



Virginia Helen Starkey

February 16, 1936 - September 7, 2022

Age 86 of Blaine, MN

Virginia Helen (Bell) Starkey was born on February 16th, 1936 in Peru, Indiana to Henry Oscar and Mary Helen (Collier) Bell. After graduating from Peru High School, she earned an Associates Degree in Nursing from Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie, Indiana, and held multiple nursing positions early in her life. In 1957, she married Robert Henry Starkey and they raised 4 children together. Virginia passed away at her home in Blaine, MN on the morning of Wednesday, September 7th, 2022 while surrounded by her loving children. She will be greatly missed.

Throughout her life, she pursued many interests and gave her all for any she became involved in. Virginia was passionate for her crafts and operated her own ceramic shop for 8 years. Beyond ceramics, she mastered everything from crochet, cross stitch, stamping and greeting card making throughout the years. She was fascinated by covered bridges and genealogy and she took many trips across the country to pursue both. She authored two family record books tracing back the Starkey and Collier family histories back to their immigration to the United States in the 1700s and continued to expand and update the records even after they were published. In addition to the multiple road trips to seek connections with family (alive and deceased), she enjoyed scrapbooking and documenting the many other trips she went on. Her other interests included puzzles, computers, and spending time with her friends and family. Additionally, she served as a beauty consultant with Mary Kay

Cosmetics for 20 years. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and served as Worthy Matron of the St. Anthony Park Chapter in 1995.

She is survived by her children Kris (Joni), Karen (Dennis Karels), Kent, Kyle (Bobbie), 4 sisters, 6 grandchildren, 3 step-grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, and 9 step-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, 2 brothers, 1 sister, 1 daughter-in-law, 1 granddaughter, 1 great-granddaughter.

A memorial service to celebrate Virginia's life will be held at 11 AM on Wednesday, September 14th at Holcomb-Henry-Boom-Purcell Funeral Home with visitation starting at 10 AM. Interment will occur at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery with her husband. Cemetery services will be held at 1 PM on Wednesday, September 14th.

Service will be available to livestream the day of the service at <https://youtu.be/cFbofxoxaIE>

Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Virginia Helen Starkey



December 14, 2023 at 06:23 PM



“ Sending my deepest sympathy to everyone on the great loss of your loved one, Virginia. I was in Virginia's exercise class for many years and I enjoyed her company and wit so very much. I will surely miss her, her jokes and all the fun, laughter, and good times we shared. I will never forget her and may God take her in His arms and give her peace. RIP dear one!!!

Evy Bimberg - September 20, 2022 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry to hear of the loss of your mother/grandmother. You have my condolences and sympathy.

-Ken Zoellner



Kenneth Zoellner - September 14, 2022 at 12:00 AM



“ I know that she is now at peace. She was a great and loving sister.

Vivian Ireland, Patti & Tom McCrea - September 14, 2022 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Virginia was a wonderful woman! She will be missed. The family is in my prayers.



Beth Hale - September 14, 2022 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Virginia was a great older sister! She shared lots of time with each other. I Love and Miss her!



Barbara Jean Bell Cotton - September 09, 2022 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Patty and I sure appreciated Bob and Virginia's hospitality. We will miss her very much. We do celebrate her life with her family.



Ralph Starkey - September 09, 2022 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ With greatest sympathy to Karen and all of the family. May you be comforted by family and friends and through God's love and His peace that surpasses understanding.



Tim and Sherri Kasten - September 08, 2022 at 12:00 AM