



Virginia Lee Stauffacher

July 24, 1933 - June 18, 2025

Virginia Lee Nottingham Stauffacher, 91, of Dunnegan, Missouri, passed away on June 18, 2025.

She was born July 24, 1933, at her home near Dunnegan, the daughter of Lonnie Nottingham and Ethel Belle (Hopper) Nottingham. On October 26, 1952, she was united in marriage to Ralph Alan Stauffacher at Spring Creek Cumberland Presbyterian Church, with Rev. Lewis Mead officiating.

A lifelong resident of the Humansville, Dunnegan, and Bolivar area, Virginia found joy in her roles as a wife, mother, grandmother, and teacher. She earned both her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Drury University in 1976 and 1985. While working toward her degrees, she spent eight years as an assistant teacher with Head Start. Her teaching career with the Bolivar School District spanned twenty-six years, where she taught Kindergarten through third grade. She had a passion for making learning fun and engaging, with a special emphasis on science.

Virginia was known for her warm, outgoing personality and her ability to make others feel welcome. She was a friend to many and never met a stranger.

She was an active member of several professional and community organizations, including the Missouri State Teachers Association (MSTA), Classroom Teachers Association, International Reading Association, Kappa

Kappa Iota, and the Missouri Retired Teachers Association (MRTA). She also participated in Bunco, book studies, and volunteered many years with Citizens Memorial Hospital and the CMH Cancer Center.

She enjoyed playing the piano, painting, drawing, reading, and spending time outdoors—especially in her garden, which was filled with flowers, most notably her favorite: roses.

Virginia's faith in the Lord was the foundation of her life. She was saved at a young age and became a charter member of the former Dunnegan Community Bible Church. She also held a deep connection to Spring Creek Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Her greatest hope and prayer was for all of her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren to know Christ and devote their lives to Him. She encouraged them to find joy in reading, to grow gardens filled with flowers, fruits, and vegetables, and to serve others with love, prayer, and the Word of God. In her own words, "I love to share the love of God's beautiful earth."

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Ralph Stauffacher; son-in-law, Mark Stewart; brother and sister-in-law, Donald and Helen Nottingham; and her parents, Lonnie and Ethel Belle Nottingham.

Survivors include her children: Cathy and John Adams of Springfield, MO; Jeanne and Steve Robinson of Republic, MO; Janelle Stewart of Republic, MO; Shirley Tummons of Natchitoches, LA; and Alan and Gayla Stauffacher of Dunnegan, MO; her brother and sister-in-law, Larry and Peggy Nottingham of Stockton, MO; eleven grandchildren, twenty-one great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Virginia's legacy of love, learning, faith, and kindness will continue to grow in the lives of those she touched.

Visitation for Virginia will be Thursday, June 26, 2025, at the Butler Funeral

Home in Bolivar from 5:00 - 7:00 PM. Funeral services will be Friday, June 27, 2025, starting at 2:00 PM at the Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar. Interment will take place immediately following the service at Plum Grove Cemetery near Dunnegan, Missouri. Memorial contributions may be made to the Plum Grove Cemetery in memory of Virginia.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **26**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Butler Funeral Home - Bolivar
407 E. Broadway
Bolivar, MO 65613
(417) 326-5233
<https://butlerfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

JUN **27**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *The Joyce Walton Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Virginia Lee Stauffacher.* ”



The Joyce Walton Family - June 24, 2025 at 01:27 PM

JQ

“ *My condolences to all of Virginia's family. She was a very good lady with a very good family. May God Bless and Comfort you all in your time of loss. I send this with good memories of all of you.* ”

Joe Quillin - June 23, 2025 at 01:44 PM



Sorry we missed didn't come up on our phone until now Virginia will be deeply missed by myself and Cassandra she always made us feel important she will always remain in our memories God bless each of you always

Cassie Ballinger - July 07, 2025 at 05:54 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Virginia Lee Stauffacher.* ”



June 22, 2025 at 05:17 PM

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“ Brent & Brad Gamble, Sheila Ellis purchased the *Enchanted Cottage* for the family of Virginia Lee Stauffacher.



Brent & Brad Gamble, Sheila Ellis - June 20, 2025 at 05:54 PM

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“ Your work family at *The Education Center* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Virginia Lee Stauffacher.

Your work family at The Education Center - June 20, 2025 at 04:14 PM

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“ Your work family at *The Education Center* purchased the *Serene Retreat* for the family of Virginia Lee Stauffacher.



Your work family at The Education Center - June 20, 2025 at 04:14 PM

NG

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of mixed feelings. It's hard to lose a Mother, Grandmother, and friend but it is also a happy time to know that your Mother is in the arms of Jesus, free of pain, and united with loved ones that have gone on before her. I was blessed to have your Mother as a friend and coworker.



Nancy Gallatin - June 19, 2025 at 07:54 PM

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“ Cheryl, Donna and Debra purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Virginia Lee Stauffacher.



Cheryl, Donna and Debra - June 19, 2025 at 07:28 PM