



Anzy Turner

January 25, 2011

Anzy Gaskill Turner, 95, a profoundly kind and tolerant woman and most loving mother, grandmother, and aunt, went home to her Lord for a well-deserved rest on Jan. 25, 2011. Anzy was born in Rocky Mount , N.C., and moved to Portsmouth in the 1950s. It was there she met her late husband, Henry Earl Turner, to whom she was devoted. She was a dedicated member of West End United Methodist Church for decades . While her vocation was clerical work with Sears Roebuck and the Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Anzy's chief avocations were music and exquisite needlework, which she shared with friends and loved ones. She also made the best popcorn in the world.

She is survived by her daughter, Anzy L. Wells, of Portsmouth , her step-daughters Bonnie Whitley of Newport News and Chris Jessee of Suffolk; grandchildren, Sharon and husband Craig Thompson of Williamsburg , Joanne Whitley of Alexandria , Va. , Leslie and husband Christopher Hobson of Quinton , Va. Also surviving their big sister are her brother Dedrick Gaskill and his wife Vangie of Tarboro, N.C., and Anzy's sister Oreole Turner of Rocky Mount , N.C. A special niece, Gail and her husband Ray Batchelor, live in Enfield , N.C. Three more nieces and three nephews and all of the grand-nieces and grand-nephews were also dear to Anzy.

A graveside service will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 30, at Olive Branch Cemetery in Portsmouth . In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made

to the Portsmouth Humane Society. Loving Funeral Home, Portsmouth , is handling arrangements. The family would like to thank special friends Gail Scott of Norfolk and Catherine Smith of Portsmouth who helped in times of need.

Tribute Wall



“ Anne,
Our favorite memory was when Aunt Anzy started making requests to the piano player at our wedding reception so she could sing.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Love,##imported-begin##Kemp and Debbie Gaskill##imported-end##

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“ Anne, Anzy was so special in the way she shared her love. I always admired her and her many accomplishments but the memories I hold dear are sitting in Ore's living room or around her kitchen table listening to Anzy tell stories of her childhood. I feel I have lost daddy all over again. My love to you...Deborah##imported-begin##Deborah Gaskill##imported-end##

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“ Anne,
Aunt Anzy never missed a birthday or an anniversary. Always a joy to receive her cards especially when she would address them to G. Lynne! She will be missed.

Sending you good vibes and lots of love.##imported-begin##Gilda and Kevin Aita##imported-end##

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“ I knew Anzy and her family very well. What wonderful people! Anzy's mom lived next door to my family on Arlington Street in Rocky Mount long ago. What sweet memories I have of that time. My sympathy and prayers are with her family.##imported-begin##Judy Pattishall Whitley##imported-end##

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“ We always enjoyed being with her. She was an inspiration and brought much joy to us and many others with her beautiful voice and her love for family and friends. We will miss her terribly.##imported-begin##Deidrick and Vangie Gaskill##imported-end##

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“ The world is a sadder place with the loss of Anzy. What a wonderful neighbor and friend she was. We are thinking of you Anne during this time.##imported-begin##Terry and Joe Murphy##imported-end##

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