



Virginia Wilma Hunter

September 8, 1933 - September 1, 2024

Virginia Wilma Hunter, 90, passed away at her home in Ozark on September 1, 2024. Born September 8, 1933, at Red Star, Arkansas, she was the daughter of the late Arvil and Vada (Hammond) Yates and widow of Ralph Hunter, who preceded her in death in 1986. She was also preceded in death by her brother Howard Yates in 2000.

Virginia was a very active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Ozark (now First Church Ozark), and she loved her church family. She served as an elder, Sunday School Secretary and Treasurer of the Women's Association and Memorial Fund. She was a volunteer and Treasurer for the Community Thrift Shop as well as the Ozark/Altus Council of Churches. A graduate of Oark High School, she served as Secretary/Treasurer of the Oark Alumni Association and was included in the Hall of Honor due to her many years of service.

She worked many years for the federal government and retired from the USDA Forest Service Job Corps at Cass. She was a member of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees and served as Treasurer for the local chapter. She was also a member of the TTT Society, serving as Treasurer for several years. She volunteered with AARP tax assistance and at the local food pantry. In addition to her many volunteer activities, Virginia enjoyed playing golf and traveling. She visited all 50 U.S. states and many other countries, including Australia, New Zealand, Canada, England, Germany, Ireland, and Russia.

Survivors include five nephews: John Yates and wife Charlotte of Little Rock, Jeff Yates and wife Danica of Little Rock, Greg Yates and wife Candace of Marietta, GA, John Hunter of Mulberry and Tommy Hunter of Mulberry, her sister-in-law Billie Yates of Farmington, and numerous cousins and great-nieces and great-nephews.

Funeral service will be held at 3:00 pm on Friday, September 6, 2024, at Shaffer Funeral Home, 2315 West Commercial Street in Ozark with Brother Steve Sawrie officiating. Visitation will immediately precede the service at 2:00 pm. Burial will follow at Highland Cemetery, Highway 64 West in Ozark. Serving as pallbearers will be John Yates, Jeff Yates, Greg Yates, James Yates, Rex Anderson and Terence Kramer. Serving as honorary pallbearers will be John Hunter, Lucky Cannon, Stan Ott, Lonnie Turner and Randy Hillard.

The family would like to thank her wonderful neighbors and compassionate caregivers who helped Virginia stay in her home with her beloved cat Thomas when her health declined.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to First Church Ozark, P.O. Box 514, Ozark, AR 72949, Vera Lloyd Home (www.veralloyd.org), or Freewill Cemetery (resting place of Virginia's parents and brother), 4207 Meadows Ct., Harrison, AR 72601.

Cemetery Details

Highland Cemetery

Highway 64 West
Ozark, AR 72949

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 6. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Shaffer Funeral Home
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Funeral Service

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Burial

SEP 6 (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ 1 file added to the album Slideshow



Byron Lasater V - September 09, 2024 at 01:08 PM

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“ Virginia was one special lady. How many neighbors bring you fresh baked bread? Terence and I spent many days on her patio or ours talking about flowers, growing grass and things that irritated us in the world. She was strong willed and lived her whole life on her terms. Our dogs Max (now passed) and our current dog Jax thought she was it. We will miss drinking coffee on our patio, seeing her on hers and walking over to start our day. John and Charlotte, you and the rest of the family can smile and know that she was lived by so many. ❤️

Cindy Kramer - September 07, 2024 at 08:25 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Virginia Wilma Hunter.



September 05, 2024 at 03:21 PM

HG

“ It was a pleasure to take care of Miss Virginia in her final days in her home with Thomas. Witnessed a true love between a cat and his human ❤️

Hope Grissom - September 05, 2024 at 02:24 PM

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“ she was my neighbor for 35 years and she made the best bread you would ever want you will be missed Ginny Susan and Dick Oliver

richard &susan oliver - September 05, 2024 at 12:40 PM

DH

“ Our sympathy to the family of Virginia Hunter. We got to know her when she came with Harold and Bessie Pickartz to the "TRUE HEART CHRISTMAS" dinners that we managed at the Ozark Fair Building for 14 years. She was always a pleasant person and willing to serve. We could tell that she loved the Lord and service was her gift. We greatly appreciated her help and it was an honor to have worked beside her on Christmas Day.
David and Charlotte Holt

David Holt - September 04, 2024 at 04:43 PM

BY

“ Barbara Y. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Virginia Wilma Hunter.

Barbara Y. - September 03, 2024 at 06:56 PM

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“ I have fond memories of Virginia from my early days at Ozark Recreation Assoc. She is certainly one of the ones I looked up to back then and she always greeted me with a smile and a nurturing demeanor. Having been a neighbor for years, and even this past summer, I would always catch myself looking to see if I could see her when I circled the block.

She will be greatly missed by those that knew her. May she rest in peace.

Jim

Jim Edgin - September 03, 2024 at 10:57 AM