



## Virginia Elkin Batchelor

May 22, 1913 - February 17, 2010

Virginia H. Elkin Batchelor, of Bloomington, passed away Wednesday, February 17, 2010 at Bloomington Hospital. She was 96 years old. Born May 22, 1913, in Lima, Ohio, the daughter of Marguerite Anderson Houze and Reverend Dr. A.B. Houze, Minister of First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, in Lima, Ohio. In 1917, the family moved to Bowling Green, Kentucky where Dr. Houze assumed the pastorate of the Christian Church and remained until his death in 1962. Mrs. Batchelor attended Western Kentucky State Teachers College in Bowling Green, Kentucky and Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, graduating in 1935. While at Vanderbilt she was pledged and initiated into Alpha Omicron Pi, International, and in Bloomington served as Alumni President and Corporation Board President, Beta Phi Chapter of AO?. She taught for 20 years in the Monroe County Community School system, serving as Chairperson of the English Department for 14 years at Bloomington High School South. She received her MS degree in Education in 1965, from Indiana University. Memberships in Bloomington include First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, since 1952, and Phi Delta Kappa, Delta Kappa Gamma, Philanthropic and Conversation Club. Her first husband, Roy T. Elkin passed away in 1971. In 1975, she became the wife of Professor Joseph A. Batchelor, Dept. of Economics at Indiana University. Dr. Batchelor passed away in 1979. Her son, Robert Houze Elkin, St. Louis, Missouri, passed away July 2008. Survivors include one son, Roy Thomas Elkin, Jr. (Sara) Elkhart, IN., four granddaughters: Suzanne Slabaugh of

Granger, IN, Jennifer Collins of Pittsburgh, PA, Meredith Brown Elkin of St. Louis, MO, and Lindsay Roberts of Foley, AL; three step grandchildren, Heather Steele of Elkhart, IN, Haley Sullivan of Elkhart, IN and Charley Borneman of Portland, OR; seven great-grandchildren: Brian Brown Elkin of St. Louis, MO., Tristin, Carter and Wyatt Roberts of Foley, AL., twins Conner and Kyle Slabaugh, Granger, IN., and Hadley Anne Collins, Pittsburgh, PA. Memorial services will be held on Monday, February 22 at 2:00 pm at Allen Funeral Home, 4155 S. Old State Rd. 37 with Reverend Mark Calvert-Rosenberger officiating. Services will conclude at the funeral home. Visitation will be on Sunday from 4-7 pm at the funeral home and on Monday from 1:00 pm until time of services. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the First Christian Church or Hospice of Bloomington Hospital c/o Allen Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall

MA

“ *Ginnie was a wonderful mother-in-law who charmed all who knew her. I miss her already.*

*Mary Elkin*

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**Mary Elkin** - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

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“ *To the Elkins/Batchelor Families,*

*I had the pleasure of caring for Virginia for the past 2 years while working with Dr. LaFollette. She was a remarkable person and I feel blessed to have known her. I admired and enjoyed her intelligence, humor, and compassion. I am sorry that I was unable to attend her services and meet all of you. She spoke of you often. I will miss my friend and send prayers your way during your difficult time.*

*Respectfully,  
Ursula Penrose  
Nurse Practitioner*

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**Ursula Penrose** - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

KE

“ Ginnie was a great friend to me and Judy over many years. Of course, I also knew Roy and Joe. I knew Ginnie through Bloomington First Christian and as a teacher in "her" English Department at Bloomington South. I'll never forget wallpapering the master bedroom in her home for her and Joe. During a terrible blizzard in 1977, awaiting the birth of our second son, Judy, Tim (our first son), and I stayed at Ginnie's so that we could get to Bloomington Hospital. Over the years, as I moved about the country, we stayed in touch. When in Bloomington, I would stop by. Ginnie always loved to talk about her parents and Dr. Houze's outstanding ministry in Bowling Green. Ginnie was acutely intelligent. As a department chair, she was always fair and gracious. She was full of fun. I always loved, admired, and respected her. I rejoice at her long and highly productive life--and am missing her.

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**Ken Bryant** - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

EL

“ Ginny and I volunteered together for many years helping the Alpha Omicron Pi collegiate chapter and the alumnae chapter. Her many friends will miss her. I treasure her friendship. Lovingly, Ellen

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**Ellen Pettay** - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

AN

“ Ginny was a very special lady. I appreciate all of her hard work for AOII in Bloomington. Her AOII sisters are thinking of her.

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**Angela Lindauer** - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

KE

“ Ginnie was so important to me. I loved her very much. I truly wish I could have been at the funeral service. My heart goes out to you all!  
Kelly

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**Kelly Gustafson** - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

BA

“ I had the previlage to just set and talk with Miss Ginny for hours while I was one of her caregivers. I enjoyed hearing about her life. She was one of a kind and I will miss her very much! Barbara

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**Barbara Spriggs** - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

NA

“ Ginny was a wonderful person, she unconditionally loved everyone. She will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Nancy

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**Nancy Young-Wood** - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

RE

“ Ginny was a very special lady to both my husband and me. There just aren't too many like her in this world. Love and peace.  
Renee

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**Renee Smith** - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM