



Virginia Mae Barry Olson

January 8, 1923 - May 31, 2022

Virginia Mae Olson (nee Barry) was born January 8, 1923 in Duluth, MN and passed away peacefully May 31, 2022. Preceded in death by daughter Jill, husband Warren, brother Jim Barry, and sister Donna Froelich. Survived by children Karin Patrick (Bruce) and Curt Olson (Eileen); six grandchildren: Eve Obert (David Hobbs), Kyle Olson (Cat), Evan Olson, Luke Patrick, and Nick and Victoria Taylor; five great-grandchildren: Nell and Anona Hobbs, Rylie Patrick, Ruby and Tate Olson; and many nieces, nephews and friends. After growing up in Duluth, during WWII she worked as a chemist at the Duluth Steel Plant. After earning her bachelor's degree from the U of M her careers included clothing design and pattern making, food research, computer help desk administration, and after retirement, grading standardized tests. She resided primarily in Duluth, Minneapolis, and Bloomington where she and Warren raised their kids and participated in city and state politics, church, and volunteer work in the 1950s, 60s, and 70s. She was devoted to her family and friends. Her outlook was "Eat dessert first; life is uncertain." Memorials to the Minneapolis AAUW Scholarship Fund. Memorial service at 10:00 on 8/26/22 at Dawn Valley Chapel, Bloomington, MN.

Previous Events

Chapel Service

AUG **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Dawn Valley Chapel
9940 Bush Lake Road
Bloomington, MN 55438

Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Memorial Service for Virginia Mae Barry Olson in memory of Virginia Mae Barry Olson



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“ I worked with Virginia for many years, I car pooled with her and Warren when Virginia and I worked at Network Systems. We have had many fun times.

I don't remember the exact year but it was in the 1990's that I flew to Phoenix and she picked me up at the airport (she had been wintering with Red and Donna) and we proceeded to drive back to Minnesota. We decided to take Route 66 for a good part of the way. We stopped at touristy places, giggled, had our evening cocktails and had a wonderful time. We got into Minnesota and of course hit a bad snow storm. We decided to get off in Albert Lea and stay the night. Virginia was driving and as we were going around the clover leaf we hit ice and started to slide every which way. She handled that car like a pro and got us safely to a nearby hotel. I was thankful she was driving! Needless to say it was a 2 cocktail night after that harrowing experience! We made it back home the next day.

Virginia was a beautiful gracious lady inside and out. And I will always remember all the other adventures we had together.

Avie Greenslit

Avie Greenslit - August 23, 2022 at 10:56 AM