



Virginia Reper

April 14, 1929 - March 11, 2021

Dr. Virginia Lee Walsh Young-Reper passed away the morning of March 11, 2021. Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on April 14, 1929, she led a life of adventure and challenges.

Among her adventures, Dr. Reper rafted the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon, worked as Director of the Museum of Medical Science in Houston, served as a Board member of the Houston Area Women's Center, and was visiting in Kiev, Ukraine when the Chernobyl nuclear accident occurred.

After raising children and stepchildren, Dr. Reper earned a BS (as an invitee of the honor Mortar Board Society) and an MS from the University of Houston, and a PhD from the University of Texas. She was a licensed psychologist and worked as a member of the EAP team at Chevron, for whom she traveled around the country, and to South America multiple times; this was her favorite job.

In retirement, she remained active until cancer bested her but enjoyed her wonderful grandchildren, in whom she had great pride.

Those who wish to pay their respects, honor, and say their goodbyes to Dr. Reper are invited to visit her gravesite at the Houston National Cemetery (10410 Veterans Memorial Drive, 281.447.8686), section R1, grave 700, where she is interred with her late husband, Ron.

Donations in her honor may be made to [RockyMountainConservancy.org](https://www.RockyMountainConservancy.org), PO Box 3100, Estes Park, CO 80517, 970.586.0108.

Tribute Wall



“ *Virginia Reper*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Virginia Reper*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Virginia Reper*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Virginia Reper*

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“ *Today is Virginia's birthday. I met Virginia when she and I were working on advanced degrees at the University of Texas School of Public Health - my Masters and her PhD. At the same time we were both employed at the UTSPH Employee Assistance Program. Eventually we each found other employment opportunities, but we always stayed in contact and met for lunch often. The hours spent with Virginia were rich with affection, laughter, care, joy and companionship. She was smart, sharp, stylish and I was blessed to be her friend. Happy Birthday, Virginia Ginny Heckel.*

Ginny Heckel - April 14, 2021 at 11:02 PM

RN

“ Ginny was a rare treasure, a mentor, a dear friend, an advisor, a wonderful &, beautiful lady. She always immaculately dressed and always in style. She always had the accessories to match every outfit too. She was always well read and up to date with all the news. She gave my husband info on the books he would love and he read them. He was always waiting for more suggestions from the best of the best. Tony and I so enjoyed the evenings we went to see the shows at Hobby. Her friend , Hannah, also joined us after a couple of years. We had such a lovely evening every time we were together discussing politics, health, current events, family and so much more. She was my personal counselor when I had personal issues. She spoke her mind and got what she needed-a lesson for all women, I am so glad she loved my manicotti and just about everything I cooked. What a pleasure it was to take dinner to Ginny. Muffin was a joy to her and it is so appropriate that the picture is of the two of them. I will miss her dearly and there will a hole in my heart for her. I just cannot believe she is gone--love you Ginny now more than ever. Ruth Nocella

Ruth Nocella - April 13, 2021 at 08:11 PM

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Sherri Valentine - March 31, 2021 at 08:12 PM

GF

“ Please except my most sincere condolences. I really love playing bridge with Virginia. I always enjoyed being her partner because she was just a sharp Sweet happy person. She reminded me of my great aunt CELIA and I cherished being able to partner with her. She will be missed.

Gail Folloder - March 23, 2021 at 02:19 PM

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Sherri Valentine - March 13, 2021 at 04:47 PM

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Picture is Ginny Lee, age 18.

Sherri Valentine - March 15, 2021 at 09:47 PM

JR

Dear Family,
I am John Dillon Riley. I had the pleasure and the privilege of working with Virginia at Chevron for 10 years. Technically, I was her supervisor, however as you know, she was beyond ever needing supervision -- a consummate professional, engendering respect and attention from everyone she worked with -- from company presidents to company secretaries. She had such a lovely style -- as the Irish say -- she could even tell you to go to hell and make you look forward to the journey! When we hired Virginia she was in her late sixties, a time when others would be thinking of retirement -- not Virginia. Her stamina and energy kept all of us going and laughing and hopeful. It was a joy for me to know her and to have her as a colleague for 10 years. Thank you Virginia for sharing your time, joy and wisdom with me for those great ten years.
john

John D Riley - March 22, 2021 at 02:52 PM

AP

Virginia's friends and I from Newcomers and Neighbors of Greater Houston wish you great solace in the loss of this amazing woman! We will all miss her greatly, but are so grateful that she was a part of our lives.

Anne Patterson, Sunshine and Shadows, NNGH

Anne Patterson - March 22, 2021 at 03:58 PM

MT

Chuck and I were so sorry to learn of Virginia's passing and extend our deepest sympathy to her family. She was so proud of all of you. Ginny and I often went for daily walks over the many years I've known her. I love the picture of Ginny and her dog Abby and realized recently it was taken at our home after we moved. Virginia's memory and spirit will always remain in the hearts of everyone who knew and loved this remarkable lady. We are so blessed to have known her.

Margaretha Thompson

Margaretha Thompson - March 30, 2021 at 11:27 AM

BJ

Oh, Virginia, where do I begin. My deepest condolences to Sherri, Robert and Cliff, and to Robert's children of whom V. often spoke. I am so happy to see the accolades from her many friends. We were immediate friends beginning with her phone call to me almost 50 years ago when our sons became buddies in nursery school.

Despite geographical distance, we remained close and supportive all these years. When my husband was descending into Dementia, V. called me every week with encouragement and good advice.

From the first, we were completely open with each other. I watched her develop her skills, applauded her progress, and eventually was in awe of her accomplishments and growth in wisdom.

No matter how high she rose by the world's standards, she held to her center and always recognized the core of any situation.

Virginia was resilient, smart, non-judgmental, kind, helpful, loving, And so funny--especially about herself.

She was a brilliant light and a polar star in my life.

I love the stone where she rests, chosen by her kids. I've no doubt she is shining among the angels.

*Barb Jones
Ontario, Canada*

barb jones - March 07, 2022 at 08:16 AM