



## Virginia Holder

December 22, 1910 - March 8, 2014

A Remarkable Woman Passes at 103.

On December 22, 1910 in Norwood, Massachusetts, Virginia Daniels Holder was born to Daisy Hartshorn Daniels and Jason Noah Daniels. Virginia "Ginny" grew up and attended school in Norwood MA. Her dad was a mason and builder and her mother a registered nurse, who served in the US Army during the Spanish American war.

Virginia became a registered nurse after graduating from Simmons College and then Boston Children's Hospital School of Nursing in 1932. After spending several years in pediatric nursing in Boston, Virginia married Norman F. Holder of Dorchester, Massachusetts and they moved to Maine.

Over the years they raised 4 children - Jon an attorney, and Rick, Jason, and Barbara June who all work in services and programs for children. Ginny was a consummate mother who treasured her family - her children, and daughters-in-law Kathleen Grover of Bar Harbor ME; Laurie Holder of Amherst, NH; Anne Holder of Danville, NH; and Son-in-law James Fyles of Rye, NH. Ginny was so very proud of her family and cherished her 13 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Virginia was an accomplished cellist. She was active in public health matters

in Wells and Ogunquit Maine. Ginny was an environmental activist and instrumental in the cleaning of Perkins Cove in Ogunquit, ME. As the school and town public health nurse, she led the fight for fluoridation of public water in Wells, to prevent childhood tooth decay. Upon moving to Exeter, NH Ginny became the school nurse for 5 outlying schools at one time. She also returned to college to obtain her degree in counseling and then served as the Greenland, NH school nurse-counselor for many years.

Virginia became passionately active in the Association for Children with Learning Disabilities becoming the president of NHACLD and later a long serving member of the National Board of Directors for the Association for Children with Learning Disabilities. After retiring from her Greenland school position, Ginny worked as a part-time assessment specialist for Portsmouth High School.

Upon full retirement, she and Norman wintered in Venice FL, where Ginny became the Director of Health Services in her community. During her 80's and 90's Ginny volunteered in the Venice, FL school system mentoring children with emotional and/or learning needs. Ginny also resided in Danville, NH for 26 years – where she enjoyed kayaking and daily walks. Her final 4 years were spent in Rye – taking frequent walks to Wallis Sands Beach and then Portsmouth NH, under the loving care of the Edgewood Centre staff.

Always remaining active, Ginny cross country skied throughout her seventies; biked, swam, kayaked through her eighties and nineties; and walked and danced beyond her 103rd birthday. Ginny's legacy is highlighted by the positive outreach she brought to Earth. May we treasure the kind heart of one of so many years and yet so young in spirit.

Ginny would wish in lieu of flowers that we pass on a smile, kind words and compassion to others - then dance, dance, dance...

A memorial service for Ginny will be held at 5:00 P.M. Saturday, June 21, 2014 at Union Chapel, 7 Willow Avenue, North Hampton, NH 03862. Parking will be available at North Hampton State Beach with shuttle service, if needed, to Union Chapel. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUN 21. 5:00 PM (ET)

Union Chapel  
7 Willow Avenue  
North Hampton, NH 03862

# Tribute Wall



“ *Virginia Holder*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *Thank you all for your thoughtful tributes and memories of Ginny. Mom dearly loved her family and friends and would be touched by the outpouring of love toward her. Thank you for taking the time to honor and pay respect. Love, the Holder - Fyles Families*

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**Barbara Fyles** - May 19, 2014 at 02:40 PM



“ *Dear B.J., Rick, Jason and all your families, Her Joy lives on in all of us....of that I'm sure! She was 50 years older than me but I always felt that we were sisters....her love of poetry, long walks & nature and her love of children touched me deeply. Simply being in her presence made us better people (at least I speak for myself.....I know I am better for having known her). As was her character she would drop by and visit her neighbors just to say "Hello" or Wohelo (Work, Health and Love). Upon leaving those visits she would often say, "I must love you and leave you now." That about sums it up! I smile whenever I think of Ginny! I smile a lot and I hope you do too! <3 Leslie*

**Leslie** - April 02, 2014 at 09:11 PM

NM

“ My memories of Virginia and her family go way back to their summers at Camp Wells by the Sea in Wells, Maine. Norman was head counselor and she was camp nurse. They were also my neighbors and I occasionally baby sat the children. She was a wonderful, spirited lady who inspired many, many people over the years.

