



Virginia Louise Paznokas

October 20, 1923 - November 4, 2018

Virginia Louise Day (Paznokas) was born in Chicago, Illinois on October 20, 1923. She grew up in difficult times but that never kept her from doing things she truly loved. She enjoyed dancing, singing, and roller skating. She once danced on stage with burlesque dancer Sally Rand. Virginia married John Paznokas in Chicago in 1943. They raised their family in Bourbonnais, Illinois. Virginias career was in service to Kankakee County for 25 years, as Deputy County Clerk and Chief Deputy Registrar. She ran for County Treasurer, the first Republican woman to run for a county office in Kankakee County. After she retired, she and her mother moved to Des Moines, Iowa to be near her sister and family. She followed them when they moved to Las Vegas, before moving to Bend in 2012 to be closer to her son, Skip, and daughter-in-law, Lynda. At first, she lived at Whispering Winds and the last few years she was at Aspen Ridge. She was so appreciative for the friendships and care she received at those facilities. She was active in the various communities where she lived. In Bourbonnais, she was a member of the VFW with her naval husband, served as Treasurer for the Republican Womens Organization, and was a member of the Catholic Church. In Bend, she attended the First Presbyterian Church. She loved the Newcomers Club of Bend and was known for dressing as an elf to receive gifts of toys that members brought for needy children at Christmas. The Thorn Hollow String Band from the High Desert Museum, in which her son, Skip, played, brought her great joy. Virginia loved adventure. For example, in recent years, she rode in a dog sled, took the

chairlift up Mt. Bachelor (with her walker), flew in a plane over Mt. St. Helens, camped all up the West Coast, and even went whitewater rafting on her 90th birthday! She loved rides throughout the West, especially along the beach. Favorite places she traveled included Italy, Alaska, and states where her children live - Indiana, Minnesota, California, and Oregon. Virginia loved to make creative gifts. She was famous for her pine cones decorated with silk flowers. She made her own cards, often decorated with flowers. Over the years, she played pinochle, completed word puzzles, did paint-by-number pictures, enjoyed cooking for family and friends, and completed many coloring pages. Even in recent years, she was technologically savvy, being active on e-mail, Facebook, Skype, Facetime, and did on-line banking. Family was so important. Virginia knew the names and birthdays of her many grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great great grandchildren. She loved hearing from her family and friends, keeping every card and letter they sent over the years! Virginia died on November 4, 2018 in Bend, Oregon at age 95. She was preceded in death by her mother (Alberta Adensam), father (Edward Day), stepfather (Frank Adensam), two brothers (Edward Day, William Day), and a sister (Elaine Cameron). She is survived by four children, "Skip" John Paznokas (Lynda), James Paznokas (Judy), Kathlyn Sherwood (Ron), and William Paznokas (Nancy). A celebration of Virginias life will be held on Saturday, November 17 at 2:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Bend, 230 N.E. 9th Street, with Pastor Steven Koski officiating. Her wish is for her ashes to be spread in the ocean near San Diego. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in memory of Virginia Paznokas to Partners In Care, a non-profit program that ensures high quality care is available to all Hospice and home health patients and their families. Visit partnersbend.org to make a contribution. You are also encouraged to take time to help an elderly friend, family member, or stranger who needs extra assistance and love.

Funeral Home:

Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home

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Bend, OR
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Niswonger Reynolds Funeral Home & Greenwood Cemetery - May 18, 2023 at 02:36 PM

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“ *Virginia Louise Paznokas*

Funeral Home Owner - August 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I worked with Virginia at the Courthouse in Kankakee many years ago. She took me under her wing and taught me a lot. In addition, we had lots of laughs! Her love of life, laughter, family, and friends was always evident. Years later, I enjoyed receiving Christmas cards from her showing all of the adventures she'd been on each year. Her picture she sent of her white water rafting was really something! She never seemed to let much slow her down! My condolences to Virginia's family for your great loss.*

Julie Enright - November 10, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Aunt Virg was a special lady! We will miss her dearly. Her cards and pine cones are a treasure to us! Prayers for peace to all.*

Denise (Dee Dee) and George Duncan - November 10, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Mrs. Paznokas was a lovely woman. Sincere sympathy to Skip and family. In our thoughts & prayers. Cathie (Sederstrand) Miedema*

Cathie Miedema - November 10, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Your mother was a joy to work with, and such a bright shining star to know. She never let anything get her down. T*

Melissa Hatley - November 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM