



Virginia Brown Vranian

January 29, 1918 - February 25, 2019

Virginia Brown Vranian, age 101, passed peacefully at her home in West Point, Va. on February 25, 2019. Her children were with her; the sunny blue winter sky was bright; the windswept Pamunkey River was glistening as her spirit rose to eternity.

The daughter of Hattie and Winnie Brown, Virginia was born the snowy night of January 29, 1918 in Barhamsville, Va., New Kent County. As a young child, the family moved to a new home built by her father and grandfather in Eltham, where she attended New Kent Public Schools finishing at age 16, and then attended Mary Washington Teacher's College attaining her teacher's degree at age 18. After that she resided in West Point through her life. She taught elementary school in Mathews County and Port Richmond before marrying Henry Vranian in 1939.

Over the next 65 years of marriage, Virginia and Henry enjoyed a long loving relationship-raising their four children, extending love and hospitality to friends and relatives, maintaining their residence on the banks of the Pamunkey. She reminisced that Henry was "the wind under my wings", enjoying and adapting to his energy, inquisitive nature, infectious joy of life, and the many family vacations and overseas adventures. Following her husband's death in 2004, she remained alert, interactive, and engaged in life. She was blessed with many loving friends. Until her passing, she crocheted winter scarfs, shawls and caps for friends, family, and the needy-a personification of her love of others.

Her inner peace, optimism, quiet spirituality, fortunate health, her mutual love and respect for so many around her allowed her to adjust to life's twists and turns—"growing more lovely growing old"

In 1925, at age seven, she had the honor of cutting the ribbon opening the first Eltham Bridge across the Pamunkey to West Point. Eighty five years later in 2010, she was honored again with her grandchildren's assistance to slice the ribbon, opening the current new Pamunkey Span.

For over 75 years she was an active member of the West Point United Methodist Church and the Monday Club, and in many ways quietly helped those in need.

Virginia was predeceased by her husband Henry, oldest son Dr. Henry Vranian, Jr, brother Clinton Brown, sister Ruth Piper, sister Louisa Brown. She is survived by her daughter Elizabeth Winfred Vranian(Ross Christianson) of Kilmarnock, Va, and sons David Gregory Vranian of Louisville, Co., and Dr. Robert Vranian (Kathleen) of Fredericksburg, Va.; seven grandchildren Laura Todd Hopper (John), Garnett Woodley (William) both of Richmond, Clinton Vranian (Justine) of Indianapolis, Ind., Lt. Com.Jentry Vranian-Wade of Jacksonville, Fla. (Brian), and Lt. Col. Ben Vranian (Nelli) of Charlottesville, Va., Elena and Roxana Vranian of Louisville, Co.; twelve great-grandchildren and a very large, loving extended family.

Virginia's family expresses their sincere thanks and gratitude to her many friends and acquaintances for sharing their love and friendships with her, as well as her church, her healthcare givers, and those who allowed her to live a full life, dying at her beloved home.

Special thanks are extended to her loyal caregivers - Johnna, Valerie, Mary, Marie, Destiny, and Vanessa, who treated her with love and respect, enriching her life to the very end.

The remains rest at Vincent Funeral Home, West Point, Va. The funeral service will be conducted Friday, March 1st, 2:30 PM at West Point United Methodist Church, 1020 Main St., West Point, Va. Burial will follow at Sunny Slope Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to

West Point Methodist Church, Box 610, West Point, Va. 23181, West Point Fire and Rescue Squad, Box X, West Point, Va. 23181, and The Good Neighbor Center, P.O. Box 1139, West Point, Va. 23181.

Cemetery Details

Sunny Slope Cemetery

King William Avenue
West Point, VA 23181

Previous Events

Service

MAR 1. 2:30 PM (ET)

West Point United Methodist Church
1020 Main Street
West Point, VA 23181

Tribute Wall

JB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Virginia will be missed by all who knew her. My mother Maggie Haynes was a friend of Virginia's and now they are together again.

