



Virginia L. Bean

December 6, 1927 - May 29, 2022

Virginia L. (Graves) Bean, age 94 years, a resident of Vienna and a former resident of Belknap, passed away Sunday evening, May 29, 2022, at 11:47 PM at Hillview Healthcare Center in Vienna, where she had made her home for the past 18 years.

Virginia was born December 6, 1927 in the Green Briar community in Johnson County Illinois. She was the daughter of John Ervin Graves and Lillian (Richards) Graves.

On August 10, 1952, Virginia was united in marriage to Carroll Bean at the Belknap United Methodist Church. He preceded her in death on January 25, 1978.

Virginia is survived by: her children – Karen (Bob) Brumley of Joliet and Mark (Kelly) Bean of Vienna; 4 grandchildren – Alex Brumley of Lemont, Shannon (Jamie) Kerley of Vienna, Stacy (Timothy Crosby) Bean of Chattanooga, Tennessee, and Allison (Sean) Stramm of Vienna; 2 great grandchildren – Anna Rene' Kerley and Jackson Ray Kerley; 2 sisters-in-law – Margaret Graves and Myrna Graves both of Vienna; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

In addition to her parents and husband, Virginia was preceded in death by: an

infant son – Steven Carroll Bean; 3 sisters – Barbara Duvall, Norma Vaughn, and her twin sister Catherine Moore; 2 brothers – Johnny Bob Graves and Paul Graves; an infant brother – William James Graves; and 2 brothers-in-law – Ed Vaughn and Robert J. “Bob” Moore.

Virginia attended the Belknap Grade School. She began her working career at Hodge’s Store in Belknap. She later was employed at Ned’s Shed in Vienna, the Good Luck Glove Factory in Metropolis, and the Coast-to-Coast hardware store in Vienna. Later, Virginia was employed as a mental health technician at the Choate Mental Health Center in Anna, prior to her retirement.

Virginia also served as an independent Avon cosmetics representative.

Virginia was a member of the Belknap branch of the Johnson County Homemaker’s Extension. She was a member of the Belknap United Methodist Church. Virginia was a 50+ year member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She joined the order at Belknap Chapter # 1012 O.E.S. and served as Worthy Matron. Later, the chapter merged with Grand Chain Chapter # 710 O.E.S. and finally Caledonia Chapter # 587 O.E.S. Virginia enjoyed attending Eastern Star functions and particularly enjoyed attending Grand Chapter.

Virginia loved life and enjoyed many activities and pastimes, including – knitting, quilting, reading, completing word search puzzles, and baking.

Virginia cherished time spent with her family. Sunday “get-togethers” were a weekly occurrence when Virginia, her siblings and all their families would gather at Mr. and Mrs. Graves’ home for the day. “2 meals and homemade ice cream” made for a good day spent together. When Virginia was blessed with the birth of her first grandchild, Alex, in 1981, she would often travel by bus or train to Joliet. Her son-in-law Bob would pick her up at the station and she would enjoy extended visits. Later, as Mark and Kelly’s family expanded to welcome their three daughters, Virginia enjoyed attending many activities,

school functions and countless sporting events. She was fondly referred to as “Granny Bean” by the softball team members. Later, her great grandchildren, “the twins” became the light of her life and she spent many happy hours with them. Her extended family included members of her daughter-in-law Kelly’s family. She especially cherished time spent with Rhudell Pearce, Bob and Kim Collins, Jack and Shirley Jones.

During her residency at Hillview Healthcare Center, Virginia was a great source of encouragement, information, and enjoyment. She is remembered as a fierce and competitive Bingo player. Even as she began to slow down physically, Virginia remained mentally sharp and alert until almost the end of her life. She continued to enjoy frequent telephone calls with Rosemary Hook, Ann Lawrence, and her nieces Barbara Jeffress and Sharon Moore, among others. Virginia is remembered for her love of visiting and socializing. She never met a stranger and her beautiful smile and personality has endeared her to many.

A service honoring the life Virginia L. Bean will be conducted Friday morning, June 3, 2022, at 11 AM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Pastor Larry Gilbert will officiate. Burial will be in the Belknap Masonic Cemetery.

Visitation will be conducted Thursday evening, June 2, 2022, from 5 PM – 8 PM at Bailey Funeral Home. Eastern Star rites will be accorded Wednesday evening at 8 PM at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Belknap United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 167, Belknap, Illinois 62908 or the Belknap Masonic Cemetery, c/o Janet Hester, 305 West Main St., Belknap, Illinois 62908.

