



Virginia Lynn Grismore

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Virginia Lynn Grismore, age 98, of Centerville, passed away Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at MercyOne Long Term Care in Centerville.

Virginia was born on March 11, 1925 in Anniston, Alabama, the daughter of George "Luther" and Morey (Stovall) Rice. Following high school, she furthered her education, obtaining her Bachelor's degree from Alabama College for Women in Montevallo, Alabama.

On December 30, 1947, Virginia was united in marriage to John R. Grismore in Anniston, Alabama. To this union, two children were born, John "Rick" and Carol.

Virginia taught English in the Seymour School district for a period of time. Much of her working career involved owning/operating the family jewelry store in Centerville with her husband, John.

She was a dedicated member of the First United Methodist Church in Centerville since 1963. In her free time, she was actively involved in P.E.O., Girl Scouts, and she was a volunteer for the Centerville School District, helping teach students English when it was their second language.

Left to cherish Virginia's memory are her children, John "Rick" (Theresa) Grismore and Carol (Jeff) Hammond; three grandchildren, David (Kaitlyn) Grismore, Steven Hammond and Elizabeth Hammond; two great grandchildren, Michael Liam Grismore and Miles Grismore; as well as several extended family members and friends.

Virginia was preceded in death by her parents, Luther and Morey Rice; her husband, John R. Grismore; her grandson, Michael Allen Grismore; her brother, Charles Rice; and her sister, Clara Brightman.

Funeral services for Virginia will be held at 2:30PM, Monday, February 19, 2024 at Thomas Funeral Home in Centerville with Pastor Sarah Rohret officiating. Burial will follow the service at Hazel Dell Cemetery, near Allerton, IA.



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Memorials may be made to either EveryStep Hospice of Centerville or Alzheimer's Association, and may be mailed to Thomas Funeral Home, ATTN: Grismore Family, 501 North 18th Street, Centerville, Iowa 52544. Condolences may be shared online at www.thomasfh.com or www.facebook.com/thomasfuneralhome.



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MR

Mark Ridding lit a candle in honor of Virginia.

February 22 at 7:00 PM



MD

Margery Davison lit a candle in honor of Virginia.

Virginia was a good women and she is going to be greatly missed. My condolences to the family. From: Marilyn (Ewing)Middleton

February 18 at 7:00 PM



CA

Carol Agan posted:

My wedding rings came from. There 58 years ago. Still wear them.

February 18 at 7:00 PM

KS

Kathy Summy posted:

I'm so sorry. She was a wonderful woman.

February 18 at 7:00 PM

MS

Margie Stewart posted:

What a great lady, prayers to her families! 🙏

February 17 at 7:00 PM

SH

Sherry Henshaw posted:

My Mom worked for the Grismores many years ago. John & Virginia were Great People, I loved going to there Jewelry Store. Great Memories! Thinking of the Families ♥️🙏

February 17 at 7:00 PM



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SA

Stephanie Lathrop Anderson posted:

What a wonderful lady. I remember her and John owning Grismores Jewelry! They were always so kind.

February 16 at 7:00 PM

KK

Kris Koestner posted:

Bought several trinkets from them over the years. Great folks and great customers at the Blue Bird Cafe many years ago

February 16 at 7:00 PM

ST

Sara Tait lit a candle in honor of Virginia.



February 15 at 7:00 PM

DS

Danny And Debbie Smith posted:

For John and Theresa after service

February 15 at 7:00 PM

ES

Elaine Daniels Schweizer posted:

Virginia was a sister who encouraged me to join PEO because as a pastor's wife I would be in many new communities and PEO was a way to meet new people easily. Jim and I never left Appanoose county in his ministry in the United Methodist Church where I also knew Virginia. She encouraged me to buy random pieces of china to set my table with. I had great conversations with her at the jewelry store. I had lost track of Virginia and was saddened to know her memory was not so good. I hope she had a good quality of life despite her losses. Blessed.

February 15 at 7:00 PM

JG

Janice Grenko posted:

A very kind lady! Prayers to the family!!

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JR

Jimandcarol Rowan posted:

Loved shopping at their jewelry store. Nice people. Prayers for her family.

February 15 at 7:00 PM

WW

Wilma Wilson posted:

Great Lady!

February 15 at 7:00 PM

JP

Jean Pratte posted:

You're married?

February 15 at 7:00 PM

PB

Patti Brorby posted:

I am very sad to hear of Virginia's passing. She was a true southern lady. She and John hired me to work in their jewelry store when I was in high school. They were patient and kind and I learned so much from them. Rest in peace, Virginia.Patti Sidwell Brorby

February 15 at 7:00 PM

JC

Joyce (French) Cottrell posted:

Virginia was one of my favorite teachers. Until recent years, when I was home visiting family, I'd stop to visit her. She and my mother lived next to each other in the care center in Centerville. Virginia was a wonderful teacher and a great lady.

February 15 at 7:00 PM

AW

Anita Wells posted:

She was one of my favorite teachers.

February 14 at 7:00 PM



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VF

Vanessa Ann Fraser posted:

She was one of the best-John too. So many good memories of both of them. Prayers to the family.

February 14 at 7:00 PM

CW

Cindee Paas White posted:

What a sweet, kind lady. My wedding ring came from Grismores, and Virginia was always so wonderful to work with, and interesting to talk to.

February 14 at 7:00 PM

SM

Sherry Murphy posted:

A great lady! Sympathy to her family

February 14 at 7:00 PM

SV

Sueand Wayne Veach posted:

She was such a nice lady. Always enjoyed talking to her

February 14 at 7:00 PM

BT

Barb Tuttle posted:

Many great memories of Virginia when they lived in Seymour... down the street from my Uncle Bill and Aunt Isal... and shopping at the jewelry store! Sympathies to the family!

February 14 at 7:00 PM

CC

Carla Wray-Cormeny posted:

So sorry for the family's loss

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JE

Julie Eckles posted:

Virginia was a beautiful soul!! I always enjoyed visiting with her. She and John were wonderful people.

February 14 at 7:00 PM

MD

Marla Davis posted:

Virginia was my neighbor for many years. It was so sweet how John would look at her while she was telling me one of her stories-like he was so happy to be next to her and listening to her talk.

February 14 at 7:00 PM

BF

Brenda Brown Fulton posted:

Prayers to the family 🙏

February 14 at 7:00 PM

SS

Susan Sacco posted:

Sincere condolences 🙏

February 14 at 7:00 PM

CP

Carolyn Padavich posted:

A very sweet lady! Sympathy to the family. ❤️

February 14 at 7:00 PM

JH

Jane Doran Hayes posted:

Sympathy to her family.

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JM

Janice Houser Mcelvain posted:

She was a very sweet person.

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KG

Kim Shepard Gile posted:

So sorry to hear this. Her and John were the nicest people. Prayers to the family.

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CO

Carolyn Opperman posted:

So sorry for the families loss

February 14 at 7:00 PM

SB

Sandra Banks posted:

Gary bought my rings from them in Seymour 1961. Virginia was such a nice lady!

February 14 at 7:00 PM

JD

Joy A. Davis posted:

Prayers to family

February 14 at 7:00 PM

LR

Lois Reynolds posted:

Our caring thoughts and prayers for all the family. Virginia was a wonderful lady!

February 14 at 7:00 PM

KO

Keith Owen posted:

One of my favorite teachers. Always had fond memories of her.Keith Owen

February 14 at 7:00 PM

FM

Freda Miller posted:

Such a sweet lady. Her and her husband were always cheerful and so helpful. Sympathy to the family.🙏🙏🙏🙏

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DM

Debbie Farrington Miller posted:

She was a lovely lady

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PC

Pamela Young Curtis posted:

Prayers to the family

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BH

Barbara Hull posted:

Virginia was the sweetest lady.

February 14 at 7:00 PM

CB

Cathy Butkovich posted:

So sorry for the family. Virginia was a lovely person, always so kind.

February 14 at 7:00 PM

KO

Keith Owen posted:

So sad. I had her as English teacher at Seymour HS. I liked her a lot and thought she was a great teacher.

February 14 at 7:00 PM

JM

Joyce L. Angaran Mitchell posted:

I knew her very nice lady. Bought jewelry from her store. GOD BLESS you and your family.

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LB

Lona Bratz posted:

My thoughts and prayers to her family, such a nice person.

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SN

Sandy Nab posted:

Sending prayers for the family and friends

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ES

Etta Smith posted:

Sincere condolences to the family!!

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DA

Deanna Allen posted:

Virginia was a beautiful soul. RIP

February 14 at 7:00 PM

MB

Mary Ann Barbaglia Bond posted:

Deepest sympathy to the family.

February 14 at 7:00 PM

RB

Rachael Butler posted:

So loved our time at First Methodist with John and Virginia!

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MS

Mary Schaffner posted:

She was my Girl Scout leader back in the 50s, so nice

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KK

Kris Koestner posted:

What a class lady

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TD

Tony Deininger posted:

Sorry to hear she was a very nice lady!

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SB

Susanne Ballanger posted:

Wonderful lady. RIP

February 14 at 7:00 PM

TE

Teresa Lapaglia Eggerman posted:

John and Virginia were the best. Worked for them back in the 70's in their jewelry store. No finer people out there. So sorry and my sympathy to Rick, Carol and families.

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EG

Etta Grismore posted:

Virginia was such a nice lady. Bought my engagement ring from John and Virginia 59 years ago!! RIP Virginia. 🙏😊❤️

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HM

Heather Scott-Maletta posted:

Wonderful lady who could make anyone smile ❤️

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PP

Peggy Van Pelt posted:

Prayers ascending for all that love her. She was such a nice person. 🙏

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DS

Diana Stehman posted:

One of my aunt's on Dad's side. Lots of fun growing up with her and John. 2nd family and I loved playing with my cousins making plays, haunted houses, playing games, looking through telescopes and singing hymns. She will be missed until heaven.

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AH

Aj Horn posted:

Purchased our wedding rings from the Grismore's 50 years ago last week.

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JH

Jill Housh posted:

A lovely person.

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DL

Dennis & Beverly Sisul Laurson lit a candle in honor of Virginia.



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AG

A Memorial Tree Was Planted For Virginia Lynn Grismore posted:

We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Thomas - Centerville

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Virginia by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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