



Virginia M. Bodine

November 29, 1923 - September 26, 2017

Virginia Mary Bodine (nee Kletzin) passed away on September 26, 2017. Virginia was born on Thanksgiving Day in 1923 on November 29th in Minneapolis. She was an only child. She was predeceased by her husband, Francis S. Bodine, her parents, Walter and Lillian (Young) Kletzin and her grandchild William Francis Bodine (Billy).

She is survived by daughter Sarah Ward and son-in-law Kirk Ward, sons F Patrick Bodine, James Bodine and daughter-in-law Joan Krikava, Stephen Bodine and daughter-in-law Patty, Thomas Bodine, and daughter Therese Bodine, and grandchildren Geoffrey Ward, Meghan Ward, Lauren Ward, Alyssa Bodine, F. Jedidiah Bodine, Elle Bodine, Peter Bodine, S. Ross Bodine, Caitlin Kelley and her husband Jason Kelley, Jack Bodine, Anne Bodine, and Margaret Bodine.

Virginia graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1949 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Bio-Statistics and a minor in Political Science. She worked with the very first electron microscope at the U of M, taking and developing photographs for medical research.

As an only child, Virginia inherited the best of both her parents. Her mother was a wonderful cook and Virginia took up that mantle with pride. She loved to entertain and she was known for the large scale buffet she would make every

Christmas Eve, celebrating with friends, neighbors, and family. Virginia went hunting and fishing with her father as a child, and played baseball with the neighbor boys at the ball field across the street from her house. This led to a lifelong love of baseball. If she couldn't watch the Minnesota Twins on TV, she listened to the games on the radio!

Virginia married Francis S Bodine in 1949 and embraced the life of an officer's wife. She organized events and chaired clubs and made friends, as they moved from one Air Force base to another. This was terrific training for her career. Virginia began working for the Edina Chamber of Commerce in 1976 as the Executive Secretary. Before long, she moved up to Director and was a major mover and shaker in the Edina community – from the Edina Garden Club to the League of Women Voters to being an early promoter of community recycling in the 1970's. Her retirement party in 1992 attracted 275 well-wishers!

With six children, Virginia was kept busy from dawn to dusk for decades. She believed in living life to the fullest and wanted her children to experience life the same way. Outings to parks, museums, restaurants, and plays were regular occurrences. When her grandchildren began arriving she loved spending time with them, sharing her enthusiasm for all life has to offer.

Virginia loved people. She loved hearing people's stories, just as much as she enjoyed telling her own. She had a special ability to connect with just about anyone. We will all miss her very much.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 AM on Friday, October 6, 2017 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Edina, MN with Father Glen Jenson officiating. Interment will be at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis, MN. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 PM on Thursday and from 10 to 11 AM on Friday at the church. A Parish Prayer Service will be at 7 PM on Thursday.

Cemetery Details

Fort Snelling National Cemetery

7601 34th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 5. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church
6820 St. Patricks Lane
Edina, MN 55439

Prayer Service

OCT 5. 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church
6820 St. Patricks Lane
Edina, MN 55439

Visitation

OCT 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church
6820 St. Patricks Lane
Edina, MN 55439

Service

OCT **6**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Edina, MN 55439

Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Virginia M. Bodine*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - October 04, 2017 at 01:14 PM



“ *Virginia M. Bodine*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Wayne & Joanne Jeffery lit a candle in memory of Virginia M. Bodine*



Wayne & Joanne Jeffery - October 05, 2017 at 06:38 PM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Virginia M. Bodine.*



October 04, 2017 at 05:30 PM

NE

“ So sorry to hear about Aunt Virginia's passing. She was always so upbeat whenever I had occasion to see her and I remember how much my Mom Loretta appreciated her organizational skills whenever a Bodine group congregated or traveled.

Nita Effertz - October 02, 2017 at 09:39 PM

TB

“ 12 files added to the album Memories of Mom



Therese Bodine - October 02, 2017 at 06:09 PM

RB

“ Robert & Barb Bodine lit a candle in memory of Virginia M. Bodine



Robert & Barb Bodine - September 30, 2017 at 03:32 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Virginia M. Bodine.



September 29, 2017 at 04:18 PM



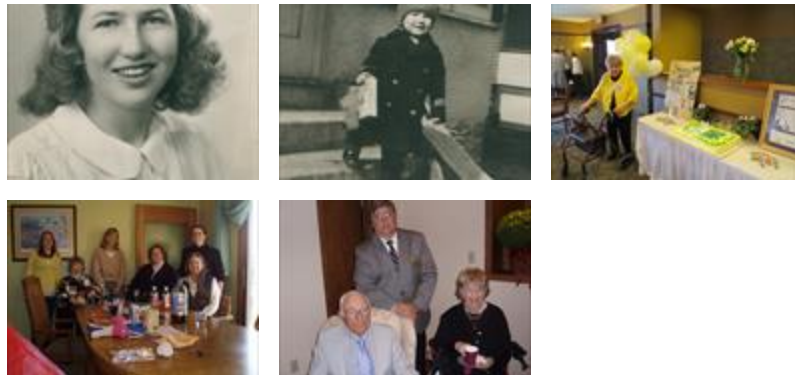
“ Therese Bodine lit a candle in memory of Virginia M. Bodine



Therese Bodine - September 29, 2017 at 09:56 AM



“ 12 files added to the album Memories of Mom



Therese Bodine - September 29, 2017 at 08:58 AM

YF

“ *Your Onemain Financial Family purchased the Fa
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Your Onemain Financial Family - September 29, 2017 at 08:57
AM

GC

“ *Gregg & Leone Chirhart lit a candle in
memory of Virginia M. Bodine*



Gregg & Leone Chirhart - September 27, 2017 at 03:06 PM

JB

“ There was no one like Aunt Virginia! She had a laugh that made you want to laugh with her. She had passionate ideas for sure and that reminds me that she was the one who "decided" where Dave and I should spend our honeymoon- we told her we were coming to Minneapolis and she suggested a hotel that was central to what we were planning to do. She must have taken note that we were still in college and counting pennies- as she suggested Howard Johnsons! and of course we stayed there as she had a way about her. A true leader. Looking at the smile in the above picture- I really do picture her that way- always smiling- even though I was astonished once when she told me all the health crisis she had overcome along the way. She was tougher than she looked! The memories I have of her include all the Christmas Open Houses- with lots of food and people- the countless showers she hosted- always using her best china (what is for anyway- if you don't use it?) Her love of gourmet foods- and how she never stopped wanting to learn things. How she was always interested in what you were doing and asked about everyone in the family. And she always came to all the local weddings, showers and graduations- and in this family- that was a lot! She had a very full life- and had a great zest for all she did and she really was one of a kind. She will be missed. Love, Jackie (Bodine) Berg

Jackie Berg - September 26, 2017 at 08:20 PM