*Nadyne McCarn MacDonald*

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**Nadyne MacDonald** - March 22, 2014 at 05:26 PM



“ There's a beautiful quote that reminds me of Grammie Holder when I see it... She has always had a beautiful heart and a beautiful soul!! She will be missed!

*"The beauty of a woman is not in a facial mode but the true beauty in a woman is reflected in her soul. It is the caring that she lovingly gives the passion that she shows. The beauty of a woman grows with the passing years." Audrey Hepburn*

*Love Kathie Rougeau and Family*

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**Kathie Rougeau** - March 21, 2014 at 09:19 AM

RK

“ Your mother was a gem! You were all so blessed to receive her charm, her brains and especially her love!! She was one of my favorite people. I'm printing her picture so I can have it forever.  
*Love, Ruthie*

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**Ruthie Kenick** - March 20, 2014 at 12:50 PM

SM

“ I will always remember your dear Mother. She was so very kind and caring, always thinking and helping others.

*Please let me know when her memorial will be in June as I plan to be in Exeter and would be honored to attend.*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you all,*

*Sadie (Blackman) McGoodwin  
972-977-2002  
sadie\_mcgoodwin@yahoo.com*

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**Sadie McGoodwin** - March 18, 2014 at 10:29 PM

DA

“ We are so sorry that we weren't here to celebrate your mom at her wake, so please let us know when the memorial service will be!  
*Very special thoughts and prayers, John and Doreen*

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**doreen andriola** - March 18, 2014 at 12:06 PM

PA

“ While a student at Greenland Central School, your mom always took the best care of me! *Patty MacDonal Allinson*

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**Patricia Allinson** - March 18, 2014 at 10:51 AM

MF

“ To BJ, Jim, and Justin,

*We are so sorry to hear about the passing of your mom. She was such a wonderful and kind person.*

*Mark and Robin*

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**Mark Fyles** - March 18, 2014 at 04:34 AM

ME

“ *To Ginny's family*

*We enjoyed being Ginny's neighbor for over 10 years in Florida She was always ready with a quick and witty response to everything. An honor and pleasure to have been her neighbor. She contributed so much to Japanese Gardens and leaves many wonderful memories.*

*Marie & Earl Morris*

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**Marie & Earl** - March 17, 2014 at 03:44 PM

WB

“ *BJ, Jim, & Family, I'm so sorry for your loss. The description of Ginny as "remarkable" is certainly not an overstatement! I have fond memories of spending time with your mom and dad and other family members those many years ago. Both of your parents always impressed me with their energy and enthusiasm for life as they entered their older years. Wayne Bailey*

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**Wayne Bailey** - March 16, 2014 at 01:58 PM

PE

“ *Jason and Rick,*

*I am sorry to hear that your Mom has taken her final journey to soar with the Angels. During my high school years I could always count on your Mom being a kind, warm hearted woman who was always there...looking out for the best interest of all her students. Her hugs were all encompassing and just made you feel special. With sympathy, Patricia Daley Edgerly*

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**Patricia Daley Edgerly** - March 16, 2014 at 12:58 PM

RO

“ My prayers and thoughts are with you. Remembering the walks we took on Long Pond Road together. When i think of my time spent with Virginia it reminds me of a saying: Life is the gift of nature, but beautiful living is the gift of wisdom. With every loving thought, Rhonda



Rhonda Ouellette - March 16, 2014 at 09:31 AM

AM

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you in this time of sadness. Balance and Peace,  
Amy McKinniss

Amy McKinniss - March 14, 2014 at 09:31 AM

NM

So sorry to hear of your loss. BJ you took such wonderful care of your mom in her later years. Nancy Moore

Nancy Moore - March 14, 2014 at 02:10 PM

PP

“ I have fond memories of your Mom while we were all growing up in Exeter. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Pam "Thurston" Perkins

pamela perkinsa - March 13, 2014 at 04:55 PM

LS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, BJ. I am saddened by your loss. -  
Linda Story



Linda Story - March 13, 2014 at 03:25 PM

PW

“ *B.J., What a wonderful life your Mom had. I'll always remember her caring voice.*

*Take care, love, Pammy (Evans Witt)*

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**Pammy Evans Witt** - March 13, 2014 at 03:09 PM

LS

*My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, BJ. I am saddened by your loss. - Linda Story*

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**Linda Story** - March 13, 2014 at 03:21 PM