



Virginia L. Pifer

August 5, 1918 - May 14, 2018

Virginia L. Pifer passed away on Monday, May 14, 2018, at the age of 99. She was born on August 5, 1918. Her parents were C.C. and Sarah Trackler of Williamstown, Ohio. She graduated from Arlington High School in 1936, having served as accompanist for musical groups, studied voice, took piano and marimba lessons, and was the fastest typist in her class. She married Harold A. Pifer, a classmate, on June 18, 1937. They spent 48 years together until January 5, 1985 when Harold passed away. They lived in Lima during those years with Virginia becoming involved in many activities. She was a charter member of the Westwood Garden Club, and won many awards for her flower arrangements. They were both very active in the Lima Senior High Band Parents organization, working at every basketball and football game concession stands for nearly ten years. They were both members of Elm Street Church of the Brethren serving as Sunday School teachers, deacons, and Virginia often chaired banquet committees. She was the presiding judge for many elections in Allen County. She was an active member of La Sertoma, and continued to arrange for the gals to meet monthly for dinner, even after she moved to Toledo. Also, she arranged annual reunions with her high school class of 37 students until there were only three left.

Virginia loved to play cards, especially pinochle, shop, visit garage sales, shop, eat out, shop, and travel South. As long as there were malls in the area, she was happy. She knew the malls from Toledo to Orlando, FL. Virginia started working at The Leader Store in Lima, and then when the Lima Mall was built she transferred there and worked at Elder Beerman, as the manager of the ladies coat department for 40 years. She retired when she was 86 years old, and then only because she needed a knee replacement.

Since Harold and Virginia each grew up on farms, even though they now lived in the city, they still had a love for the country. So, they purchased some land on Route 68, near Williamstown, Ohio, planned it like a park (he planted a forest and she planted flowers.) They called it their "farm". Actually, since they both had full-time jobs in Lima, they named it the "2BZ2" Farm. (Translated – Too Busy To Farm) That "farm" brought them many joys thru the years.

During the summers of 2006 thru 2011 Virginia and Jeanene spent 2 weeks each year attending the Ben Speer's Stamps/Baxter School of Music, in Nashville and Murfreesboro,

TN, studying Southern Gospel Music –focusing on harmony, ear training, writing music, sight reading, and ultimately making a CD.

Virginia always had a heart for less fortunate people. She often visited nursing homes and individuals who were alone to bring joy and encouragement. She willingly gave clothes and food to those in need.

She is survived by daughter, Jeanene Pifer, Toledo, Ohio, son, Jan (Cheryl) Pifer, Arlington, Ohio, granddaughter, Jennifer (Brad) Sites, Marysville, Ohio, and great grandson, Carter Sites, Marysville, Ohio. Preceding her in death were her parents and husband.

Services will be at Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., Toledo, Ohio 43614.

Visitation will be Friday, May 18, 2018 from 2:00 – 8:00 PM. The funeral service will be Saturday, May 19, 2018 at 11:00 AM, with one hour of visitation prior to the service.

Interment will be in the Eagle Creek Cemetery, 9210 Co. Rd.304, Forest, Ohio, 45843.

Officiants will be Rev. Paul Myers, Fostoria, Ohio, and Rev. Laura Bensman, Toledo, Ohio.

The family requests that donations be given to the Kidney Foundation or Genacross at Wolf Creek, 2001 Perrysburg-Holland Rd., Holland, Ohio 43528, where she enjoyed living the last five years. Please leave a condolence message for the family at

CoyleFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery

Events

Eagle Creek, Williamstown OH

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Visitation

02:00PM - 08:00PM

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Visitation

10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Funeral

11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Comments



“ Jeanene, Virginia lived a long, very active life. She has left her worn-out body behind, but she leaves years of good memories with those who knew her. She was always cheerful and well dressed when I saw her. She loved life and kept living it long past the average. You were a caring, attentive daughter. I pray the support of your friends and family will aid you as you live in a world without her.



Jane Hankins - May 23, 2018 at 07:46 PM



“ Dear Jeanene and family, So sorry about your moms passing. I thought the tribute to her was great...I learned a lot about her..however I did remember she loved to shop! She lived a full vibrant life..which leaves your family with so many wonderful memories.

Blessings to you..Becky Bryant (Torrence)

becky bryant - May 19, 2018 at 11:33 AM



“ Roger & Wanda Sites Rob & Karri McFarland purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Virginia L. Pifer.



Roger & Wanda Sites Rob & Karri McFarland - May 18, 2018 at 08:56 AM



“ Hello Family and Friends,

We were sorry to learn of your mother's death, you have our sincere sympathy in your loss. I'm sure you'll all miss her a lot. We always remember your mother as the lady with all the thick hair--never or should I say, seldom have never seen a person with so much beautiful thick hair. Her dying makes me think how quickly life goes by and

we are in eternity forever. It makes me realize how all important it is to accept Jesus as our Savior, being 'born again'. I have no understanding of how long eternity is, but I know I want to be in the right place. By the way Jan, we just started, what will probably be at least a two year Bible Study of the Book of Revelation. We met at BFC every Friday morning at 6:30 a.m. You might be interested in joining us, we'd love to have you!!!

Jerome and Betty Glick

Jerome C. Glick - May 18, 2018 at 08:53 AM



“ To Virginia’s family—I wish to express my sympathy to your family. Your mother/grandmother was a special lady. I was one of the many people that your Mom had to style her hair. I met her in the 1960’s. She always was so proud of her family and talked about the farm. May she Rest In Peace.

Georgine Vonderembse - May 18, 2018 at 06:56 AM



“ Jeanine and Family I am very sorry for your loss. You are in my prayers and thoughts during this difficult time,
Love,
Geneva Roller

Jenny Rogers - May 18, 2018 at 06:16 AM



“ Many fond memories of Virginia.

Dave Lyke, Michigan Ohio concert
Choir

Dave Lyke - May 17, 2018 at 08:30 PM



“ Nancy Thorburn lit a candle in memory of Virginia L. Pifer



Nancy Thorburn - May 17, 2018 at 04:34 PM



“ Jeanine and family, I was saddened to read about Virginia's passing. Somehow I lost track of the two of you! I tried several times to get in touch with you but never succeeded.

The LaSertoma ladies always enjoyed being with Virginia. She always had a smile and a good word. How wonderful that she made it to 99 years! Quite a milestone! I appreciated the times she called me just to keep in touch!

I lost my wonderful husband Chuck in March. We were married 68 years. He had just turned 90!

God bless you, Jeanine, and your family. You are in my thoughts and prayers!

JoAnn Prange
1216 Ash Dr.
Cridersville, Ohio 45806

Joann Prange - May 17, 2018 at 04:33 PM



“ Janie Grant lit a candle in memory of Virginia L. Pifer



Janie Grant - May 17, 2018 at 03:35 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Virginia L Pifer.



May 16, 2018 at 01:51 PM