



Reba Allene Will

April 29, 2013

Reba Allene Will, 100, of Washington, D.C., died Thursday, April 25, 2013 at her home. Miss Will was born May 14, 1912 in Forestville, VA, daughter of the late Marvin Wilbur and Ada Rebecca Shuttters Will. She was a graduate of Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore, MD and majored in piano; received a Bachelor of Science from Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD, Masters Degree in Choral Music from New York University, New York City, NY. She was a member of Delta Omicron Musical Sorority. She also was a member of Solomon Lutheran Church in Forestville, VA. She taught Choral music in the District of Columbia Public Schools for more than 35 years. Miss Will is survived by many cousins. Reba's father took her to Woodrow Wilson's Inauguration where she viewed it from her dad's shoulders. Funeral services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Dellinger Funeral Home in Mt. Jackson with Pastor Susan Lantz officiating. Burial will follow at Solomon Lutheran Church Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Kenna Fansler Charlie Fansler, Keith Zirkle, Dennis Wakeman, Randy Fansler and Mike Jones. In lieu of flowers donations, may be made to Paul Public Charter School, 5800 8th St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20011.

Tribute Wall

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“*Reba Will was one of the most wonderful influences on my young life. I was in her boys' glee club at Langley Jr. High School (1945-1948) and for half of my time (1948-1949) at McKinley Tech High School in Washington. Out of curiosity, I just happened to Google her name this morning and found the obituary, surprised that she had lived until last month and reached the age of 100. She seemed to inspire young people to reach for depths in our spirits that few other teachers could. I was truly blessed to have her for a teacher.*

Gilbert "Gil" H. Mende - May 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“*Will miss Miss Reba Will. I was fortunate to be in her Boys Chorus, 1951-52. Miss Will was a no nonsense, goal oriented teacher who believed in what she was doing and in her students. She would constantly remind me to keep my head straight and would call some of the students, "repulsive" if need be. We sang with the Girls Chorus at the National Gallery of Art and the Boys Chorus was on the Al Ross Show (mornings 6-9) on WRC, 980 AM. She knew her music and would stand at the piano and make us northeast boys sound like song birds. I think of her often and consider her one of my best teachers--strong, on task, and believed in herself and her students. As Fred Waring opened his show with, "I hear music, I hear violins ...," I wish you farewell now, but may see you later in a better place.*

Tom Antonielli - April 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM