



Virginia M. Mayer

October 3, 1924 - April 18, 2020

April 18, 2020, our beloved mother and Grandmother Virginia passed away. She was an impressive 95 years old.

Virginia was born and raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where she met her husband Matt. They had been married for 50 years when he passed in 2006.

Virginia and Matt had four children. Marianne, Steve, Janet and Barbara. Also a son-in-law David, and three grandchildren, Teri, Valerie and Eric.

Being a homemaker for Matt and the kids was the main focus of her life. In her spare time she was also a Girl Scout leader, the "Nature Lady" at day camp, and "The Navigator" on many family camping trips. She loved to play Mahjong and later discovered that she was a natural pastel artist.

The family moved to Santa Barbara in 1972, and after the kids were raised she volunteered for many charities. Catholic Social Services, St. Vincent de Paul Society and Transition House to name a few. She put her excellent sewing skills to use for Adventures in Caring to make quite a few Raggedy Ann costumes for their volunteers to wear visiting hospital patients.

Virginia enjoyed traveling with Matt and later with her kids and grandkids. She always enjoyed nature, birding, the symphony and laughing. She recently

said, "Even as an old lady, I had fun." We love you Mom, you will be greatly missed.

A memorial Mass will be announced after Covid-19 restrictions have lifted.

In lieu of flowers, donations are asked to be sent to Catholic Charities of Santa Barbara or St. Raphael's Church.

Tribute Wall

SM

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Steve Mayer - May 07, 2020 at 01:23 PM

SS

“ To the family of Virginia Mayer,

We were sorry to hear of the passing of Virginia, and offer our sincere condolences.

What a wonderful human being Virginia was! We met around 1989 when I began working on the gardens at St. Raphaels with her husband, Matt. She and Matt came to our house to celebrate a couple of my birthdays, and we would connect at different church events. When Matt became too ill to garden, we still stayed connected, which I really appreciated. When Matt passed away I became very emotional at his service; I remember that Virginia said to me in her inimitable way, "Oh Suzie. You don't need to cry like that because he is in a better place." We stayed in touch at Christmas card time and in passing at church, but not much else until 2017 when my father moved to Maravilla. It was wonderful to see her in the dining hall and catch up again, and a couple of times she even shared our table, even though she was a very popular table partner! She was always dressed so nicely, and a great conversationalist. I was always impressed with her positive attitude and even disposition, and I hope that somehow I might be able to channel her strength as I move forward in life. Certainly she made a lasting impression on me, and she will be missed.

As you all move through this time of sorrow and reflection, may the memories of the time you shared bring consolation and eventually smiles.

*Very sincerely,
Suzie and Gordon Sichi*

Suzie Sichi - May 03, 2020 at 07:17 PM

OC

“ *To the family of Virginia Mayer*

Virginia was a lovely lady and a pleasure to know. We worked together on arranging flowers St. Raphaels and on St. Vincent de Paul. Please accept my heartfelt condolences.

Olga Cruz

Olga Cruz - April 29, 2020 at 04:37 PM



“ *My memories Virginia are countless and full of pleasant happy times of conversation. We had a special event in common, perhaps not known to many but a delightful to discover.. We were born the same day, although we could never determine whether the same hour! I will miss her as I already did these last many months when she had to stop coming to MahJongg games and other events. Her memory is a blessing for me, her family and all the others whose lives she touched,*

Halina Silverman - April 29, 2020 at 02:16 PM

PT

Virginia was a loving person; dear to me, a faithful friend, & a joy to know. We loved her at home & at Mahjong...& missed her when she couldn't join us. Sweet, gentle, shy, & yet, had a hearty laugh at times! She was an excellent hostess for our after-Mahjong gatherings as well. She is missed because we loved her.

Pat Trabbic - April 29, 2020 at 03:47 PM



“ I fondly recall dear Virginia as my Maravilla neighbor for about five years before she moved from her lovely casita. She nurtured beautiful flowers on her patio with a mountain view. When we occasionally gathered in her apartment for snacks after Mahjong, her precious canary, Petey, sang for us. We miss Virginia's presence very much! The devotion of her children made her last years golden with their love and care. May Marianne, Steve, Janet, and Barbara know that her abiding love for them will always enfold them!

Mary Jean (MJ) Jeanae

Mary Jeanae - April 28, 2020 at 10:33 PM

MP

“ Virginia was a member of Ladies of Charity of St. Vincent's and a friend to so many there and at St. Raphael's Church. She always had a smile and time for everyone. Our prayers are with her family. She is now resting in peace.

Maura Pezzati - April 28, 2020 at 06:11 PM

MR

“ I visited Virginia twice at Maravilla. Once just to visit and again because she was donating her beautiful clothes to St. Vincent de Paul. She always greeted me with a hug and a smile. From Madelyn R.

Madelyn Ratcliffe - April 26, 2020 at 09:45 AM

LP

I am saddened to learn Ginny has passed away but I know she enjoyed a wonderful life. Since my retirement from Delco, we were always in touch twice a year; I always looked forward to a summer visit and her Christmas card with a family update. I remember how much she and Matt enjoyed their camping trips in northern California. Matt was sorely missed and Ginny will be also.

Lynn Pratt

Lynn Pratt - April 26, 2020 at 04:26 PM

NK

I'm sad for all of you, I know you will miss your Mom and Grandmother, but you do have good memories I'm sure! I knew your Mom from St. Raphael's Church, and Lady of Charity group . She was a very kind and sharing person who did laugh a lot. Please accept my sincere sympathies.

Nancy Kriech

Nancy Kriech - April 26, 2020 at 05:59 PM

BU

Dear Marianne, Steve, Janet, Barbara and Family,

We are so sorry for your loss and sad because we will no longer be able to enjoy her company. It was such fun to have picnics, pot luck dinners and play "Hand-and-Foot" for hours and hours when Matt was still with us.

Ginny will be missed, but 47 years of memories will remain.

You "kids" were lucky to have such a wonderful, caring mother.

Bob and Carol Uradnicek

Bob and Carol Uradnicek - April 29, 2020 at 06:17 PM