



Virginia B Sheppard

August 16, 2024

Virginia Belle Sheppard, 95, died on August 16, 2024 at her residence in the Evergreens, Moorestown, NJ. A native of the Pittsburgh area, Virginia met the love of her life, the late William H. Sheppard, at Kennywood Park. They enjoyed more than 50 years of married life before his passing in 2004. Also passing away before her were her parents, Laura Belle and Michael Bretsnyder, brother Robert Bretsnyder (Elva), and sister Joanne Polacok (John).

Cherishing her memory are her four devoted children: Patty Sheppard Franz (Bill), William Sheppard, Jr. (Michele), Chuck Sheppard (Diane), and Laurie Sheppard Conrad (Michael); twelve grandchildren: Matthew Franz (Hannah), Elizabeth Franz Campus (Thomas), Jackson Sheppard, Timothy Sheppard (Rachel), Nathan Sheppard (Taylor), Rachel Sheppard Helt (Andrew), Joyce Conrad, Benjamin Conrad, Joshua Conrad, Christopher Conrad, Joseph Conrad, and Abigail Conrad; a host of nieces and nephews, and an ever-growing number of great grandchildren. She always found babies to be the cutest, and one of her last joys was holding her newest great granddaughter just a few weeks before her death.

Virginia was a 1951 graduate of Westminster College in Pennsylvania where she was a sister of the Kappa Delta sorority. She went on to earn a Master's degree in Christian Education from Princeton Theological Seminary and then worked as the director of Christian Education at St. Matthew Lutheran Church where she was a long-time member. She was a deacon in the New Jersey

synod of the ELCA.

She was a talented quilter and enjoyed creating beautiful works for her family and friends. She enjoyed playing bridge and traveling, especially time spent at Ocean City, NJ.

A funeral service will be held 10:30 am on Friday, August 23, 2024 at the St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 318 Chester Ave. Moorestown, NJ. Viewing will be held from 9:30- 10:30 am on Friday at the Church. With

Interment to follow in Lakeview Memorial Park, Cinnaminson, NJ

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the accessibility project at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, C/o the Church.

Cemetery Details

Lakeview Memorial Park

Rt. # 130 North
Cinnaminson, NJ

Previous Events

Viewing

AUG 23. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Matthew Lutheran Church
318 Chester Ave
Moorestown, NJ 08057
(856) 235-2055
<http://www.stmatthew-lutheran.org>

Service

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“ Here is a link to the slide show of pictures https://youtu.be/vA_FIZs3Zw4

Tim (grandson) - August 24, 2024 at 11:12 PM

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Tammy Aitken - August 19, 2024 at 04:03 PM

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Tammy Aitken - August 19, 2024 at 03:51 PM

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“ Dear Patty & Bill, Bill & Michelle, Chuck & Diane, Laurie & Michael (and all of your kids!),

My sympathies to all of you during this sad time. Although Aunt Ginny was ready for what comes next, there is a now a void in your lives.

I got to know her through John and our time shared in Ocean City (and celebrating our birthdays together 😊). I also heard many stories about your mom from Joanne, and it was so lovely to see the sisters and their special bond while we were all in OC.

We admired her intellect, determination, interest in current world issues and the twinkle in her eye when talking about your dad, and your families.

John particularly looked forward to talking about the latest issues with the Lutheran Church/religion and politics as Aunt Ginny remained up to date with the latest info.

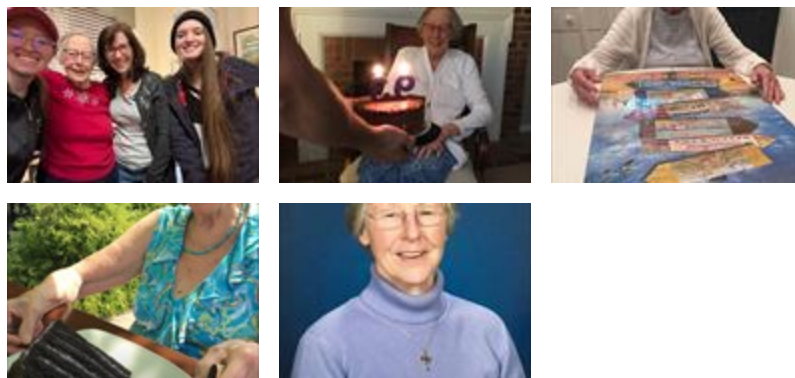
John was always so proud to tell people that she was not only his aunt, but also his Godmother.

Much love to you all as you prepare for her funeral. I will be there in spirit ❤️ Tammy xo

Tammy Aitken - August 18, 2024 at 07:03 PM

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“ 9 files added to the album Virginia B Sheppard



Laurie Conrad - August 18, 2024 at 01:21 PM

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“ Laurie, sending you and your family my deepest sympathies at the passing of your mom. I have memories of her going all the way back to our middle school years, and then of course, as our neighbor when we moved to Valley Stream. Hoping that happy memories of your mom will comfort you in the days ahead.
Sincerely,
Sue Black Lewis

Susan Lewis - August 17, 2024 at 04:11 PM

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Thank you, Sue.

Laurie Conrad - August 18, 2024 at 11:17 PM