



Virginia Beryl Robinson

July 18, 1913 - December 24, 2009

Virginia Robinson, age 96, passed away in her sleep on December 24, 2009 at her daughter Julie's home in Oregon City, OR where she lived for the last 8 years. She was born Virginia Beryl Dotson in Prosser, Washington to William and Julia Dotson on July 18, 1913. Her parents moved from Virginia to Washington in the early 1890's to 1900. She was the youngest of 10 children and the last to die. She grew up in farming country where she enjoyed riding her horse 'Babe' and helping her parents. While attending college at 16, she was an outstanding basketball and softball player with a nick name of "Jinx" because she would jinx the other team into losing. Her passion for sports continued throughout her adult life. As her children grew she enjoyed being a participant in family baseball games. She was an avid fan of the San Francisco Giants.

Virginia moved to California in her 20's living much of her life in Napa. She had seven children: Talia Lee Hudson and Gary Dale Hudson both preceded her in death, David Robinson of Napa, Julia Arnold Chamberlin of Oregon City, OR, Linda Arnold of Salem, OR, Geraldine Arnold Drew of Napa, Joe Arnold of Santa Rosa. She had fourteen grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, three GG grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. She took care of her children like a dedicated protective mother tiger. Once grown, her advice was given only when asked. She gave her children the respect to make their own way in life never meddling but always helpful. She was the perfect friend in that you could confide in her and be assured that she would

never pass it on.

Virginia retired as a Psychiatric Technician in 1975. After retirement she enjoyed several travel trips by bus, train, ship and plane. She was always delighted by family gatherings as she was a fabulous cook. Even with seven children her house, vegetable garden and yard were always immaculate. In 1983, she moved to Oregon to be closer to her two daughters. She enjoyed her new adventure creating a new home and discovering a new city. Mom you will be remembered with fond memories of independence and strong will. May we all mirror your mannerisms.

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“ *Virginia Beryl Robinson*

January 28, 2023 at 02:51 PM



“ *I did not know Aunt Virginia well, but I thoroughly enjoyed her visit with my father, Glen, on his 80th birthday in 1990. In 2005 my husband and I had a delightful visit with her at Julie's home, finding her still interested in reading and education.*

Glenda Dotson Lawson - January 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Grandma, Spagetti, soup, grilled cheese, tuckin in, feeding ducks, running through sprinklers, and most of all laughing! all cherished memories of you. thanks for everything I love you.*
Jennifer

Jennifer Arnold - January 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Saying Good-Bye is always painful...but you'll be in my garden when I'm pruning..when spring comes and the flowers bloom I'll feel you're spirit...when I eat the food you liked I'll remember you and especially that Coconut Cream pie you loved.*

Linda Arnold - January 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Thank you for sharing her life with us. Your family is in our prayers.*

Misty & Phil - December 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ Julia and Linda & Family of Aunt Virginia: After viewing the pictures posted I feel like I "know" her a little better! (I did wonder to the identity of some)

I have been trying to post a letter that Aunt Virginia hadwrOTE to our Mom Gertrude, right after she had had a big 90th Birthday Party at the rehab where she lived for three months. The printing on the letter was not bright enough so I decided to just quote it!!! DEAR GERTRUDE,' 3/20/98 I'M SORRY WE COULDN'T GET UP TO YOUR BIRTHDAY. I'M GLAD IT WAS A BIG SUCCESS!LINDA WORKS ON SATURDAYS. SHE ONLY CLOSSES HER SHOP ON SUNDAY AND MONDAY.wE WILL TRY TO GET UP THERE ONE OF THESE DAYS,NOW THAT THE RAIN HAS FINALLY BEGUN TO SLOW DOWN. WE SURE HAVE HAD A WET YEAR. I'VE BEEN TRYING TO GET MY YARD IN SHAPE,DON'T SEEM TO GET MUCH ACCOMPLISHED. I'VE BECOME PRETTY LAZY AND DON'T DO ANYMORE THAN I HAVE TO.

IT'S GOOD YOU ARE ABLE TO BE OUT OF BED ONCE IN A WHILE. THE TIME WILL GO MUCH FASTER.I'VE BEEN WELL MOST OF THE WINTER-NO BAD COLD-JUST SORE JOINTS!A LITTLE SUNSHINE HELPS. I HOPE YOU ARE ABLE TO READ THIS. I GET MORE SHAKY EVERYDAY AND AVOID WRITING AS OFTEN AS I CAN.

TAKE CARE AND THINK GOOD THOUGHTS.

LOTS OF LOVE AND BEST WISHES. VIRGINIA

Well, that's it and I'm sure Aunt Virginia didn't realize it would be saved for such a time as this. She also sent cards and other notes, I wish I could find (!) the note where she was commiserating with Mom after Mom broke her hip, she said,

"so this is the golden years we've heard so much about!!"

Mom got a hoot out of that.

What a beautiful woman she was and looked much like our mom as she got into her 90's.Your family show great love and admiration for her, the poem was touching to read, thank you Emily!

Much love to you all, Nadine

Nadine Martin - December 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Rest in Peace Virginia. You had a lovely smile.*

God Bless your family at this very difficult time.

Melody McGregor - December 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your families during this time. Virginia was blessed to have such loving children and we know she will be missed.*

Jeff & Karen Martin - December 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *I will forever remember the hours of imaginary play in your enchanted garden. The beauty you brought to the world with your incredible green thumb is immeasurable! I thank you for caring for me when I was sick by making chicken soup and grilled cheese sandwiches on dark rye bread (delicious)! Your sense of humor I will carry with me always as it gets me through some of the roughest times! You were a true gem and I'm so blessed to have known you!*
- Love you, Cathy

Cathy Martell-Straight - December 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ You will forever be missed but loved forever Grandma. I will always remember your dedication to the garden and cooking talents. The feeling of getting Christmas presents from you knowing that it was full of YUMMY, YUMMY Dill Bread will always be there. I can smell it now.

I Love You, Julie

Julie Drew - December 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Mom, You will be in our thoughts and prayer's forever. Remember ... you will be missed. Thank You for all you have done. Love Julia

Julia A. Chamberlain - December 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ Though I didn't know her well, I was blessed to know her.

Emily Chamberlain - December 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM