



Virginia Margaret Burton

August 27, 1928 - September 11, 2024

Burton, Virginia Margaret passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loving family and clergy, Wednesday, September 11, 2024, after a short illness. She is survived by her beloved children, Bruce and Glenn; daughter-in-law, Jane (Bruce); sister-in-law, Ann M. Burton; and grandchildren, Nathan, Sarah, Joan (Conor Medlow), Webster, Robert and James. She was predeceased by her husband of 63 years, Ralph M. Burton.

Born August 27, 1928, in Windsor, Ontario, Canada, Virginia was the daughter of Bruce C. Webster and Louise Webster (nee Peterson). She grew up in Kingsville, Ontario, Canada, and graduated from the University of Toronto, Victoria College, majoring in education. She taught in Belle River, Ontario, Canada, and later in Detroit.

Virginia met Ralph M. Burton when both were recruited to participate in the Leamington, Ontario Summer Theater. Ralph had already spotted her driving a shiny new convertible with a car full of Victoria Collee and Kingsville girlfriends. They were married in 1952, honeymooned on White Cloud Island, Ontario, Canada, and moved to Detroit, while Ralph clerked in his father's law firm and completed law school.

Virginia was known to say, "Any marriage that could survive a honeymoon on White Cloud would last forever," which Virginia and Ralph's did until Ralph's death in 2015.

Virginia enjoyed her volunteer work and association with the Detroit Public Library, Detroit Boat Club, Torch Club, Detroit Club, Bayview Yacht Club and

St. John's Episcopal Church, where she was the directress of the Altar Guild. She was an avid reader and correspondent; she wrote encouraging cards to family and friends, or even someone she had just met who was, or would become, important to her.

The family is forever thankful to her friends from Bayview and St. John's who were supportive of Virginia after Ralph died, especially Lynn Dubay, who was her constant companion for 10 years.

A Memorial Service for Virginia will be held at 11a.m. Friday, November 29, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 2326 Woodward, Detroit.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John's Episcopal Church
2326 Woodward Avenue
Detroit, MI 48201

Tribute Wall



“ *Sincere Condolences to the family of Virginia Burton. Shirley and Frank Piku* ”

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