

## Virginia Violet Johnson

February 18, 1923 - January 9, 2021

Virginia Violet Johnson was born to Jim and Dora Barger on February 18, 1923 in Bloomington, Indiana. She was one of ten children and recalled fondly the various exploits that she and her brothers and sisters got into in their early days. At 9 years of age, Virginia went to live in the country with the Rush family, where she learned to work on a farm and where she was to meet her future husband, Kenneth Hayes Johnson, who she married at age 18 and with whom she had a long and happy life until his death in 1998.

Virginia went on to become a factory supervisor at Sarkes Tarzian Television and at RCA Television. She had a daughter, Beverly K. Johnson Glosser and 7 grandchildren, Alicia Wilbur and partner Jenny, Elizabeth Wilbur, Jeffery Wilbur and his wife Teresa, Andrea McConnell and her husband Orland, Christopher Wilbur and his wife Carol, Eric Wilbur and his wife Becky, and Rachel Garrett and her husband Terry. Her large family also includes 6 great grandchildren and 4 great-great grandchildren. Virginia led a full and active life, participating in the upbringing of her grandchildren, and working in and outside of the home.

She loved crocheting, embroidering, and ceramics, gardening in her flowerbeds, tending to her grandchildren, and eating Rocky Road ice cream and Hershey kisses. She had quite a green thumb and could grow anything anywhere -- when she was young, she brought a magnolia sapling from Florida back to Indiana and managed to grow it into a large and magnificent tree that was later featured in the local newspaper. She kept her home and

lawn cleaned to within an inch of their lives, and always enjoyed the sights and sounds of the neighborhood children playing in her large yard. She was able to live on her own and take care of herself until she was in her middle 90s, when she travelled by air for the first time. She had a good, firm handshake and a twinkle in her eye up to the very end, when she slipped away peacefully in her sleep. She will be greatly missed, but oh, what a party there must have been in heaven when she arrived!

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday, January 16, 2021 at 12 Noon at St Charles Borromeo Catholic Church 2222 East Third Street, Bloomington, which will also be live-streamed on the St. Charles YouTube channel for those unable to attend. Visitation will also be held at the church on Saturday from 10:30AM until the time of the Mass at 12 Noon. Burial will follow the Mass at the Clear Creek Cemetery.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory 4155 South Old State Road 37 is handling the arrangements and online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 16. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St Charles Borromeo Church  
2222 E 3rd St  
Bloomington, IN 47401-5385  
(812) 336-6846

## Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 16. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

BC

“ *Wilma and I are so saddened to hear of Virginia's death. We have been busy moving to Florida for the Winter and did not know of Virginia's passing until today (3 hours after the funeral). I have so many good memories. They would fill a book. We are so sorry that we've been out of touch this past year. She was a wonderful person!*

*Our condolences and prayers to all of the family.  
Bud and Wilma Chambers*

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**Bud and Wilma Chambers** - January 16, 2021 at 03:12 PM

 Debbie Wenzel

“ *Debbie Wenzel lit a candle in memory of Virginia Violet Johnson*



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**Debbie Wenzel** - January 16, 2021 at 11:39 AM

SK

“ *Stanley K. purchased the Thoughts & Prayers for the family of Virginia Violet Johnson.*



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**Stanley K.** - January 16, 2021 at 10:11 AM

DW

“ I have great memories of visits to Bloomington to see Granny and Auntie Alicia with my mom and daughters. She always made us laugh and we had so much fun. Prayers to her family. Love, Debbie Wenzel



Debbie Wenzel - January 16, 2021 at 10:07 AM



“ Today a song came to my head and heart: Let It Be by the Beatles. They talk about Mother Mary in the first verse. Granny and I both loved the Virgin Mary. Shine on, Granny! Shine on!

Song sung by Glee cast because both men's and women's voice are heard: <https://youtu.be/WS4DCkMu8Ak>

Margaret Lion - January 16, 2021 at 09:03 AM

BG

“ Beverly Glosser lit a candle in memory of Virginia Violet Johnson



Beverly Glosser - January 15, 2021 at 07:39 PM

EW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



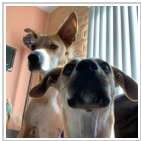
Elizabeth Wilbur - January 14, 2021 at 12:54 PM

SG

“ Sharon, Sam, Lebra, Jim, Mila & Gary purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Virginia Violet Johnson.



