



Virginia Mattison

1928-2026

Virginia Mattison was born in 1928 and raised in Minnesota. She began piano lessons at an early age, eventually playing duets with her father on violin, and developing into a fine pianist. Music remained important to her throughout her life.

As an undergraduate she majored in English literature. She loved writing as well as reading, and in her working life, she incorporated many opportunities to write. She especially enjoyed interviewing musicians who performed at the college where she worked for many years in an administrative support role.

In 1949, Virginia married Verne Mattison. Virginia was an outgoing, social person, and the couple enjoyed entertaining. She dearly loved her alma mater and was extremely active in the alumnae association for many years. While her health permitted, she attended church regularly. She also attended Philadelphia Orchestra performances, and was a longtime supporter of the organization. Virginia was also a lover of gardens, landscape and nature, and exploring. With family and friends, she travelled to Mexico, Europe, the Caribbean, and various parts of the United States.

Verne and Virginia Mattison had two daughters, and the marriage lasted until

Verne's death in 2000. Virginia lived alone for several years and eventually moved into a retirement community. She died in May, 2026. She is survived by her two daughters.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation in Virginia's name to the Philadelphia Orchestra.