Cemetery Details

Belknap Masonic Cemetery

Sunflower Lane
Belknap, IL 62908

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 2. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
PO Box 695
Vienna, IL 62995
(618) 658-2311
baileyfhinc@hotmail.com
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Service

JUN 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bailey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Virginia L. Bean*



Bailey Funeral Home - August 23, 2022 at 12:02 PM



“ *Virginia L. Bean*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *Linda And Jeff Mathis lit a candle in memory of Virginia L. Bean*



Linda and Jeff Mathis - June 07, 2022 at 03:49 PM



“ *Susan Lee Rossi lit a candle in memory of Virginia L. Bean*



Susan Lee Rossi - June 07, 2022 at 02:45 PM

SR

Sorry I didn't get your pickles to you. I will forever always remember our visits, when I worked there or after I retired. Rest in Peace my Friend. Sue

Susan Lee Rossi - June 07, 2022 at 02:51 PM

JB

“ *Sorry to hear of Virginia's passing. I always enjoyed talking to her when my father J. B. Bundren was at the nursing home in 2018. It was great to hear of her different stories. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.*
Joy Bundren

Joy Bundren - June 07, 2022 at 01:26 PM

JC

“ *I remember Virginia very well at her places of work. Virginia was always a very nice kind and caring lady. So sorry to hear of the loss Virginia. Thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Ms. Bean!!!*



John Cherry - June 03, 2022 at 12:19 AM

SN

“ *Sam Riley & Deb Newton lit a candle in memory of Virginia L. Bean*



Sam Riley & Deb Newton - June 02, 2022 at 03:36 PM

DP

“ Dave And Pat Prewitt lit a candle in memory of Virginia L. Bean



Dave and Pat Prewitt - June 02, 2022 at 02:12 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Virginia L. Bean.



June 02, 2022 at 10:26 AM

JD

“ Jeff Davis lit a candle in memory of Virginia L. Bean



Jeff Davis - June 02, 2022 at 09:39 AM

JD

Prayers for the family. She was a very sweet and kind lady.

Jeff Davis - June 02, 2022 at 09:44 AM

CD

“ We will miss her when we sing at Hillview. Thoughts and prayers are with the family.

She is now "Where the Roses Never Fade"

*Cheryl, Raleigh, Anthony & Arlene
The Gloryroad Travelers*

cheryl dunaway - June 02, 2022 at 09:37 AM



“ Tammy Upshaw lit a candle in memory of Virginia L. Bean



Tammy Upshaw - June 01, 2022 at 09:51 PM

RM

“ Roger McBride lit a candle in memory of Virginia L. Bean



Roger McBride - June 01, 2022 at 09:46 PM



“ Carol Bryant lit a candle in memory of Virginia L. Bean



Carol Bryant - June 01, 2022 at 04:07 PM

PA

“ Sorry for your loss prayers for the family



patwomack - June 01, 2022 at 03:46 PM



“ Cherished Memories was purchased for the family of Virginia L. Bean.



June 01, 2022 at 01:38 PM

PB

“ Pat Blankenship lit a candle in memory of Virginia L. Bean



Pat Blankenship - May 31, 2022 at 12:49 PM

SL

“ Steve&Kathy(Whiteside) Lay sent a virtual gift in memory of Virginia L. Bean



Steve&Kathy(Whiteside) Lay - May 31, 2022 at 11:26 AM



“ Mike Crews lit a candle in memory of Virginia L. Bean



Mike Crews - May 31, 2022 at 10:52 AM



“ Mary Lou Hynes lit a candle in memory of Virginia L. Bean



Mary Lou Hynes - May 31, 2022 at 10:06 AM



“ Teresa Richerson lit a candle in memory of Virginia L. Bean



Teresa Richerson - May 31, 2022 at 07:24 AM



“ Arlene Miles & Family lit a candle in memory of Virginia L. Bean



Arlene Miles & Family - May 30, 2022 at 10:47 PM

EH

“ Ernie Henshaw lit a candle in memory of Virginia L. Bean



Ernie Henshaw - May 30, 2022 at 10:06 PM

VE

“ Vicki Eastwood lit a candle in memory of Virginia L. Bean



Vicki Eastwood - May 30, 2022 at 09:48 PM

JS

“ John Slack sent a virtual gift in memory of Virginia L. Bean



John Slack - May 30, 2022 at 09:24 PM

ST

“ Scott And Kay Tapley lit a candle in memory of Virginia L. Bean



Scott and Kay Tapley - May 30, 2022 at 05:36 PM

JN

“ *Judy Nutty lit a candle in memory of Virginia L. Bean*



Judy Nutty - May 30, 2022 at 05:13 PM

BT

“ *Becky Turley lit a candle in memory of Virginia L. Bean*



Becky Turley - May 30, 2022 at 05:09 PM

SR

“ *Sheri Robinson lit a candle in memory of Virginia L. Bean*



Sheri Robinson - May 30, 2022 at 04:09 PM

ST

So much sympathy to this precious family, we loved Virginia and I will always remember her sweet smile.

Scott and Kay Tapley - May 30, 2022 at 04:53 PM

DR

“ *Diane Rainbolt lit a candle in memory of Virginia L. Bean*



Diane Rainbolt - May 30, 2022 at 03:54 PM

CT

“ *R.I.P. Ms. Bean*



Carla Tapley - May 30, 2022 at 02:55 PM

MM

“ *Condolences to the family.
Jerry & Margaret Mathis.*

Margaret Mathis - May 30, 2022 at 01:53 PM

BJ

“ *Barbara Jeffress lit a candle in memory of Virginia L. Bean*



Barbara Jeffress - May 30, 2022 at 01:27 PM

LM

“ *Larry And Carolyn McGill lit a candle in memory of Virginia L. Bean*



Larry and Carolyn McGill - May 30, 2022 at 12:58 PM

KB

“ *Karen Brumley lit a candle in memory of Virginia L. Bean*



Karen Brumley - May 30, 2022 at 12:50 PM