



Virginia Ryerson

February 18, 1923 - September 26, 2023

Virginia Jean Ryerson was born February 18, 1923 in Monticello, Illinois to Frank and Lelia Lux. She attended school at Bement Township from grade school through high school. As a freshman, Virginia attended Illinois State College and then transferred to Barry College Business School. After graduating she worked for the University of Illinois.

On April 15, 1944, Virginia married Donald Ryerson in Neosha, Missouri where Don was stationed at Camp Crowder. While Don was overseas, Virginia worked as a secretary at State Farm Insurance. After his return, they moved to Bozeman, Montana so Don could finish his Agriculture degree. Their daughter, Donna Jean was born during that time.

The family moved to Dillion, Montana where Don taught Vo-Ag and their son, Douglas, was born. The family moved to College Station, Texas where Don graduated from Texas A & M with a Doctorate in Range Management. The family moved back to Bozeman where Don was a professor and Virginia was a secretary in the Student Union Business Office at Montana State University. After retiring in 1980 Virginia and Don traveled throughout the United States including several trips to Alaska.

In 2003 they moved to Great Falls to be closer to their son and Virginia moved to Wenatchee after Don's death to be close to her daughter.

Virginia was preceded in death by her husband Don, of 61 years, her son Doug, her parents, 2 sisters, and one brother.

She is survived by her daughter, Donna Jean Czesak (Steve); her daughter-in-law, Lynn Ryerson; sister, Karen Hildreth, 6 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Even at 100, Virginia played challenging games on her I-Pad and kept her mind sharp. She had a beautiful personality and was a joy to everyone who met her.

Memorial donations may go to the Payne/Ryerson/Taylor scholarship at Montana State University, Bozeman.

Arrangements by Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee.

Tribute Wall

LG

“ hello dear family - I worked with Virginia at the SUB in the 1970's, and Virginia was such a delight to work with...My thoughts are with you as you grieve your loss.... Sincere memories, Lindie Gibson / Livingston Montana

Lindie Gibson - October 06, 2023 at 10:05 AM

DC

Thank you Linda! Mom loved her time at the SUB! She loved working with the students! Those were great times!
Blessings
Donna Ryerson Czesak

Donna Czesak - October 10, 2023 at 12:38 AM

SD

Thank you Linda!

sdczesak - October 10, 2023 at 12:43 AM

SD

Mom enjoyed her time at Sub and getting to work with a great staff and students! Those were great times!
Blessings,
Donna Ryerson Czesak

sdczesak - October 10, 2023 at 12:46 AM

GH

Donna, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your Mother.....God' peace and comfort be with you now and in the days to come. 🙏
Gretchen Holland

gretchen holland - October 12, 2023 at 06:47 PM

SD

Thank you Gretchen! Mom lived a long life and had a perfect death! She died in her sleep! We are sad but very grateful! Hugs! Donna

sdczesak - October 25, 2023 at 06:23 PM