



Virginia Heinzmann

November 11, 1931 - October 21, 2024

Virginia Heinzmann, 92, of Centralia, passed away on October 21, 2024 at St. Mary's Hospital in Centralia, Illinois. She was born to Albert and Verda Heinzmann on November 11, 1931 in Centralia. She was preceded in death by her parents, Albert and Verda (Jensen) Heinzmann.

Virginia is survived by her brother, Paul E. Heinzmann of rural Centralia; nieces and nephews, Nancy Myers (Mark Myers) of Centralia, Dean Heinzmann (Sara Heinzmann) of Peoria, Roger Heinzmann (Val Heinzmann) of Walnut Hill, Janet Heinzmann of Charlottesville, Virginia and David Heinzmann (Donna Heinzmann) of Crystal Lake, Illinois; great nieces and nephews, Melinda Steil (Abbie Steil), Megan Myers, Mark Heinzmann, Michelle Myers, Matthew Heinzmann (Amanda Heinzmann), Alex Heinzmann, Ayla Whittinghill (Cody Whittinghill), Drew Heinzmann, Taylor Heinzmann (fiance' Jenna Stefanski), Kyle Heinzmann and Ryan DeMaio; great-great nieces and nephews, Madelyn Whittinghill, Addison Whittinghill, Nora Heinzmann and Baby Boy Heinzmann due soon.

Virginia was an inspirational educator for more than 35 years. She began her career teaching first grade in Sandoval, Illinois. She then taught home economics at Centralia City Schools and Centralia High School then finished her career at Kaskaskia College. There, she taught home economics, tailoring, sewing and child development as well as founded the college's Child

Care Center. Her influence was felt by students across these ages and curriculum, as Virginia stayed in touch with many students beyond their work together in the classroom. She was also honored as an Outstanding Educator of America.

Virginia was involved in many community organizations, including as an active member of the Centralia First United Methodist Church and as a member of the Racoon Ramblers Camping Club, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, Delta Kappa Gamma and Retired Teachers Association. She enjoyed camping, sewing, playing canasta and pinochle with friends and traveling.

An important presence in the lives of her nieces and nephews and greats, Aunt Ginny loved spending time with her extended family, taking them on trips, celebrating special occasions, teaching them to sew and cook and spending quality time together throughout the years. Her kindness, warmth and generous spirit will be greatly missed.

Funeral Services for Virginia Heinzmann will be held Saturday, October 26, 2024 at 11:00am at Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia with Rev. Tony Paulson and Rev. Mark Myers officiating. A Visitation for family and friends will be held on Saturday, October 26, 2024 from 9:00am to 11:00am at Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia. Memorial donations may be made to the Centralia First United Methodist Church and will be accepted at Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-3523, who is honored to be of service to Virginia's Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com and the Funeral Home Facebook page.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Memorial Park

2500 Old Highway 51 North
Sandoval, IL 62882

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **26**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home
235 N. Sycamore Street
Centralia, IL 62801

Funeral Service

OCT **26**. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home
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Centralia, IL 62801

Tribute Wall



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Virginia Heinzmann* ”



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - October 24, 2024 at 05:11 PM

MH

Beautiful video! It showed she had a loving close family. ❤️

Mary Jane Hardy - October 24, 2024 at 10:41 PM

JR

This is such a beautiful video. Oh how she loved the Lord and her life. I will miss her dearly.

Jaime Radake - October 24, 2024 at 11:16 PM

JB

My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Judy (Noller) Brennan - October 26, 2024 at 12:34 PM

GH

What a loving tribute for a lovely lady! We know she loved all of you and loved her Lord and Savior even more!

Grace Hoffman - October 26, 2024 at 01:32 PM

WC

I remember Miss Heinzman from church and as my home economics teacher at Irving school. She had a very soft, elegant and sweet way about her. I'm happy that she had a long life surrounded by lots of loving family.

Willi (Richason) Commander - November 13, 2024 at 07:41 PM

MB

“ Ms Heinzmann was definitely called to be a teacher. She was a great listener, very helpful, had a great presence and a smile. I used to go visit after I graduated but moved & lost track of her. May she rest in peace. My condolences to her family. Marlena (Thomas) Burton



Marlena Burton - October 30, 2024 at 09:06 PM

KH

“ Mz. Heinzmann was my first grade teacher at Sandoval Grade School. I loved her dearly. She bought me a book for my birthday that I still have to this day. She always made you feel special. Karon (wright) Humes

karon s. humes - October 26, 2024 at 12:35 AM

CF

“ Centralia Estates Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Virginia Heinzmann.



Centralia Estates Family - October 25, 2024 at 10:25 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Virginia Heinzmann.*



October 25, 2024 at 08:12 AM



“ *Ms. Heinzmann was a wonderful teacher. She was quite young when I had her at CTHS for home economics. Always very pleasant. It was a joy to be in her class. My sympathies to her family.*

Mary Jane Hardy - October 24, 2024 at 06:28 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with family and friends! Ms. Heinzman was always a joy to visit with!*

Vickie and Wayne Houser - October 24, 2024 at 06:48 AM



“ *What a great teacher! If not for Miss Heinzmann I would not be the amazing cook I am today! She was such an inspiration to so many. Keeping all who love her in my prayers.*

*Be blessed,
Jane (Doan) Golchert*

Jane Golchert - October 23, 2024 at 08:08 PM

GB

“ I had the privilege of living just down the hall from Virginia for the last year besides knowing her from Kaskaskia College. She was always upbeat and a bright light here. Her slogan, since she always walked slowly with a cane, was always "Slow is good!" It was great to see the many former students who came to visit her. She will be sorely missed. Rest in peace, Virginia. 🤔😞🙏

Gerard Bohlmann - October 23, 2024 at 03:44 PM

ST

“ She was a talented, classy ,lady.She wrote me the kindest recommendation letter.

Stella(€arl)Black - October 23, 2024 at 01:46 PM



“ Virginia was a very special influence in my life. Her classes really helped me do my best as a day care and early childhood teacher. Her friendship was special and I was blessed to have her in my life. Love and Friends Always,
Shari Dobill Peters

Shari Peters - October 23, 2024 at 11:18 AM