



## Virginia M. Sharp

November 12, 1924 - July 12, 2017

Virginia "Jennie" Sharp passed away Wednesday July 12, 2017. She was born on November 12, 1924, in Charleston, West Virginia to Walter and Kathleen Williams. She graduated from Butler High School in Indiana in 1942 where she met her husband, Charles Lee Sharp (deceased May 1991). They married on April 6, 1943, then moved to Sarasota where he was 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Air Force.

Since living in Sarasota, Florida, Charles and Jennie lived in Hamilton, Bloomington, Spencer, Logansport, Tehran Iran, Highland, Kokomo, Fort Wayne, Indianapolis, and Bloomington again. Jennie was a high school counselor and dean, and she taught many years in elementary school.

About 7 years after Charles' death in 1991, Jennie married Sam Hostetter. They lived in Meadowwood Retirement Housing in Bloomington and in a condo in Sarasota, Florida during the winters.

Charles and Virginia are survived by their 4 children: Charles L. Jr. (Jane}, Thomas W., Anne E, Lucas (Joe Pearson}, and Susan (Barry Tellman}); 8 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and 2 nephews.

Jennie tried to raise awareness of abused children as she authored a book about the problems of the children she counseled. She volunteered at

Bloomington Hospital and was a child advocate with CASA. She earned her B.S. and M.S. in Education, and a counselor's certification all from Indiana University. She was an avid reader, loved to dance, got great joy from her children and grandchildren, and was a member of the Red Hat Society where she developed many lasting friendships.

The family is planning to have a private get-together at a later date.

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).

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Tom,

*JoAnn and I were very sorry to learn of your mother's passing. Please accept our condolences and extend them to the rest of your family.*

*Sincerely,  
Mike and JoAnn Zabawa*

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**Michael Zabawa** - July 17, 2017 at 12:49 PM

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“ *I grew up in Logansport IN and knew the Sharp family well. Tom and I were Little League teammates and played junior high sports together. Mrs. Sharp was a lovely person and typical of the parents of her generation -- stern and demanding when appropriate and necessary, encouraging and supportive at all times. My condolences to Tom and his brother and sisters.*

*David L Simpson*

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**David Simpson** - July 13, 2017 at 08:37 AM