



Mavis Marian Haywood

November 1, 1925 - November 9, 2013

Mrs. Haywood, 88, died on Saturday, November 9, 2013 at John Knox Village in Tampa, FL after being in declining health for several months.

Born in 1925 in Danville, VA to Leonard and Lucy Haywood, Mavis grew up in Danville and graduated from George Washington High School in 1944. She then began a medical career that spanned 68 years, beginning in Richmond as a clinic asst. and office manager for the late Thomas Wheeldon, M.D. During her 34 years there she served on the local and state boards of the Business and Professional Women's Club and the Professional Secretaries Association. She attended the Richmond Professional Institute and received a Certified Professional Secretaries (CPS) in 1976. During her tenure as President of the Richmond Medical Secretaries Assoc. she helped form the first course to train medical office personnel at RPI. She was the first secretary of the Virginia Commission on the Status of Women. She received the Bronze Medal Award for her service by the Mid Atlantic Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society. The Rotary Club of Asheboro, NC made her an honorary Rotarian for her 30+ years of service in cripple children's free clinic work, and presented her with a pin and an Omega watch.

She moved to Tampa, FL in 1978 and was a secretary in the College of Medicine at the University of South Florida, where she met James C. Christensen, M.D., for whom she served as office manager until her retirement

in 2012.

Closest survivors include nieces and nephews and their families: Sandra Webb and husband Jack, Millersville, MD, Ann Flood and husband Richard, Vallejo, CA, C. David Perry and wife Heidi, Carrboro, NC, and Richard Perry and wife Debbie, Knoxville, as well as the family of Sylvia Robinson (deceased) and husband Rick, Tallahassee, FL.

She had a long, happy and rewarding life and is grateful to everyone who contributed to it. To honor those who helped her thru the years, contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospital and St. Joseph's Hospital Foundation Fund, Tampa, FL.

A grave side service will be conducted on Saturday, November 16, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. at Highland Burial Park, in Danville, VA with the Reverend Darrell Campbell officiating. Interment will follow the service in the cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Wrenn-Yeatts North Main Chapel prior to the service.

Wrenn-Yeatts North Main Chapel is respectfully serving the Haywood family.

Cemetery Details

Highland Burial Park

3049 North Main Street
Danville, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **16**. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Wrenn-Yeatts North Main Chapel
703 North Main Street
Danville, VA 24540
(434) 793-5511
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Graveside

NOV **16**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Highland Burial Park
3049 North Main Street
Danville, VA

Tribute Wall

RM

“ I had the pleasure of knowing both mavis and her sister vera here in tampa and visited them often but had lost touch, I will miss both of them very much and think of them often when im close to their home, Raymond g Miller tampa florida

raymond miller - November 20, 2013 at 07:47 PM

WT

“ I have known Miss Haywood for about 51 years and what a wonderful lady she was !!! I was the little boy next door @ 2703 Grove Ave. She would have a cook out with my parents every Friday night. May God bless her.



William Thornton - November 16, 2013 at 07:09 PM

MS

“ My sympathies to the family. I was honored to have known and worked with Mavis over the last 30 plus years. A fantastic person who will be missed.

Mark Sapanara, CPA Tampa, Florida

Mark Sapanara - November 15, 2013 at 03:54 PM

LC

“ Dear Family,

I am writing on behalf of Mrs. Mary Chiles Morris, who worked with Mrs. Haywood for many years in Richmond. As Mrs. Morris is approaching her 103 year, she has relied on me to make occasional contact with Mrs. Haywood, which I have so enjoyed doing.

Mrs. Haywood often communicated with Mary, particularly at birthday and Christmas time, and it brought great joy to Mrs. Morris to hear from her.

We sincerely share your sorrow as Mavis Haywood was a beautiful and caring person.

Lillian H. Carter, Richmond, VA



Lillian H. Carter - November 15, 2013 at 07:19 AM

MF

“ Dear Family,

We were so sorry to hear that Mavis passed away. We meet Mavis in 1983 at Dr. Christensen's office. Mavis made you feel like you were the only patient in the office when you there. If you called the office to ask a question she always had the answer. We will forever remember Mavis for the kind loving lady that she was.

Deepest Sympathy,

Marijane & Larry Foster, Land O' Lakes, FL

Marijane Foster - November 14, 2013 at 09:41 AM

MT

“ We knew Miss Mavis from Dr. Christensen's office. We looked forward to our visits because of Miss Mavis. She was the epitomy of the term Steel Magnolia, a strong southern woman with a heart of gold. We are saddened by your loss.

Martie and Ron Toy, Brandon, FL

Martie Toy - November 14, 2013 at 09:17 AM