



## Virginia Lee Hedges

March 26, 1919 - March 23, 2012

The morning of March 23d, a few days shy of her 93d birthday, Virginia Lee Hedges was ushered gently by the strong wings of her Guardian Angel into the Presence of her Lord Jesus and those gone before. It was a journey she had well prepared for and though she is beyond the sight of our eyes, the memory of her virtue is eternal.

Born March 26th, 1919 among the peaches and sweet corn of Olathe, Colorado to Oliver McIntire and Frances Meyer, in family she saw the icon of heaven. From her mother she learned that the sanctuary of home and simple meals prepared with love correspond to the holy. This insight she shared as gospel with all. Sunday school teacher, Cub Scout den mother, mentor to generations of young mothers... She multiplied what was given.

She is survived by John Woodrow Hedges, her beloved husband who for 72 years was by her side except for service in harm's way during World War II and Korea. Their faithfulness abided then and endures this separation also. In a mystery they still hold hands.

From their love were born two sons, Jon-Stephen and Keith Robert. They survive to carry on with Melissa (Fr. Jon's wife), granddaughter Sarah (with great grandsons Cole and Ethan) and grandson Ben (with his wife, Viktoria and great grandchildren Sydney, Noah and another on the way). Keith's family includes Virginia's granddaughters Vanessa (with her husband Seth and great grandchildren Payton and Thaddeus), Rachael, Megan and Emily and grandson Kevin (and his wife Gaga). Virginia is also survived by her sister,

Joan and an earthly host of those whose sadness is bright shining with the sure and certain hope we share.

Trisagion prayers will be sung at 7:30 Tuesday the 27th with viewing vigil to follow until the funeral Wednesday the 28th of March at 10:00 AM. All services will be at St. Athanasius Orthodox Church, 5580 Calle Real in Goleta.

Graveside prayers and burial will be at Goleta Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully asks that donations be made to the Building Fund at St.

Athanasius Orthodox Church. Arrangements are made by Welch-Ryce-Haider Funeral Chapels and comments or memories may be posted at [www.wrhsb.com](http://www.wrhsb.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Goleta Cemetery

44 South San Antonio Road  
SANTA BARBARA, CA 93110  
(805) 967-3608

# Previous Events

## Trisagion

MAR 27. 7:30 AM (PT)

St. Athanasius Orthodox Church  
300 Sumida Gardens Ln.  
Santa Barbara, CA 93111

## Funeral Service

MAR 28. 10:00 AM (PT)

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Santa Barbara, CA 93111

# Tribute Wall



“ *lit a candle in memory of Virginia Lee Hedges*



March 27, 2012 at 11:30 PM



*I think Virginia was the sweetest and nicest person I've ever known! She usually asked me about my children long after they had moved on to other things. From her I learned to accept every day as a gift from God. Bob*

March 27, 2012 at 11:35 PM



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**Judy Braun** - March 26, 2012 at 10:29 AM

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**Judy Braun** - March 26, 2012 at 10:29 AM



“ To my dear Hedges friends (more like family really) -  
Please accept my deepest sympathies during these terribly sweet but sad days...God bless you in your grief and give you the peace that only can come from Him. I love you and I love Virginia. She was an example of the woman, I can only wish to be a little like. Fortunately, I was able to be with her several times during her last days on this earth. She smiled. She spoke of her sweet husband John. She was so proud of her family, and specifically spoke of Noah...She wanted to be at the Easter Service- yes she said she was still a 'little old school' and couldn't quite get the Pascha term right. But God knows, she knew what that day means.. She was happy - and told me she wasn't ready to go yet, BUT, if it was her time, that she was 'ready'. Lord Have Mercy, that I might be as right with the Lord in my time of death.  
PS...she told me she has some cinnamon roll dough in the fridge and to make them for the EASTER (Pascha) breakfast! - Ah yes, they will be even sweeter this year.  
You are in my prayers - and I already miss her so much.  
Love, June Easbey

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**June Easbey** - March 25, 2012 at 05:04 PM

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*I love that June got to see and speak to Virginia. I missed that chance. Virginia was always smiling, gracious and so sweet to Larry and I. We loved the same colors: turquoise, coral. And she looked lovely in them as she did when we last said goodbye.*

*We will miss her terribly but hope to carry her physical memory in our hearts and minds. It's comforting to think that she can help pray with us and for us for eternity. Until then, Virginia.*

*To the Hedges family: It's a very heavy and hard time to weather right now and we send our love to you all.*

*Cheryl and Larry Lander*

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**Cheryl Washburn-Lander** - March 29, 2012 at 04:23 PM