Joyce and Willard Jr. Bristow



Joyce and Willard Jr. Bristow - March 12, 2019 at 10:38 PM

CM

“ Betty-We are saddened at the recent loss of your beautiful mother. Truly a life well-lived. How fortunate you are to have had her so long.

Annand Conway Moncure

conway Moncure - March 03, 2019 at 05:59 PM

SW

“ To the Vranian Family, my condolences to you in your loss. Your Mother was always such a delightful lady. She will be missed by the family and community. Sandra Willis

Sandra M willis - February 28, 2019 at 04:04 PM

MC

“ Marie Custalow sent a virtual gift in memory of Virginia Brown Vranian



Marie Custalow - February 27, 2019 at 06:22 PM

MK

“ Vincent and Marianna Keesee from Tifton, GA, who have a vacation home in West Point, met Virginia about 8 years ago through Adele and Bob Smith and Dot Krewatch. We shared many fried chicken Thursdays at Marie's and later Rivah Towne, as well as travels around middle Virginia with Adele and Virginia and Dot. Vincent painted Virginia in her rose garden at the corner of the driveway. She was the personification of a charming, beautiful southern woman. We admired her needlework done with Henry and meeting Betty. I shared an affinity for silk scarves with Virginia. We both had scarves we had worn for 50 years, and Betty gave me a beautiful one. Virginia's extraordinarily long friendship with Dot was a blessing for them both, and we felt blessed to have shared their friendship for a few years.

Marianna and Vincent Keesee - February 27, 2019 at 05:01 PM

SH

“ Mrs. Vranian was a beautiful lady. Her beautiful smile brightened even the darkest days!

Sarah Hodges

Sarah Hodges - February 27, 2019 at 04:54 PM

VH

“ *The JP Harper family sends its thoughts and prayers to all of you. We each have very fond memories and stories of her life. Your mother had a special place in my visits to West Point over the past several years. Dad and I liked to stop by on our walks around the block, and she always made our day brighter. Her huge smile and mischievous sense of humor gladdened our hearts. Dad was a recipient of her homemade soup and a handmade neck scarf and shared her love of oysters on many occasions. What a delight to have known such an elegant lady.*

Ginger Harper Hester and the JP Harper family

virginia hester - February 27, 2019 at 12:21 PM

SW

“ *Sandra Wilson lit a candle in memory of Virginia Brown Vranian*



Sandra Wilson - February 27, 2019 at 11:14 AM

SW

“ *To The Vranian Family, I send my condolences to you all. Ms. Virginia lived life well and with joy. I was one of her caregivers a few yrs back and experienced how amazing she was. My life was made better just knowing her. God Bless you all.*

Sandra Wilson - February 27, 2019 at 11:14 AM

JW

“ *So sorry for your loss..She was a wonderful lady ..kind to everyone she met..She lived a long happy life...May good memories help you all in the days ahead*

Janie Wampler - February 27, 2019 at 10:05 AM



“ *Bob, I'm so sorry for your loss. I know how hard hard it is to lose your parent. My sympathies to you and your family. Phyllis Boyer*

Phyllis Boyer - February 27, 2019 at 09:52 AM



“ *To the Vranian Family, Condolences on your loss, and our thoughts and prayers are with you. All our love, Luke, Katrina, Halle and Nick Boucher*

Katrina Boucher - February 27, 2019 at 09:32 AM

DB

“ *Bobby & Kathaleen! So sorry to read of your loss! I did not know your Mom personally, but knew she was a great lady. How wonderful that she lived such a long and joyful life. My dad, Graydon Willis (who passed in 1997) was so very fond of your Dad and your family. Condolences to you and your entire family. Dolores (Willis) Beeler, Greensboro, Georgia*

Dolores (Willis) Beeler - February 27, 2019 at 09:13 AM

KL

“ *Karen Lee lit a candle in memory of Virginia Brown Vranian*



Karen Lee - February 27, 2019 at 08:42 AM

JP

“ *Your Mother was so beautiful inside and out. Cherish your wonderful memories. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Judy&Glenn Palmer - February 26, 2019 at 03:01 PM