



Virginia Fisher Wise

January 11, 1922 - April 17, 2017

Virginia Fisher Wise, 95, passed away April 17, 2017, surrounded by her family, in Tallahassee, Florida. Virginia was born January 11, 1922 in Lisbon, OH, she spent her childhood in New Cumberland, WV. There she developed an interest in flying, getting her solo license in 1939. After graduation from high school she entered nursing at the University of Missouri and subsequently at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh, PA. During those years she maintained her interest in flying, and upon learning of the formation of the Women's Air Force Service Pilots, she made application and was one of 2500 accepted and in 1944 was one of 1100 graduates of the program. Upon completion of her training she was assigned to Las Vegas Air Force Base as a B-17 Pilot, there she served until the WASP program was discontinued. In 1946 she

married Warren Wise who she had met on the way to her WASP training, Warren was also on his way to flight school.

They had 2 children and in 1955 moved to Tallahassee. In 1957 Virginia got her Real Estate license and in 1960, with her husband Warren, opened Wise Realty. After a career in Real Estate, during which she was named Real Associate of the year for the Florida Association of Realtors, she retired to enjoy her family and grandchildren. In retirement she kept her interest in the WASPS, attending many conventions. She also pursued her interest in travel, visiting numerous countries, including 4 visits to Antarctica and to the site of the Titanic. In March 2010 she traveled to Washington D.C., with fellow

members of the Women Air Force Service Pilots to receive the Congressional Gold Medal.

She was predeceased by husband Warren and daughter Beverly Long.

She is survived by her Son, John, Granddaughters Jessica Potts (Adam), Jennifer Maxwell (Byran) and Great Grandchildren Abby Potts, Lucy Potts, Simone Maxwell and Cole Maxwell.

A celebration of Virginia's life will be held at 10:00 AM, Saturday, May 6, 2017 at the McGuire Center at Westminster Oaks. Virginia's family wishes to express their deepest appreciation for the wonderful care she received at Westminster Oaks during the last several years of her life. In

lieu of flowers, memorial gifts maybe made to Big Bend Hospice of Tallahassee, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32308. Todd Wahlquist with Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the Wise family with their arrangements. 850-385-2193, www.bevisfh.com

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 6. 10:00 AM (ET)

Maguire Lifelong Learning Center
Westminster Oaks
1221 Commencement Cove
Tallahassee, FL 32308

Tribute Wall

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“ My condolences to the family of Virginia Wise Fisher. I happened upon her obituary on this website as I was looking for info on the WASPS. What a women. I am currently reading a book about the these women pilots.....*The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion*, by Fannie Flagg. I love the photo and plan to reference your mother in our book discussion the end of this month.

I was a baby when your mother started flying. In the early 1960's I began a "flying" career as a stewardess for UAL. I flew into the turn the century, starting with DC-6's and & DC7"s...ending with the Boeing 747 400 to Asia. I loved reading about your mother and would have loved to talk to her about the WASPS. Pat Barkett pbarkett@comcast.net

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