



Virginia Leigh Paxton

January 25, 1921 - September 6, 2010

Virginia Leigh (Harrison) Paxton, age 89 of Bolivar, Missouri passed away on Monday, September 6, 2010 at Parkview Healthcare Facility in Bolivar, Missouri.

Virginia (Harrison) Paxton was born in Wisconsin as the first of five children born to Audie and W.T. Harrison on Jan. 25, 1921. As a young child she moved to Minnesota, and then Oklahoma. Her father bought a farm in Hickory County, MO., during the 1930s, and relocated his family after seeing an ad in an agricultural magazine.

Virginia attended a revival with her two sisters, Anna Lou, and Charlotte, at the Macedonia Baptist Church, not far from the Harrison family farm. She accepted Christ into her life as her personal Savior.

Virginia graduated from Wheatland High School in 1939, and went on to also graduate from beauty college in Lebanon, Mo. She opened her own shop on the historic Wheatland Square at nineteen years of age.

About the same time Leonard Jinkens Paxton came to visit his Aunt Verdie and Uncle John Costelow who lived next to the Harrisons farm. He began writing letters from East Highlands, CA., and then returned to marry Virginia on Dec. 4, 1940. Virginia gave birth to their only daughter, Evelyn (Evie) L.

Jones, two years later in Redlands, CA. At the conclusion of WWII, Leonard returned with Virginia and their daughter to live in California for many years.

Virginia was a dedicated homemaker who loved to cook, bake, sew, and serve others. She loved to sing in various church choirs, and was an excellent soprano with an ability to reach all of the high notes. She is now singing in a heavenly choir, and no longer suffering a lengthy and debilitating illness. Her family will greatly miss her, but are thankful for the time they shared together.

Virginia is survived by her husband, Leonard J. Paxton of the home, a daughter, Evie L. Jones and her husband T.W. of Atlanta, Georgia, two sisters, Anna Lou Gardner of Mountain Home, Idaho, Charlotte Garrett and her husband Chuck of Boise, Idaho, two brothers, William Harrison and his wife Celine of Aurora, Colorado, Ralph Harrison and his wife Connie also of Aurora, two grandsons, Jeremy V. Jones and his wife Janna of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Jason W. Jones of Managua, Nicaragua, one great granddaughter, Aspen Sophia Jones, and one great grandson, Paxton Kai Jones of Colorado Springs.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00pm, Saturday, September 11, 2010 at the Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar, Missouri, with Dr. Bill Hooper officiating. Music will be Great Is Thy Faithfulness sung by Katherine Dodson accompanied by Evie Jones. Burial will follow at Macedonia Cemetery, North of Wheatland, Missouri under the care and direction of the Butler Funeral Home. A visitation will be held from 1:00-2:00pm, Saturday, at the funeral home chapel prior to service time. Pallbearers will be Jason W. Jones, Jeremy V. Jones, T.W. Jones, Larry Dodson, Ralph Harrison, and Bill Harrison.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be given to the Gideons, Samaritans Purse headquartered in Boone, N.C., or the Eagle Ranch for Boys

and Girls located in Chestnut Mtn., Ga.

Friends and family may sign the guest book or send private condolences at www.butlerfuneralhome.com

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Tribute Wall



“ *Virginia Leigh Paxton*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Virginia Leigh Paxton*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Dear Friends and Family,*

We can never express our appreciation and thankfulness enough to all of you who have so kindly supported us during the past two weeks since my mother, Virginia Leigh (Harrison) Paxton, went to heaven. She is definitely singing with the beautiful choir, and experiencing total joy, and freedom from all illness.

The Butler's treated us like royalty. They and their staff demonstrated genuine Christian love and kindness. We are so very grateful. We had never experienced having to plan a "Celebration of Life" previously in such a short amount of time.

God bless you all!

*Most Sincerely,
T.W. & Evie Jones, and All Family*

T.W. & Evie Jones - September 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Dear Eveie & Leonard, Love & Prayers to you & your families. We will always remember Virginia with much love & kindness for all. Lorane & Georgene, & Sherrie send their deepest regards too. We love you, Donna

Jim & Donna Lay - September 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Dear members of Mr. Leonard's family.

The celebrations and victories now begin to wane, and it is time to move on.

The hymn says "It is well with my soul." This is true for us, because are glad that God blessed us with this trip.

And now, dearest Evie and TW, you will move through a range of emotions. They will sneak up on you as you relax and reflect upon Mrs. Paxton's life and works.

Know that as we return to GA today, we shall keep you in our prayers as we breathe them in and out. JWL

James and Janie - September 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Dear Leonard, Your Oregon relatives are all praying for you all and know the Lord will lift you up and support you in this time of loss.

Virginia was such a sweet, loving soul. I know Virginia is well cared for now, with no pain and suffering. "To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord"; I know she is smiling her sweet smile now.

We all love you!

Sherrie

Sherrie Paxton - September 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ *To Evie and all the family:
Please know that we are undergirding you all with prayers of celebration for your mom's homegoing. We know Mrs. Paxton was a wonderful wife and mother. And we lift you all up as you move through these days.
We love you Evie and T.W. and your fine sons and grandchildren.*

James and Janie Lineberger - September 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ *Evie, TW and Family, You are in our thoughts and prayers as you walk this pathway of sadness and celebration of a life well lived.
Love in Him,
Priscilla & Jack Tester*

Priscilla & Jack Tester - September 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *I wish to tell you all how sorry I'm about Virginia passing. May God bless you.

Bonnie Claunch*

Bonnie Claunch - September 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ *Dear Leonard,
Sorry for your loss. Virginia was by far the sweetest resident I ever cared for at Parkview. I always enjoyed coming and visiting with you both. You're both very special to me.*

Andrew & Kara Howard - September 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM