



Virginia T. Clark

August 5, 2018

Virginia Clark died at age 90 on August 5, 2018 after a long illness. She leaves her three children, Cathy Hamling (John) of San Francisco, CA, Thomas E. Clark III (Annette) of Longmeadow, MA, and Sarah White (Dan) of Farmington, CT, as well as six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister Alice Miller and a number of cousins and nieces. She was predeceased by her husband, Thomas E. Clark, Jr. and dear grandson Thomas E. Clark IV.

Virginia was born on July 1, 1928 in Nashua, NH to Helen (McDermott) Tacy and Oscar Lewis Tacy. After graduating from high school, she earned her BA from Mount Holyoke College.

Virginia met her future husband Tom on a blind date while in college. When he arrived sweaty from a game of tennis, she wasn't much interested, but thought he was a better prospect when he came back after a shower. They married in 1950.

Virginia worked at The Traveler's Insurance Company in Hartford when first married. Although Virginia was a good student, and education and careers for women were respected in her family, she always felt that raising a family was her most important role so it wasn't burden for her to stop working when she became pregnant, as was expected in those years.

Virginia managed home and young children with a firm but loving hand in the early years when hat and heels were not out of place in the supermarket and children were expected to be clean and well-behaved in public. After several moves, the family settled in West Hartford, CT, where Virginia kept the home fires burning as a single parent many weeks during the years while Tom was travelling on business. She believed in the benefits of fresh air and outdoor play for children, but she was also a believer in passing on the habits of gentility with which she had been raised, so ballroom dancing and piano lessons were to be had.

When Tom and Virginia moved to Avon, CT as their children began to leave home, Virginia enjoyed more time for herself. She volunteered as a candy striper and joined into neighborhood activities, but her greatest pleasures were solitary. She enjoyed the challenge of a crossword puzzle, and one of her great lifetime loves was reading. She was a regular at the town library, and a favorite pastime was to recline with her current book on

the couch in mid-afternoon, invariably ending in a nap.

Virginia spent many hours and derived a lot of pleasure from mapping the family tree for her and Tom's families. She shanghaied Tom along on many trips to graveyards and town halls throughout New England in search of missing family links. Virginia also enjoyed travelling, planning trips in the US and Europe with Tom, family and friends, or on her own. Virginia was well-liked at her final home at the McAuley Community in West Hartford. The family will always be grateful to Pam Forrest for her cheerful and loving care in Virginia's final years. Virginia came to love and trust her as one of the family. The family also gratefully thanks Ruth and all of the caregivers from McLean Hospice and Amy's Angels for their tender care.

Calling hours will be Wednesday, August 8th from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home, 136 South Main St., West Hartford. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 9th at the Church of Saint Timothy, 1118 North Main St., West Hartford. Burial will be in Saint Ann's Cemetery, Avon. A reception will follow at the McAuley at 11:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations are preferred to the Avon, CT Free Public Library at 281 Country Club Road, Avon, CT 06001 or the Alzheimer's Association at <https://www.alz.org>. For directions and online condolences, please visit www.taylorandmodeen.com.

Events

AUG **Calling Hours** 04:00PM - 06:00PM

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Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home
1084 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford, CT, US, 06110

AUG **Mass of Christian Burial** 09:00AM

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Church of Saint Timothy
1118 North Main Street, West Hartford, CT, US, 06117

AUG **Burial** 10:30AM

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Saint Ann's Cemetery
39 Arch Road, Avon, CT, US, 06001

AUG **Reception** 11:30AM

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The McAuley
275 Steele Road, West Hartford, CT, US, 06117

Comments



“ Dear Tom & Family:

Your parents were such nice people. Of course, I had more contact with your father, at Wamp. And you, Tom, were a good friend of Kevin (who passed away, at the age of 59). You could always count on lots of fun, and lots of smiles, being with your parents, and those who knew the Clarks will always cherish memories of being around them.

Hope you're well, Tom, and God Bless all of you!

Tom McGuire

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