



Virginia Hope Golden

September 20, 1922 - August 19, 2012

Virginia Hope Golden, age 89 of Albia, closed her eyes to this world and opened them looking into the eyes of her beloved husband Raymond, who has been waiting 23 years to waltz her around heaven to their favorite song "Somewhere My Love." Virginia passed away on Sunday, August 19, 2012 at Hopice House of Ottumwa.

Virginia was born September 20, 1922 to John LeRoy and Mary Ann (Bates) Zaring in Consol, Iowa.

Virginia attended primary school through the 8th grade in Consol, Iowa. They then moved to Albia where she attended Albia High School, graduating class of 1940. Virginia married Raymond Golden on February 1, 1942, in Unionville, Missouri. They shared 47 wonderful years of marriage before Raymond passed away on April 26, 1989.

Virginia worked at the Maid Rite on Benton Ave. with her father before she was a homemaker. She later worked at Firestone prior to her and Raymond having the Golden Crown Restaurant in Albia. Virginia later worked at J.C. Penney's before retiring.

Virginia was a great caregiver for not only Raymond, but for all members of her family. She was an excellent cook and was known by many for her fried

chicken, chocolate, and coconut cream pie. Virginia was a great seamstress and enjoyed crocheting. She liked being outdoors, camping and gardening. Virginia loved dancing and waltzing to the Kenny Hofer Orchestra with Raymond.

Virginia is survived by her three daughters, Patty (Bill) Griffin of El Cajon, CA, Dianna (Dave) Fenton of Moravia, and Ginny (Dave) Brewer of Albia; 2 grandchildren, Joe Griffin, Sarah (Ryan) Howard; and 2 great granddaughters, Lyric and Luna Howard. Virginia is also survived by several nieces and nephews and her kitty companion, Maudie Mae Elizabeth Taylor.

Virginia was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a grandson, Wesley; a sister, June (Cliff) Boardman; and a brother, Lou (Rosemary) Zaring Flahive.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, August 22, 2012 at Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Pastor Lynda Carlson officiating. Burial will be in Oak View Cemetery in Albia.

Visitation will be held from 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Tuesday, August 21, 2012 at Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Virginia's family present throughout the day and evening.

Memorials may be directed to Hospice House of Wapello and Davis County.

Tribute Wall



“ *Virginia Hope Golden*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Virginia Hope Golden*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *Pat, Dianna, Ginny and families:*

Sending you thoughts of comfort and wishes that your many special memories will help you through this sad time. The heartfelt obituary mentioned that she was a "great caregiver"; her three daughters followed her example--you were always there for her every need.

I had the pleasure of meeting her at Sarah and Ryan's wedding. She told me that Sarah's grandfather might not be there in person, but he was always watching over his family. Now she is watching with him.

God bless your families and remember your happy times together.

Vicki Howard - Fairway, KS - granddaughter's aunt-in-law - August 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ I will never forget the vacation out West with your family when Patti and I were teenages. I had never been out of the state of Iowa before so that was a new adventure. Virginia treated me like one of her kids. She was like my second mom. I loved being part of your family. I'm glad we reconnected in the last year or so. I'll be praying for you.

Martha Ostreko - Wyoming, MI - Friend - August 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ Ginny and Dave,

Our thoughts go out to you and your family. God bless you all.

Jim and Sara Brewer - Grosse Pointe Woods, MI - Nephew - August 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Ginny and Dave,

Although no words can really help to ease the loss of Virginia, we just want you to know that you are in our every thought and prayer. May you find strength in the love of your family and in the warm embrace of your friends to help you through this difficult time. May God's blessings give you peace and comfort knowing He is now watching over both Virginia and Raymond.

"Perhaps they are not stars in the sky but rather openings where our loved ones shine down to let us know they are happy." Author Unknown

*Love You Much,
Ramona, Terry and Obie*

Ramona and Terry Lucas - Bellevue, NE - Friends - August 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Ginny and Dave, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Your mother was always such a sweet lady. Now you have another angel along with your Dad to watch over you.

D0n & Mary Carr - Urbandale, IA - friends - August 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CI

“ If you look up the word "neighbor" in the dictionary, you would see a picture of Virginia. Rest in peace neighbor. Love, Chris and Sandy

Chris and Sandy - Albia, IA - August 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM