



Vivian Wall Giles

November 13, 1921 - January 5, 2013

Vivian Wall Giles, 91, formerly of 402 Randolph St Danville, VA, passed away peacefully on Saturday, January 05, 2013 at Roman Eagle Memorial Home, where she had been a resident for the last two years. Born on November 13, 1921, she was the only child of Addie Pruett Grinstead and Ensign McKinley Wall.

On December 26, 1939, she married James Vernon Giles, who died on March 1, 1989.

She is survived by her daughter, Judy Giles Robertson, of Danville, her son Jerry Wall Giles, and wife Dell, of Richmond, VA; three granddaughters, Robyn R. Bridges, and husband, Kris, Renee R. Blackwell, all of Danville, VA; and Lesley R. Talarico, and husband, Lou, of Austin, TX; four great-grandchildren, Lindsey and John Blackwell, and Jack and Henry Talarico. In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by a son-in-law Dalton W. Robertson, on March 9, 2009.

Vivian lived her entire life in Danville. She was an active member of Shelton Memorial Presbyterian Church where she served in many capacities. She was actively involved in numerous Community and Civic Organizations. Among them where: serving as the first female President of the Danville Chamber of Commerce, Goodwill Industries, Salvation Army, Danville Kiwanis Club,

Danville Life Saving Crew Board, Danville Historical Society and a Board member of Roman Eagle Memorial Home. Through the years, she was recognized in excess of forty times for her contributions. These included the Danville Sertoma Club's Service to Mankind Award, Daden's Humanitarian Award, the Kiwanis Citizenship Award, and an award from former Governor Gerald Baliles for volunteering excellence.

One of Vivian's most enjoyable experiences was her business, Vivian Giles Business Services, which she operated for forty years. Her love of God, family, and community was evident in all that she accomplished.

The family would like to express their sincere gratitude to Dr, Vicente Falgui and the staff of Roman Eagle Memorial Home (Middle East) for their care and compassion.

The family will receive friends from 2-3 P.M. on Monday, January 7, 2013 at Shelton Memorial Presbyterian Church. Funeral service will be at 3:00 P.M. at the Church conducted by the Rev. Paul Johnson. Interment will follow in Highland Burial Park.

The family suggests memorials be made to, Danville Life Saving Crew 202 Christopher Lane Danville, VA 24541, Goodwill Industries, 512 Westover Drive Danville, VA 24541, Salvation Army, 123 Henry Street, Danville, VA 24540 or the Alzheimer's Association of Danville-Pittsylvania County 1225 West Main St Danville, VA 24541.

Wrenn-Yeatts North Main Chapel is serving the Giles Family.

Tribute Wall

JN

“ Miss Vivian was a lovely lady who was dedicated to the overall better of Danville. She worked tirelessly on behalf of many local organizations. Once she identified a need, she made every effort to meet that need. I've retired from the Postal Service; however, I recall the numerous occasions when she lobbied everyone from the local Postmaster to the Congressman to make improvements to service, staffing, hours & even landscaping. She was instrumental in having the post office building at 700 Main St. being named the Dan Daniel Post Office Building (by an act of Congress) to honor the late Congressman. She took a personal interest in improving the lives of those in the Danville community. She made great changes & improvements in her quiet, sweet and ladylike manner which disguised a will of iron & a great spirit of perseverance that resulted in extraordinary results. I believe she always gave 110% to anyone asking her for assistance. I enjoyed working with her on many projects. She was a delight to know and I, along with numerous others, will greatly miss her. My deepest sympathies to her family.
Joanie Nations

Joanie Nations - January 14, 2014 at 08:30 PM

PM

“ Judy, I just happened to see this. I want to send my sincerest sympathy to you, Robin and Renee. Sorry that we have lost touch but it is nice to know that your mother lived a long and fruitful life. She was a special person to many people. Patsy Wells Marchetti

Patsy W. Marchetti - February 20, 2013 at 07:04 AM

DD

“ Judy, I just found out today about your mom. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. She was so blessed to have you.

Much love,
Dottie Dodd
1/10/13

Dottie A. Dodd - January 10, 2013 at 04:04 PM

MR

“ Sorry I could not be there in person, but you have all in been in my prayers. My thoughts were with you during the time of the service. I'm glad to be a part of the Wall family of women who have passed down the tradition of service, and self-sufficiency.

Marion Lee McCoy Reeves

Marion Lee McCoy Reeves - January 07, 2013 at 07:31 PM

PM

“ Dear Robyn and family,

So sorry to hear about your Grandmother. Please give yourself, your sisters & your Mom a hug from me! Love & miss you!

Phyllis McCubbins-Dalton

Phyllis McCubbins-Dalton - January 07, 2013 at 11:58 AM

RG

“ I am saddened to learn of Vivian's passing. She was a very dear and lovely person, and one who always gave more than she received. I remember her fondly from my years in Danville and always appreciated her friendship, support and assistance. The Danville and Pittsylvania communities owe a debt to her for all that she did to help improve the lives of people, improve the business community and preserve and develop Danville's historic resources.

Vivian surely was a role model for us all and I am thankful to have known her and to have called her friend.

My heartfelt condolences to her family.

Sincerely,
Ray Griffin

Ray Griffin - January 07, 2013 at 09:14 AM

SH

“ Judy, I was so sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. You have been a wonderful and supportive daughter through all of this and I am sure your Mother was aware of all that you did to provide comfort to her. Take care.
Sherri



Sherri Huffman - January 07, 2013 at 07:31 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Vivian Wall Giles.



January 06, 2013 at 11:05 AM

CG

“ Cynthia Guill lit a candle in memory of Vivian Wall Giles



Cynthia Guill - January 06, 2013 at 07:34 AM

CG

What a joy it was to know Vivian. She always had a smile and comforting demeanor about her. My deepest sympathy to the family.

Cynthia Guill - January 06, 2013 at 07:35 AM

LP

Jerry and family....our sincere sympathy to you in this time of loss..and our hope that her legacy and memories will sustain you and give you joy for her life. Liz and Tedd Povar

Liz and Tedd Povar - January 06, 2013 at 10:59 AM

PT

ROBYN, RENEE LESLIE AND MS. ROBERTSON - MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU. I KNOW HOW MUCH YOU LOVED HER AND KNOW SHE WILL BE SURELY MISSED IN THE COMMUNITY FOR ALL HER GOOD DEEDS. TAKE CARE AND GOD BLESS YOU ALL. PAMELA TUCKER, PRESBYTERIAN COUNSELING CENTER

Pamela Hudson Tucker - January 09, 2013 at 08:18 AM