



Virginia Carper

October 22, 1908 - April 30, 2005

VIRGINIA SPEIDEN CARPER, age 96 of Manassas, VA died Saturday, April 30, 2005 at Prince William Hospital, Manassas.

She was born and had lived her whole life in Manassas. Mrs. Carper had been a member of Manassas Baptist Church and was the church organist for over 50 years. She played the organ for hundreds of worship services, weddings and funerals, and served the church in many other capacities. She was a 1930 graduate of Hollins College and had received a Bachelor of Music degree. Mrs. Carper taught piano and organ to generations of students and from recital records determined that she had taught a thousand students to play. She continued teaching up until 1999, when she was ninety years of age. She had been a member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy for 80 years, having joined at the young age of 16. Other memberships include the Woman's Club of Manassas, which she served as president on two different occasions and was honored to be the first club sponsored music teacher for Prince William County. She was also a member of the Manassas Museum Associates, working to establish the Manassas Museum. Mrs. Carper was the founder of the Manassas Community Concert Association, serving as an officer for much of the organizations 38 year history. She presented an annual award to a deserving firefighter from the Manassas Volunteer Fire Company in memory of her father, who served as the first president of the company. For her ninety-fifth birthday, she received a plaque

from the Fire Company naming her as an honorary captain.

Mrs. Carper was married for 60 years to the late Lewis J. Carper who was the former Treasurer for the Town of Manassas. He died in 1997. She was also preceded in death by her parents, Albert Speiden and Effie Nelson Speiden. Mr. Speiden was a noted architect who designed the original Manassas City Hall and the Hopkins Candy Factory, as well as other buildings.

Survivors include nieces, nephews, cousins, very special caregivers, along with many loving friends. Family will receive friends from 2-4 & 7-9 PM, Wednesday, May 4, 2005 at Price Funeral Home, 9609 Center St., Manassas. Funeral services will be held 2:00 PM, Thursday, May 5, 2005 at Manassas Baptist Church, 8800 Sudley Rd., Manassas. Interment will follow at Manassas City Cemetery where she will be laid to rest next to her husband.

Pallbearers will be Dan Verner, Wes Herrington, Donald Darby, Dr. Claude Hylton, Ricky Ratcliffe, Robert Wine and Junior Roseberry. Honorary pallbearers will be members of the Manassas Fire Department.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of flowers or contributions to the Manassas Animal Shelter, 10039 Dean Drive, Manassas, VA 20110 or to the Manassas Museum, 9101 Prince William St., Manassas, VA 20110 in memory of Virginia Speiden Carper. Condolences may be sent to www.pricefh.com

Tribute Wall

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“ Mrs. Carper was my church organist for 20 years and my piano teacher for 8. She had an enduring impact on my life that I greatly appreciate and will never forget. I think about her every time I sit down at the piano.

She will be greatly missed.
Art Gower

Art Gower, IV - March 29, 2013 at 02:05 PM

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“ Mrs. Carper had an indelible impact on our lives and especially that of our daughter, Suzanne whom she taught for ten years from the age of 7. We always felt welcome in her beautiful home on Battle Street. Suzanne will be graduated from Mary Washington University this Saturday, May 7th with degrees in Music (Piano) and Biology. She wanted to play her senior recital tape for her but we hope that Mrs. Carper in heaven knows that her loving attention to Suzanne's musical development and the self discipline she instilled made it all possible. We and Suzanne will remember and pray for her for the rest of our lives with the hope of seeing her when we're all together again with the Lord. There is another angel in heaven. God Bless You Virginia. We will miss you. The McCloskey Family.

John & Dawn McCloskey & daughter Suzanne - March 29, 2013 at 02:05 PM

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“ We are sorry not to be here for Virginia. Templar has had shoulder surgery and is not able to travel.

Virginia had shared with us many stories and pictures of the ancestors she shared with Templar's mother, Margaret Florence Titus Dudley. She was the last of their generation. A wonderful era has now passed.

Templar & Karen Titus - March 03, 2005 at 12:00 AM