



# Virginia Lois Knight

March 28, 2021

WESTMINSTER - Virginia Lois (Fontaine) Knight entered eternal rest on March 28, 2021 Palm Sunday, in Seymour, CT at the age of 91 ½. A resident of Westminster, MA for more than 50 years, Virginia moved to Connecticut to be near her daughter Valerie in 2016. Virginia's was a life well lived and well loved. Walking into her house at any time of the year, one could always smell the baked goods of the season – homemade whoopee pies in the spring, fresh blueberry (she had just picked) pies in the summer, cranberry nut bread and apple and pumpkin pies in the fall, and her famous Spritz and Christmas tree cookies and Mexican Wedding Cakes for Christmas.

Virginia was also an accomplished seamstress, crocheter, and country painter. Friends and family will well remember sitting at her kitchen table for a cup of coffee or tea, playing Yahtzee or Parcheesi or Crazy Eights. Her flower gardens brought her much joy, as did decorating her house both inside and out for the holidays. Her ability to spot a bargain at a yard sale was beyond compare, and she was most content simply going out for a ride in the countryside.

Virginia was predeceased by her parents Benjamin and Ella (Tatro) Fontaine, her husband of 46 years Calvin G. Knight, her brother and sister-in-law Benjamin and Lorraine Fontaine of Allentown, NH; her brother and sister-in-law Charles and Jeanne Fontaine of Gresham, SC; and her sister and brother-in-law Eva and Leon Shaw. Virginia leaves her daughter Valerie and son-in-law Dominick and grandson Gianmichel Gandolfo Calvin Di Gangi of Bethany, CT, grandsons Matthew (Diane) Di Gangi of Melbourne Beach, FL, Paul Di Gangi of Birmingham, AL, and her brother Elmer (Diane) Fontaine of Ware, MA; brothers Allen (Lynette) Fontaine and Donald (Marie) Fontaine of Spencer, MA; and sisters Beverly Bassett of Orange City, FL and Donna Harding of Gardner, MA. Virginia also leaves more than 30 nieces and nephews, as well as numerous great nieces and nephews all throughout the country.

Thank you for all of the gifts of courage, kindness, laughter and love you have given to us all. Your smile will be with us always.

Funeral services and burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in her memory to either Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care in Middlebury, CT, or Acuity Home Care in Shelton,

CT who provided Virginia with much comfort in her final days.

May God keep Virginia forever in His special care.

Mack Funeral Home 105 Central St., Gardner is assisting with arrangements

# Comments

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“ Aunt Ginny I haven't seen you in so long and I've thought of you often always with fond memories. You always had a loving smile when I did see you and when you asked how someone was you really wanted to know . I always liked that .Rest in Peace I can see you and Mama rejoicing with the rest of the family members who have gone on before. You are all so missed and loved



jude ogrady - March 31 at 08:39 PM

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“ Jude Ogrady lit a candle in memory of Virginia Lois Knight



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“ Loved her so very much! She was a second grandmother to our kids when they were little. I just found a nursery rhyme book she gave to the kids when they were small..she wrote a message on the inside cover. Hoping we will be able to pass it along to grandchildren in the future and we will share our fond memories of her to them.

Ann and Steven Knight - March 31 at 06:39 PM

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“ I have such fond memories of our childhood spending time with you and your Mom and Dad, Val. Aunt Ginny will be missed but know that she is with her family in heaven now sharing her tales and wit with them! :)



**Laura Lockhart** - March 30 at 03:45 PM

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“ That smile and laughter. Playing hairdresser and shopping for Little Debbie's, yard sales and holiday dinners. I will never forget you. You played a very important part of my life. Thank you for the memories. Love, Diane



**Diane** - March 30 at 11:29 AM

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“ I was so sorry to hear about Mrs. Knight passing away and feeling so blessed to have known her for basically my whole life as a second "Mom" and wonderful lady. I can easily recall so many memories from her coffee percolator always having coffee on hand to her baking (as was mentioned) and her yummy Christmas tree cookies (I'm still searching for the recipe); her love of Val and all the time she spent watching the plays and shows we would put on for her as children; her love of Cookie, the dog and her making him hamburger meat for dinner; her love of the Olympics, particularly the figure skating and Scott Hamilton; and her many blessings of "God Bless You(s)" as I left her house to go home or go out with Val. She truly did provide my second home during the formative years and I am forever grateful for so, so many memories....all my love and sympathy to Valerie and the rest of the family.

Susan

**Susan LaMontagne** - March 30 at 11:08 AM