Sharon, Sam, Lebra, Jim, Mila & Gary - January 13, 2021 at 10:14 PM



“ Alicia Wilbur purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Virginia Violet Johnson.



Alicia Wilbur - January 13, 2021 at 09:19 PM



“ Margaret Lion purchased the Simply Elegant Spa thiphyllum for the family of Virginia Violet Johnson.



Margaret Lion - January 13, 2021 at 08:56 PM



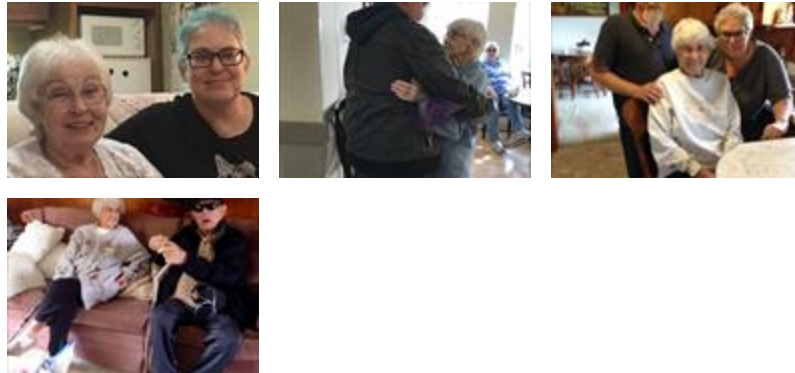
“ I have so many memories of Granny! She was my adopted granny. Best buddy Alicia and I would visit her at least once a week. We shared dinner and played cards and laughed all night long. Later my husband Scott and I would visit her - eating dinner and playing cards and laughing. She was a light in my life and she will always be missed. - Margaret Lion



Margaret Lion - January 13, 2021 at 08:54 PM

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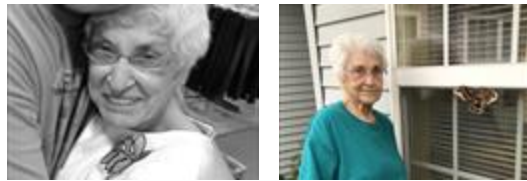
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Elizabeth Wilbur - January 13, 2021 at 08:47 PM

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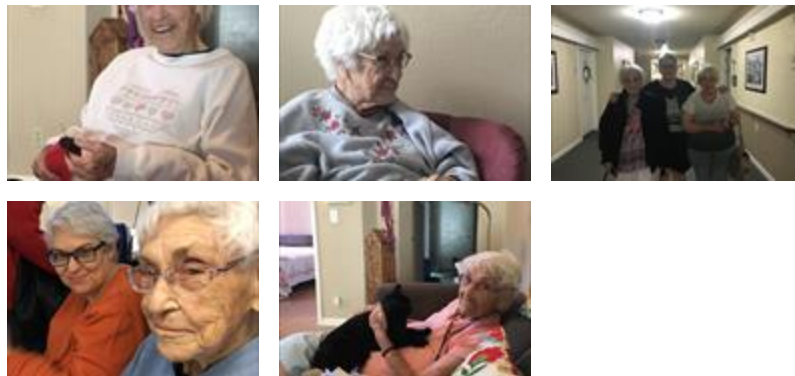
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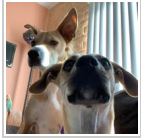
Elizabeth Wilbur - January 13, 2021 at 08:44 PM

JV

“ You will be missed.



Jenny Vale - January 13, 2021 at 04:07 PM



“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Alicia Wilbur - January 13, 2021 at 12:16 PM



“ Beverly, Sorry for your loss. You and family are in our thoughts and prayers. 🙏



Tommy & Shannon Vincent - January 13, 2021 at 11:55 AM



“ Love, Aunt Patricia, Thekla & Bob Madsen purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Virginia Violet Johnson.



Love, Aunt Patricia, Thekla & Bob Madsen - January 13, 2021 at 09:58 AM



“ Rachel Garrett sent a virtual gift in memory of Virginia Violet Johnson



Rachel Garrett - January 12, 2021 at 01:31 PM



“ Rachel Garrett lit a candle in memory of Virginia Violet Johnson



Rachel Garrett - January 12, 2021 at 01:31 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Virginia Violet Johnson.



January 12, 2021 at 12:57 PM