



Virginia E. "Ginny" Hassler

December 8, 1929 - July 16, 2025

Virginia "Ginny" Hassler passed away peacefully at her home on July 16, 2025, at the age of 95. She was born in December of 1929 in Albany, New York, to a mother and father who came to the U.S. as immigrant teens from Czechoslovakia and Poland. She grew up in a close and loving home with two sisters, Betty and Loretta, and one brother, Leo "Sonny," all of whom she survived. She graduated from Albany High School in 1947. It was in Albany that she began her lifelong love of baseball, fanatically following the Albany Senators, a farm team, to the majors. Albany was also where she began her love of politics and music, especially jazz. As Albany was a short train trip to New York City, she often talked about her many good times there, going to Broadway shows and seeing many jazz greats in their prime. She was a life-long Democrat and voted in every election, stayed on top of news and always did the daily crossword puzzles.

Virginia had several careers and worked well into her sixties, starting as a young woman with the phone company right after high school, and then working for the New York State library system in Albany. In 1956, she bought a convertible and struck out for South Florida, ecstatic to be leaving the snow and ice of upstate New York behind. Her first job in Florida was with the City of Fort Lauderdale, working for many years as an administrative secretary at the highest levels of local government. Her later work included administrative support in the private sector and her last job was with Melbourne Village.

When she moved to Tallahassee, she applied her skills and volunteered for years as Secretary for the Hunter's Crossing Homeowner's Association, where she made many new friends.

Virginia was a devoted sports fan and lover of life and popular culture. Whether it was watching her beloved Miami Dolphins or FSU Seminoles play (where she often ran a "pool" for total points) or traveling across the U.S and throughout Florida to be with family and friends, she enjoyed life to the fullest. Always very social, she loved eating out as well as having people over for meals and celebrations. She had fun going to concerts, parties and social events, shopping, exploring art shows, and for many years, spending time on the beautiful beaches of South Florida and beyond. She found peace and solace in her Catholic faith and throughout her life.

Virginia was devoted to her family and is survived by her daughter Robin Hassler Thompson (Dan), son Robert Hassler (Michele), grandson Austin, and daughters by marriage Judy Free and Jackie Yurchuck (Tim), their children and grandchildren, and by her many and beloved nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her son by marriage, William, and by her husband, Alvin.

Her generous spirit, and especially her contentment in her later years, will inspire us always. Though we will miss her deeply, her love is with us forever.

The family will receive friends from 5:30PM until 7:30PM on Wednesday, July 23, 2025, at Bevis Funeral Home, 200 John Knox Road in Tallahassee. A funeral mass will be held at 11:00AM on Thursday, July 24, 2025, at Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Tallahassee.

As an expression of sympathy and in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Survive and Thrive Advocacy Center (STAC) and Good Shepherd

Catholic Church. Messages of condolence can be made to
[<https://www.bevisfh.com/obituaries/virginia-hassler/#!/TributeWall>].

Kelly Barber of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193) is assisting the Hassler family with their arrangements.

Previous Events

The Family Will Receive Friends

JUL **23.** 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory
200 John Knox Rd
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 385-2193

Funeral Mass

JUL **24.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Good Shepherd Catholic Church
4665 Thomasville Rd.
Tallahassee, FL 32309

Tribute Wall

LV

“ I love you Jonny💖💖💖 I will truly miss how funny you are and all the wonderful things about you!!!!rest in paradise my darling 🙏😊



Lisa velazquez - October 07, 2025 at 08:34 AM

AW

“ I will always remember how kind Virginia was to me when I first met her over 30 years ago at a family reunion in Indialantic. Alvin was holding Court in the garage with the garage door open, other family members were sitting in the living room, and Ginny was in the kitchen preparing the family meal. Since the kitchen has always my favorite room, I didn't mind moving drinks and light snacks from room to room while I was getting to know everyone.

Ginny immediately made me feel like I was one of the family! She let me reach in the cabinets for a few things while she was preparing food and made me feel that what we talked about really mattered to her. She also remembered little things we talked about. When I would return to the Kitchen later in the afternoon, she would continue with the conversation as if I had never left. I was really impressed and have never forgotten her empathy and kindness.

Needless to say, she should have no problem charming her way through those pearly gates. She was like a second mother to me, and I will miss her.

Al Wilson

Allen Wilson - July 22, 2025 at 02:58 PM

AW

“ Allen Wilson purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Virginia E. "Ginny" Hassler.



Allen Wilson - July 21, 2025 at 04:38 PM

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“ Allen Wilson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Virginia E. "Ginny" Hassler.

Allen Wilson - July 21, 2025 at 04:38 PM

TB

“ The STAC Board planted a grove of 25 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Virginia E. "Ginny" Hassler.

The STAC Board - July 21, 2025 at 04:17 PM

DF

“ My mom Ruth and Ginny had been friends for over 90 years, since kindergarten. They had fun times in New York and after Ginny moved To Ft. Lauderdale our family moved shortly afterwards. We bought a house around the corner from her so the fun times continued. Ginny was always so kind to me and took me to church on Sundays. I will always remember her loving heart. Rest in Peace sweet Virginia 🕊
Diane Fegan

Diane Fegan - July 21, 2025 at 09:53 AM

RR

“ *Richard, Diane & Ruth purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Virginia E. "Ginny" Hassler.*



Richard, Diane & Ruth - July 20, 2025 at 02:02 PM