



Virginia Downum

October 13, 1931 - August 4, 2012

Virginia Downum, 80, passed away Saturday, August 4, in Lubbock after an extended illness. She was born October 13, 1931 in Gaines County, TX, to Charlie and Eva Baker. Visitation is planned from 6-7:30 p.m., Tuesday, at Sanders Funeral Home. Interment will be at the City of Lubbock Cemetery at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, followed by a memorial service at Cumberland Presbyterian Church at 10:30 a.m. with Dr. Steve Doles officiating and assisted by Rev. Sam Estes.

In growing up, Virginia developed a strong work ethic. Her father passed away when she was young, and she and her three brothers cooperated with their widowed mother to help where possible. She learned to be a motion picture projectionist. After graduating from Stanton High School, she moved to Lubbock to attend business college and went to work for the Lindsey chain of theatres and became the secretary.

She and Gordon Downum were married June 2, 1957 in Lubbock. She began a career at Texas Tech as a secretary in the Physics Department. When her second child was born, she became a full-time homemaker for a few years. Then, she returned to Tech as secretary for the Counseling Center, where she served until retirement in 1993.

Virginia is survived by her husband, Gordon, her daughter, Carol Cunningham (husband, Rod) of Lubbock, a son, David Downum of Dallas, and two grandchildren, Chris Woelfel and Robyn Cunningham. Her parents and her brothers, George, Woodrow and Leo Baker, preceded her in death.

Church was important to Virginia. She belonged to Cumberland Presbyterian and was active in Christian education and the women's work. She served a term as an elder.

Until she had significant health issues, Virginia was an active and energetic person with a can-do attitude. She was committed to her family and was a joy to be around. She had a saying that there were solutions waiting for problems. In lieu of flowers, if friends desire, a gift to Cumberland Presbyterian or a favorite charity in her memory would be appreciated.

Great appreciation goes to medical personnel including Calvert Home Health Care for their service to our beloved Virginia.

Cemetery Details

City of Lubbock Cemetery

2011 East 31st Street
Lubbock, TX 79404

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 7. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Sanders Funeral Home
1420 Main Street
Lubbock, TX 79401
(806) 763-6433
director@sandersfuneralhome.com
<https://www.sandersfuneralhome.com>

Graveside Service

AUG 8. 9:30 AM (CT)

City of Lubbock Cemetery
2011 East 31st Street
Lubbock, TX 79404

Memorial Service

AUG 8. 10:30 AM (CT)

Cumberland Presbyterian Church
7702 Indiana Ave.
Lubbock, TX 79423

Tribute Wall

JB

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family. I'll never forget her, she was so kind and a great friend to my Mom and Dad.*

Joni Bell - August 09, 2012 at 07:35 PM

LP

“ *My condolences to your family at this time. I hope you will be comforted knowing that she is beginning a new life in God's glorious house. Let your wonderful memories comfort you and your friends uplift you at this time.*

With God's love,

Leigh Pelchat

Dan F. Long Middle School, Dallas

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Sanders Funeral Home - August 07, 2012 at 09:46 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Virginia Downum.*



August 07, 2012 at 09:35 AM



“ *I had the pleasure of working with Virginia as a work study student back in 1985. I remember her being very patient and helpful with the students who worked there.*

*Sara Aguirre
Midland, Tx.*

Sara Aguirre - August 07, 2012 at 08:59 AM



“ *We have not known each other for long, Gordon, and I never had the pleasure of meeting your sweet wife. I pray all the wonderful peace of God the Father be upon you and your family right now. I absolutely love that Virginia used a phrase about there being solutions out there just waiting for problems. We should all be so positive. No doubt she is enjoying now the life, the body, and the mind that we look forward to inheriting one great day, also. With all love and wishes for His comfort,*

*Eric Robinson
(Fellow Kiwanian)*

Eric Robinson - August 07, 2012 at 08:56 AM