



Mrs. Virginia Mae Butch

May 22, 2020

Virginia Mae "Ginne" Butch, 94, of Murrells Inlet, SC passed away on Friday, May 22, 2020 at The Palmettos.

Virginia was born on August 14, 1925 in Warren, OH, daughter of the late Lillian (Anderson) Strong. She resided in Punxsutawney, PA through high school and then moved to New Jersey.

Besides her mother, she was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, Jim and by her brother, Paul Strong.

Virginia retired in 1987 after 25+ years with the US Postal Service in Hazlet, NJ.

Left to cherish her memory are her daughter and two sons, Bev Mason and her husband, Chuck of Murrells Inlet, SC, Jim Butch and his wife, Donna of Winter Haven, FL and Jeff Butch and his wife, Patti of Burkburnett, TX; four grandchildren, Matt, Brandon, and Courtney Butch and Jennifer Talley and her husband, Justin; and two great grandsons, Alexander and William Talley.

A graveside service will be held at Hillcrest Cemetery, Conway, on Wednesday, May 27th at 11:00 a.m. Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel, Murrells Inlet is serving the family.

Tribute Wall

PB

“ *I work at The Palmettos. It was an honor to care for Virginia. And also an honor to meet her amazing and devoted daughter Bev. May you rest in eternal peace Virginia.*

Pattie Bartholomew - May 26, 2020 at 06:02 PM

JM

“ *3 files added to the album Memories Album*



Joanne Martoccia - May 26, 2020 at 04:53 PM

KM

“ *Virginia & my mother lived at the Palmetto's together. I didn't know Virginia very well but she must have been one special lady in her day! Her daughter Bev was so devoted to her mother, which says so much to the woman Virginia was. My mother passed the day before Virginia in the room next door. Bev & myself wouldn't leave our mothers sides as we both kept checking in on each other! My prayers go out to her entire family and especially Bev, you were an amazing daughter!!!!*

Kathy Mason-St.Blanchard - May 26, 2020 at 10:25 AM

MM

“ I didn't know Virginia, but I do know her daughter, Bev, and Bev's husband, Chuck. These are two of the most giving people you will ever meet. They are compassionate and will help others who are in need without hesitating. They make themselves available at a moment notice and give selflessly of their time and energy. While I didn't know Virginia personally, I do know that she must have been a wonderful person to have raised such a giving and thoughtful daughter. Rest in peace Ginne.



Maureen & Brian Muskopf - May 25, 2020 at 07:27 PM

JM

“ Joanne Martoccia lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Virginia Mae Butch



Joanne Martoccia - May 25, 2020 at 05:00 PM

JM

“ I remember the lovely Christmas days we spent at Bev & Chuck's house when we all lived in Freehold. Those were some fun times. Ginne was such a beautiful lady and a delight to be around. To this day, I still have the gorgeous mice and the Christmas elf that she made for us. Ginne's attention to detail was remarkable. She's probably in heaven teaching an Arts & Crafts class right now.

May you rest in peace, Ginne. You will be missed.

Love,
Joanne & Ray (Martoccia)

Joanne Martoccia - May 25, 2020 at 04:59 PM

BS

“ *Mrs. Ginne R.I.P. What a lovely lady and friend and neighbor you were to me and Nicky.*

Lots of good laughs we had together along with interesting conversations. You are gone but never forgotten. May your loved ones find peace and comfort in the days ahead.

Brenda Lee Smith



brenda smith - May 25, 2020 at 12:38 PM

JB

“ I’m Jim Butch. Virginia’s oldest son.

Virginia was a mother of 3 children, me, Bev and Jeff. Originally from Ohio, she was raised in a small town in Pennsylvania called Punxsutawney, which is now famously known for Punxsutawney Phil and Ground Hog Day. When she and Dad were married, they moved to NJ, where most of my Dad’s family lived.

I remember in the early 1950’s our family would pack into my Father’s Hudson Hornet and drive from NJ to Pennsylvania to visit Grandma Strong (her Mother) as well as her brother Paul and his family. We really looked forward to those annual trips. But because we always went in the summertime when school was out, we never did see Punxsutawney Phil.

Mom was a class mother when I was in elementary school. She would periodically come to school to help the teacher with class projects and trips. I remember being so proud when classmates would tell me how nice my Mom was and how pretty she was. She was very attractive.

In 1959 we moved from East Orange to Hazlet, NJ. Mom wasn’t a stay at home Mom. She had worked at several different jobs over the years, but the job that she settled on and retired from was right there in Hazlet. She became a window clerk at the Hazlet Post Office, and eventually retired after more than 25 years of service with the US Postal Service.

Mom liked to sew and she was very handy with a sewing machine. She made drapes for the house and did all our clothing alterations. She enjoyed doing needle point and crafts. We have several of her needle point pieces depicting Cape May, NJ historical homes hanging in our home today, and during the Christmas and Easter Holiday seasons we display numerous crafts she handmade of Santa Clauses, reindeer and bunnies.

But by far, Mom’s biggest passion in life was decorating. Her idea of a great day out was looking at models of new homes to get decorating ideas. I used to tell her she missed her calling. She could have been an interior decorator. Mom had quite a knack for it. Unfortunately for my Dad, that meant she was always lobbying for a new home.

All of our friends were always welcome in our home. We had a pool and many weekends were spent barbecuing and swimming with family and friends. Mom was a good cook. And when she served food, you[d think she was feeding an army. My personal favorites were her pot roast, as well as her home-made rice pudding and lemon-meringue pie.

My lasting memories of Mom: she was always there for us when we were growing up. She was hard working and would do anything for her family.

I want to express the sadness that all of her children share over her loss. She was a good Mother.

Mom, thank you for everything you've given us and for the time we all shared with you.

God Bless You Always

Jim Butch - May 25, 2020 at 12:18 PM

VB

Jim, you wrote a beautiful tribute to a very special person in all our lives. Never knew about the Punxsutawney I will always remember how warmly your mother welcomed me into the Butch Family. May the memories you have bring you some comfort...but a mother's love can never be replaced. Val

valentina I butch - May 26, 2020 at 03:46 PM

GB

Jim, you brought back so many lost memories from our monthly family get togethers. The interior decorating has always stuck with me, how she got her ideas. She made your home always as neat as a pin and we couldn't wait to get to Hazlet or even you guys coming to South Plainfield. One thing I remember she said, never buy a car without power steering! More recently, our emails when she could and letters telling me her stories in the home, let me know she was still herself, despite her situation. She will be missed.

Gale Butch - May 26, 2020 at 09:12 PM

BB

“ *Bob, Val, Gale & Ken Butch purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Mrs. Virginia Mae Butch.*



Bob, Val, Gale & Ken Butch - May 24, 2020 at 09:42 PM