



## Virginia Ritari

July 26, 1925 - February 24, 2025

The memorial service celebrating the life of Virginia Ritari will be on Saturday, April 19, at 11:00a.m. at the Community Church in Verndale with Pastor Ken Uhren presiding. Visitation will be at the church on Saturday, starting at 9:30a.m. Burial will be in Green Lawn Cemetery, Verndale, MN.

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You are invited to watch the service via live-stream by going to Schuller Family Funeral Homes' FaceBook Page or YouTube Page

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Virginia, age 99, passed away at The Pines Assisted Living, Staples, MN on February 24, 2025. Care was provided by Lakewood Hospice.

Virginia Eileen Sharp was born to Floyd and Esther (Thomas) Sharp on July 26, 1925, in Compton Township, Otter Tail County, MN. She lived her entire life in the Wadena, Hewitt, and Verndale area.

Virginia married Stanley South on December 11, 1943, and they raised seven children. They later parted ways.

On January 16, 1988, Virginia married Clarence Ritari. Clarence passed away in 2000.

Being a foster grandma brought Virginia great joy along with time spent with

her family and sending them cards on special occasions. She liked to play Mexican Train Dominoes, garden, going to the Senior Citizens Center, tuning into the MN Twins baseball games, watching NASCAR, and playing bingo at The Pines.

Preceding Virginia in death were both husbands; her parents; siblings: Beulah Hamm, Laville Taylor, EvaFern Terry, Dorothy Wegscheid, Charles, Walter, and Bernard Sharp and spouses; sister-in-law: Jean Sharp; and sons-in-law: Ronald Young and Eugene Schultz.

Virginia is survived by her children: Alvina Young of Bloomington, Ray (Sandy) South of Verndale, Sharon Schultz of Hewitt, Sandra (friend, Duane Spicer) Johnson of Atwater, Betty (Robert) Young of Eden Prairie, Rodney (Madalyn) South of Eagan, and Ritchie South of Bloomington; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren; brother: Larry Sharp; extended family; dear friend Judy Schultz and many others.

Honorary ur bearers will be Virginia's grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

# Cemetery Details

## Green Lawn Cemetery

16277 120th Street  
1st Ave./ Co Rd 104 (1 mile west of Verndale)  
Verndale, MN 56481

# Previous Events

## Gathering of Family & Friends

APR 19. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Verndale Community Church  
213 Farwell St S  
Verndale, MN 56481

## Memorial Service

APR 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

Verndale Community Church  
213 Farwell St S  
Verndale, MN 56481

# Tribute Wall



“ Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Virginia Ritari



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - March 27, 2025 at 02:50 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Lisa - April 19, 2025 at 03:23 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Virginia Ritari.

April 19, 2025 at 11:06 AM



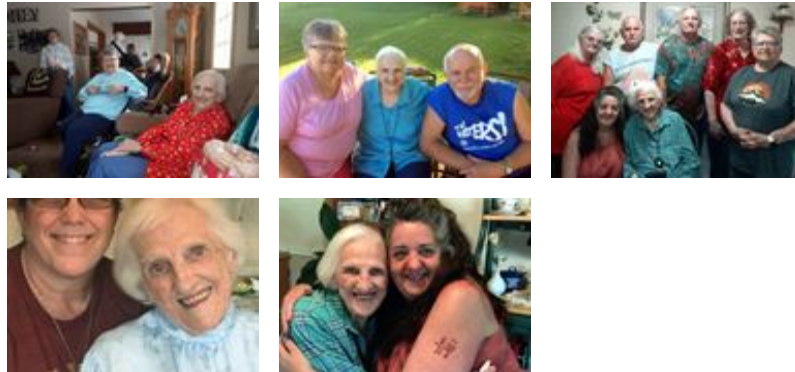
“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Virginia Ritari.



April 18, 2025 at 10:30 AM



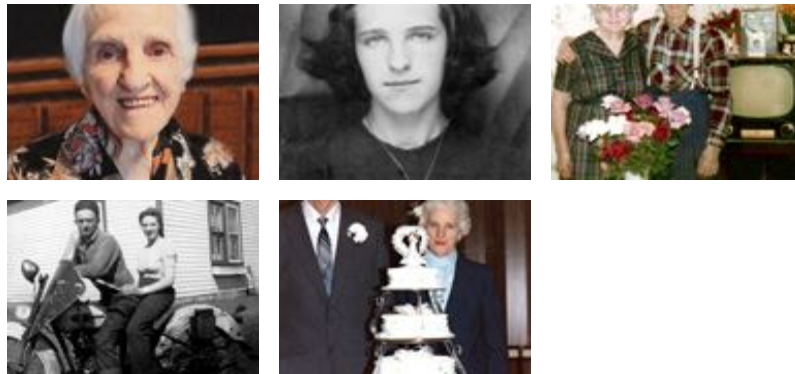
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Schuller Family Funeral Homes - April 14, 2025 at 06:30 PM



“ 38 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - March 27, 2025 at 02:47 PM



“ Sally Siegler lit a candle in memory of Virginia Ritari



Sally Siegler - March 13, 2025 at 10:39 AM

LW

“ I grew up in Hewit and knew Virginia. She was one of the sweetest, most thoughtful and kind people I've ever known. She never failed to send a birthday card or well wishes to so many. We've all lost a truly, lovely friend. Love and prayers going out to you Rod, Ritchie and your entire family.

