



Virginia Ann Merrilees

November 26, 2013

Merrilees, Virginia Ann (nee Reynolds) died after a long illness, Tuesday, November 26, 2013; beloved wife of the late David Sykes Merrilees, dearest mother of Jenny Merrilees Burt (Bradley Brent) and Robert David Merrilees (Joan Criswell-Merrilees); beloved grandmother of Rebecca Anne and Heather Jean Burt; Henry Abner, Kristin Margaret, and Thomas David Merrilees; Thomas Callahan and William Edward ("Teddy") Criswell; dear sister of Mary Jane Reynolds Webb; dear daughter of the late Virginia Taylor Bogue and Chester Ross Reynolds; dear cousin and friend.

Mrs. Merrilees graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Knox College with a degree in Mathematics and then attended graduate school at Indiana University where she met her future husband, David. They married October 4, 1953 and relocated to Santa Monica, California. In 1965 they moved to Creve Coeur, Missouri where Mrs. Merrilees was an active member of the Kirkwood United Methodist Church, the Illinois Toy Fox Terrier Association, and the Greater St. Louis Knitters' Guild. While her children were in elementary school, she regularly volunteered at the school library and later earned a degree in Library Science from Maryville University and volunteered with the Oasis Program helping children learn to read.

Mrs. Merrilees was devoted to her family and their many pets. She enjoyed traveling, particularly to Southern Illinois. Virginia loved to read and was the

best letter writer the world has ever known.

Visitation to be held at the Bailey Funeral Home, 705 North 1st Street in Vienna, Illinois on Saturday, November 30th at 1:00 p.m. with services at 2:00 p.m and a brief graveside ceremony immediately following.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Stray Rescue of St. Louis, 2320 Pine St., St. Louis, MO 63103 or call (314) 771-6121 or to the Southeast HEALTH Foundation "We Can Weekend" Program, #60 Doctors' Park, Lower Level Suite #102, Cape Girardeau, MO 63703 or call (573) 986-6622.

Cemetery Details

Vienna Fraternal Cemetery

N. 6th Street
Vienna, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 30. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
PO Box 695
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Virginia Ann Merrilees*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *Robin Harper-Whitehead lit a candle in memory of Virginia Ann Merrilees*



Robin Harper-Whitehead - December 02, 2013 at 10:12 AM



“ *Dallas & Charlene Harner lit a candle in memory of Virginia Ann Merrilees*



Dallas & Charlene Harner - November 30, 2013 at 12:36 PM



“ *Mrs. M was my friend and pen pal for several years. I love her and already miss her presence in my life. I can actually say that things she told me influenced the way I thought. To her family, I am sorry for your loss.*

Marcia Salerno - November 28, 2013 at 08:43 AM

KB

“ *Karen & Rich Brumley lit a candle in memory of Virginia Ann Merrilees*



Karen & Rich Brumley - November 28, 2013 at 08:26 AM

KA

Mary Jane and family, Our thoughts are with you at this time.

Karen - November 28, 2013 at 08:27 AM

FB

“ *Mary Jane, you and your family have my sympathy in the loss of your sister.*



Faye Bowman

Faye Bowman - November 27, 2013 at 09:41 PM