes back to her teenage years when she and my sister, Barbara (Allen) Mitchell, of Trafalgar were members of a Marimba Band, led by Merrill Henry in Franklin. They had been friends throughout the years.

My condolences and Christian love to the family...May the Lord refresh your heart

with good thoughts.and memories in the weeks to come.

I now live in Hendersonville NC and no longer am able to travel.

Larry R Allen

**Larry R Allen** - March 05 at 02:53 PM



“ Thank you so much Larry. So good to hear from you. I loved seeing Barbara and Dale, and Judy at the service. I didn't realize you had visited Mom at the Waters. I have so many wonderful memories from your preaching years at PG, and will always be thankful for my visits to your family's Allendale Camp.

Dianne (Pruitt) Wildrick

**Dianne Wildrick** - March 08 at 06:12 PM

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“ I was so privileged to have Virginia as my mother in-law. She always treated me as just one of the family. She was always such a patient and gracious lady. In addition to the love of her family she loved her church and her music. She so enjoyed all the music students she had and you could always see how proud she was of each of her students when she had her annual recital. The saddest thing about dementia is that it robs the person of enjoying all those people and things they love most in the world. She is now well and playing heavenly refrains while Leslie and Gene listen.

Ellen Wilson-Pruitt

**Ellen Wilson-Pruitt** - March 05 at 09:01 AM



“ I am sure she is. Love you Ellen.

Dianne

**Dianne Wildrick** - March 08 at 06:15 PM

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“ Virginia is the reason i still serve each week as Organist and Pianist at Alaska Christian Church! She was my main "gal" teaching me the ins and outs of music and she surely had the patience of Job teaching me! I can still hear her say "Now remember, A all C cows E eat G grass" over and and over and keep those fingers limber! She was a dear dear lady, and remember my grandmother Cora Gray speaking of her highly when you all lived at Eminence. My thought and prayers are with you during this time, as she no longer is fighting this terrible disease. Im sorry i wont be able to attend the memorial but will be thinking of you!

Keith and Jana Gray

**Keith and Jana Gray** - March 05 at 06:28 AM



“ So glad you can follow in her footsteps Keith. The preacher mentioned your A-C-E-G comment during the service! And I remember Cora, she was one of our favorites. Thank you so much Keith and Jana.

Dianne (Pruitt) Wildrick

**Dianne Wildrick** - March 08 at 06:37 PM

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“ I first met Virginia at Taylor's Music, where we both taught music; she had many years of experience, and she shared it with me as I started my musical career. We became life-long friends and colleagues. When she moved into The Waters, I saw her frequently, when I played guitar and sang; she always knew me, and she always sang along; she had such a beautiful voice; she complained to me she had forgotten how to play the piano; my mom had the same terrible memory disease. She taught thousands, and her faith in Christ assures we'll meet again soon. May God bless your family; I'm so sorry for your loss! Dennis Champlin

**Dennis Champlin** - March 04 at 08:24 PM



“ Thank you Dennis, I loved it when I could visit her while you were there. It was great to hear her sing again.

Dianne (Pruitt) Wildrick

**Dianne Wildrick** - March 08 at 06:18 PM

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“ Love for all the Pruitt Family. We share a wonderful heritage of faith and community, and your Mom played a big role in the memories I now treasure. She was a lovely lady.

**Jackie Schlegel Gray** - March 04 at 08:13 PM



“ Thank you Jackie. It was so good to see Carolyn and your mom. Carolyn did a superb job helping out with the songs.

Dianne (Pruitt) Wildrick

**Dianne Wildrick** - March 08 at 06:23 PM

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“ Sorry for the family's loss of this wonderful woman. She taught me how to play piano and I still play to this day.

**Jona Larruson** - March 04 at 07:53 PM



“ Thank you so much. Through you and so many others, she lives on.  
Dianne (Pruitt) Wildrick

**Dianne Wildrick** - March 08 at 06:29 PM