Lori Dixon Worwa - March 08, 2025 at 10:03 PM

SD

“ Shelly Dukowitz lit a candle in memory of Virginia Ritari



Shelly Dukowitz - March 03, 2025 at 02:29 PM

LM

“ Lois Miller lit a candle in memory of Virginia Ritari



Lois Miller - March 02, 2025 at 07:27 PM

GD

“ Gene & Mary Denny lit a candle in memory of Virginia Ritari



Gene & Mary Denny - March 01, 2025 at 12:29 PM



“ Lydia Hennagir lit a candle in memory of Virginia Ritari



Lydia Hennagir - March 01, 2025 at 11:56 AM



“ Connie M Willey lit a candle in memory of Virginia Ritari



Connie M Willey - March 01, 2025 at 11:50 AM



“ Prayers for a beautiful soul 🙏



Lisa Randall - March 01, 2025 at 08:01 AM



“ Gene & Sandy Kapphahn lit a candle in memory of Virginia Ritari



Gene & Sandy Kapphahn - February 28, 2025 at 03:19 PM

RA

“ Rita Anderson lit a candle in memory of Virginia Ritari



Rita Anderson - February 28, 2025 at 03:03 PM

KT

“ Karen Treangen lit a candle in memory of Virginia Ritari



Karen Treangen - February 28, 2025 at 11:39 AM

NS

“ I love the photo of you riding on the motorcycle and your convertible rides. 🍷 God's love and light always shone through your most beautiful eyes, biggest smile and wonderful hugs. I so appreciated your cards and letters. What a joy to know you are with your loving Jesus and your beautiful spirit ✨ is with us 😊💕💕💕

Naomi Stone - February 28, 2025 at 11:21 AM

JJ

“ Jon Johnson lit a candle in memory of Virginia Ritari



Jon Johnson - February 28, 2025 at 10:43 AM

RB

“ Robert Branstner lit a candle in memory of Virginia Ritari



Robert Branstner - February 27, 2025 at 09:38 PM

RK

“ I met Virginia in church and will never forget her. She had a smile that went on for miles and she gave the very best hugs RIP Sweet lady

Rachelle Kern - February 27, 2025 at 03:32 PM

BB

“ Barbara J Brown lit a candle in memory of Virginia Ritari



Barbara J Brown - February 27, 2025 at 02:38 PM

TH

“ Virginia was special. I grew up in Hewitt and became friends with her boys. I still have those friendships today...50 years later. Virginia always greeted me with a heart felt hug. I enjoyed the letters and cards she would send, always brought a smile to my face. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family.

Tim & Sheila Hallstrom

Timothy Scott Hallstrom - February 27, 2025 at 12:52 PM

RS

“ Virginia was such a good friend to our mom and family. We had wonderful visits and always enjoyed catching up with her. Hoping your precious memories help you thru the coming weeks.

ReNaye Seaton - February 27, 2025 at 12:28 PM

PD

“ My sympathies to Virginia's family. She was a wonderful and caring person. I loved my visits with her.

Patty Desrocher - February 27, 2025 at 12:16 PM

TB

“ All the times spent playing Bingo at The Pines. Sharing great talks. Visits at her apartment. All the convertible rides, especially the Verndale days parade. Sending prayers and hugs for her family. Tilly and Chet Bergstrom

Tilly Bergstrom - February 27, 2025 at 11:13 AM

BD

“ Bob and Kathy Derby lit a candle in memory of Virginia Ritari



bob and kathy derby - February 27, 2025 at 10:58 AM

JC

“ Virginia, what a beautiful life you lived. You were always so kind and giving. I really admired your strong will and determination fighting for your independence. You leave behind an incredible legacy. To Virginia's family our prayers are with you. REST IN PEACE Virginia.



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**Jim and Janell Carr** - February 27, 2025 at 10:54 AM

SS

“ Oh do we miss you so already, sweet little Virginia!! You are such a beautiful lady in every way with the most radiating smile filled with so much love ❤️ We cherish every minute we had together and the special Convertible rides ending with your favorite food treats 💖 Unbelievable @ 991/2 and how fast you could do word searches and then count by 2's to tally total words found on that page! Oh how you blessed us so richly and now God has blessed you richly with your eternal home, Wow..to be right there by Jesus!! You will always be missed, remembered and loved deeply 'til we get to join you in heaven! Thank you Jesus for your gift of Salvation!! Our sincere sympathy to your wonderful family. Our love and prayers surround you each and thank you for ALL the great TLC you blessed our sweet little Virginia with...she is an incredible Mom, Grandma, Great Grandma and friend forever ❤️



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**Sheila Stave** - February 27, 2025 at 09:29 AM