



Virginia Browning Smith Acker

January 22, 1929 - August 31, 2021

Virginia Browning Smith Acker, age 92, of Knoxville passed away on Tuesday, August 31, 2021 at NHC Cavette Hill Assisted Living. She was born January 22, 1929 in Carthage, TN. She was a 1946 graduate of Smith County High School. She graduated from the University of Tennessee (Knoxville) in Music Education in 1950, the year she married Dr. Robert E. Acker (Bob) of Knoxville. She was an active member of Central Baptist Church of Bearden, having been a Sunday School teacher, choir member, and children's choir director. Prior to joining Central Baptist Bearden she was active at Fifth Avenue Baptist Church and First Baptist Church Carthage, TN where she served in similar roles. Her interests, other than family, included Bible Study, Belmont West Garden Club, and especially music. She enjoyed sharing her musical talents on the piano, organ, xylophone, vibraharp, and glockenspiel. She was a supporter of Second Harvest and the Joy of Music School. She was a member of the Tennessee Rose Society, as well as PEO chapter J, where she was honored as a 50+-year member. She was preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, Dr. Robert Edwin Acker (Bob), and her parents, James Riley Smith and Nell Browning Smith of Carthage, TN. She is survived by her daughters: Catherine Clippinger and husband Lance of Mason, Ohio; Carol McCold and husband Lance of Knoxville; Barbara Brock and husband Mark of Jefferson City. Grandchildren: Amy and husband Mike Bowen, and Sarah and husband Greg Schulte; Cora, and Cliff and wife Nicole McCold; Shadden and Ben Brock. Sister, Cornelia Brown and husband Paul of Edmond, OK; and Brother, James Cecil Smith and wife Joan Kinzalow of Sevierville. Many nieces, nephews and cousins. Arrangements will be by Rose Funeral and Cremation - Mann. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials in Virginia's name be made to either Central Baptist Church of Bearden designated for "missions", at 6300 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919, or Joy of Music School, 1209 Euclid Avenue NW #1, Knoxville, TN 37921. Online condolences may be made at www.rosefuneraltn.com.

Comments



“ I was blessed to have Virginia as my friend for 25 years. She and Bob joined our SS class and quickly became dear and trusted friends. Virginia loved her family, but she also loved my family and prayed for each of them. We both loved music, especially the organ, and we both were committed to our Lord and his mission.

The last time I saw Virginia was July 14. We held hand and talked and had a loving hug before I left with plans to return in 4-5 weeks. I miss and mourn her death, yet I rejoice knowing that she is with her Lord.

My deepest condolences to her family and to all who loved her.

Joyce Wyatt - September 14, 2021 at 10:03 AM



“ My fondest memories of Virginia were during the many years I worked as a hygienist in Dr. Bob Acker's dental practice. Your Mom always prepared a special lunch, at their home, on each staff member's birthday. My recipe box is filled with a lot of Virginia's wonderful recipes.

My condolences to her family. Heaven has gained an angel.

Angie Ford Kelly

Angie and Dan Kelly - September 10, 2021 at 08:21 PM



“ The Tennessee Rose Society will miss Virginia. She always had a smile and kind word for everyone.

Susan McKeehan - September 10, 2021 at 01:38 PM



“ All of my life I've heard of Virginia And James Cecil Smith. My family lived in Carthage near the Smith's grocery store. We moved to Franklin when I was five years old, but Dad held the Smith family in such high esteem, and we kept up with Carthage friends - The best of people! When I moved to Knoxville, the name James Cecil Smith appeared on my radar. How Surprised I was years later when I became a member of Central Baptist, to meet Virginia. She smiled all over - such a warm smile. We were both excited to connect after all these years. - Judy Lowe Johnson

Judy Lowe Johnson - September 10, 2021 at 11:56 AM



“ My husband John and I have known the Ackers for many years. We always enjoyed seeing them at the Tennessee Rose Society. My favorite memory is when the rose group had a Christmas party at the Acker home. Everyone loved hearing the marimba! Other talented members helped make that evening the most fun. The best thing was the beautiful spirit of joy and friendship . Virginia got to attend a rose meeting not too long ago. I remember her beautiful smile. It made me happy to see her again !

With love,
Kay Rodgers

Kay Rodgers - September 09, 2021 at 01:56 PM



“ Heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Acker's family with extra special hugs and fondness to the McCold family. I salute your all's tender care of your mother and your grace and dignity through life. How lucky for each of you!

Sandra Kaye Goss - September 09, 2021 at 08:54 AM



“ Catherine and Lance, Carol and Lance, Barbara and Mark:

Thank you for the wonderful care that you gave your mother, my sister, for several years, just as you had cared for your dad. It has been of great comfort to me to know that my precious sister was well cared for.

There is a hole in my heart since she is no longer here on this earth, but I am thankful that she is alive and well in the presence of our Lord.

Virginia has always been a wonderful sister to me. She was very protective of me during our growing up years. I have always felt that she would do anything for me that she was able to do.

Your Uncle Paul and I will forever treasure our wonderful times together with Virginia and Bob, and we are also grateful for our sweet relationship with you girls and your families.

Love,

Cornelia Smith Brown (Aunt Nena)

Cornelia Smith Brown - September 08, 2021 at 04:20 PM



“ Virginia was such a beautiful soul. She was greatly missed when she moved from Shannondale. May you each find peace in knowing Virginia is now at peace with the God she served so well.

Anne Crumpton - September 08, 2021 at 10:35 AM



“ Connie Blair lit a candle in memory of Virginia Browning Smith Acker



Connie Blair - September 07, 2021 at 12:21 PM