



Virginia Sigman Beals

April 22, 1918 - March 8, 2017

VIRGINIA SIGMAN BEALS, 98 years young, passed away on March 8, 2017, in Tallahassee, FL. She will be laid to rest at a later date beside her beloved husband, COL John (“Jack”) C. Beals, at Evergreen Cemetery, in her hometown of Saint Augustine. A Florida native, she graduated from Ketterlinus High School, and earned her Bachelor’s degree from Florida State College for Women, in 1940. She was proud of her lifelong membership in the First Methodist Church, DAR, UDC, and the Women’s Exchange of St. Augustine. Virginia was regarded throughout her life as a keen-minded woman, well-informed on a variety of topics, ranging from the stock market to politics. “Feisty and spicy”, “Vee” debated friends and family on current issues, and thrived on the competitive challenge of duplicate bridge. As the wife of an Air Force officer who fought in three wars (WWII, Korea , Viet Nam), she lived a transient lifestyle for decades, stationed in locations including Georgia, Texas, Ohio, Tennessee, South Carolina, Virginia, Venezuela, California, Washington DC – but her heart always remained in Saint Augustine, to which she and Jack returned upon his retirement. Ten years after the passing of her husband in 1997, she relocated to Tallahassee to be closer to her daughters. She was preceded in death by her parents, Albert and Emma Long Sigman, and her siblings, Gordon Sigman, Albert Lynn Sigman, Eunice Sigman Gunn, Dr. Murray Sigman, Louise Sigman Rentz, and Warren Sigman. She was devoted to family, and cherished relatives who remained close in later years, including Jan & Bill Rowley (and their daughter, Cynthia), and Larry Sigman

(Pat), all of St. Augustine; and Mary Sigman Myers (Gary). She is survived by, and will always be loved and missed by her two daughters, Toni Beals McDuffie, and Barbara Beals Shapiro (Mark), both of Tallahassee - as well as her grandchildren, Scott McDuffie (Tara) and Erin Chomat (Ian) of Atlanta, Kyle McDuffie and Brittney Mayfield (Henry) of Tallahassee, and Shannon Davis (Matt) of Mariana. Her great-grands include Connor, Cole, Clay & Carson McDuffie; Maclain, Miles & Berkeley Chomat; Regan & Marshall Mayfield. She also survived by a host of nieces and nephews, and extended family. The family wishes to give heartfelt thanks to Gail MacDonald and the staff at Allegro Senior Living, where Virginia enjoyed the still active final years of her life. Very special appreciation goes out to the nursing and care staff at Harbor Chase, as well as Covenant Hospice, who gave our mother tender care and affection in the final months, and who supported all of us with love during this difficult time. Mother and Daddy are now dancing together again in Heaven! Susie Mozolic of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family. (www.bevisfh.com 850-385-2193)

Tribute Wall

VW

“ I first met "Mrs Beals" on a ship taking the Beals family to their posting in Caracas, Venezuela in the early fifties. Toni became my greatest friend and "Mrs Beals" became my second mother throughout our 5th, 6th and 7th grade years. Although we have always lived on opposite sides of the country and for many years the world. Toni and I have stayed in touch.. "Mrs Beals" passing brings up so many wonderful memories. May she rest in peace and my condolences to all of her family.
Val Birney Wylie

Val Birney Wylie - March 12, 2017 at 06:46 PM

TM

Thank you so much, Val. I loved your mom & dad, too - and have so many wonderful memories of those special years in Venezuela. Could it really be that long ago?

Toni Beals McDuffie - March 13, 2017 at 07:17 PM