



Virginia D Ferguson

August 9, 1925 - January 19, 2009

Virginia was born August 9, 1925 near Spearfish, South Dakota, the oldest of eleven siblings. She learned how to drive when the family moved to Portland, OR, captaining a sedan with half her siblings along for the ride. She was an active part of the World War II war effort as a welder working on the “Liberty Ships”, and was very proud that she could weld a straight bead upside down better than anyone.

She is remembered today for many things, especially her exquisite skill as a master seamstress. For many years she had a thriving home business sewing all manner of outfits, from simple blouses to elaborate Western Riding Competition apparel and wedding dresses. She loved to create beautiful needlepoint embroidery pieces for her home and others, knit comfy sweaters, and bedazzle sweatshirts. Few things made her happier than creating that perfect article of clothing that matched the recipient’s personality, made with loving and precise care.

She is remembered today for her love of life and her joy in embracing each moment. Her passion for ice cream is known by all, but she was also quite

accomplished at nurturing others with her mastery of toasted cheese sandwiches, cinnamon rolls, and fried chicken. Her flair for accessorizing and ability to coordinate rich jewel tones while remaining elegant were a sight to behold, made even more impressive by how well she displayed her beloved husband Dick as a color-coordinated accessory. She even modeled for a political brochure as the “face of everyday voters”, clearly representing one of the best-dressed everyday voters around.

She is remembered today, the very most of all, for her profound love for her family and friends. She was giddy as a schoolgirl around her cherished husband, Dick, finding in him a soul mate who shared her love of socializing, dedication to others, and someone who always made her throw back her head and LAUGH. She taught her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, both biological and “adopted”, to savor the moment and appreciate the little things, that doing something was worth doing it right (or better than right, because if there ever was a category even better than “perfect”, Virginia’s work would have been in that one), and that the most important thing you can do is to love others. To know her affection was to be considered part of her family, and she counseled and nursed and babysat and loved so many people in her life. We are all blessed to have known her, to have learned from her generosity, and to have been part of her family

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“ *Virginia D Ferguson*

January 28, 2023 at 02:51 PM



“ *Dick -*

Brent and I want to offer our condolences at this time. We pray that our Father in heaven is bringing you the comfort needed to get you through this time of loss. We will remember Virginia as a kind and caring person. It was always fun to spend time with you both at the B-B-Q's!

Our love,

Brent & Leila Blakely

Brent & Leila Blakely - January 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *I've already noticed that my Guardian Angel is sporting new duds!*

Velma - January 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *We love you tons Grandpa and are in our prayers. She will always be remembered by our family.*

Kass, Chad, Paxton and Tessa Mitchell - January 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *I'll miss you!*

Linda Lemco - January 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dick,

You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Barb Harberts - January 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I had the pleasure to meet Virginia on a couple of occasions and she was a very wonderful woman. When watching the video I notice a very wonderful, warming and welcoming smile! Sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Nick Vanoudenhaegen - January 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Having just seen Virginia a few weeks ago, it's hard to believe she's moved on... I was wearing a South Dakota sweatshirt when I saw her at Christmas. It seemed to make her so happy and we had a lively discussion about where she grew up. As soon as I heard the news, I put that sweatshirt back on - it will always remind me of her and her joy in simple things! Love, Laura*

Laura Lemco - January 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM