



Virginia Mae Tubbs

February 28, 2021

PORTSMOUTH, RI — Virginia Mae (Bittner) Tubbs, 88, of 36C Glen Meade Drive passed peacefully at home on Sunday, February 28, 2021.

Born in Winona, Minnesota on March 15, 1932, Virginia was the daughter of Arthur and Leefe (Girod) Bittner. Virginia was preceded in death by her husband Orrin A. Tubbs, her parents, and siblings Arthur Bittner Jr., Roscoe Bittner, Violet Baures, and Marvel Allen. She is survived by her sister Marguerite Bittner.

Virginia leaves behind daughter Deborah Hill and son-in-law Raymond Hill of Scottsdale, AZ and Rebecca Roberts of Portsmouth, RI along with three beloved grandchildren, Andrew Hill, Samantha Zigbuo, and Alexander Zigbuo, and two great grandchildren, Max Hill and Mackenna Lippmann. Another blessing in her life was being a grandmother to Becky's four step children, Louise Zigbuo Tolbert, Enia Zigbuo Wenzler, Dean Zigbuo, William Zigbuo, and their families.

Virginia grew up on the outskirts of Fountain City, in Piepers Valley, Wisconsin. Her dad, Arthur, was a hard working dairy farmer, and each child was assigned chores, both at the farm and in the home. The work ethic instilled in Virginia as a child stayed with her throughout her life. Virginia graduated from Winona Senior High School in 1948. After high school she enlisted in the

United States Air Force and was stationed at Carswell Airforce Base in Fort Worth Texas where she met husband to be, Orrin, on a double date. Wedding bells chimed shortly thereafter! After discharge from the Air Force both Virginia and Orrin moved to Winona and continued their education at Winona State College. Virginia graduated in 1954 with a B.S. in Elementary Education and Orrin graduated in 1956 with a B.S. in Art Education.

Virginia taught school in Galesville, WI, Overland Park, KS and Mondovi, WI. In 1964 she moved to Orrin's home in Portland Maine, and continued the teaching that she loved. Over her 42-year career she taught in the Munjoy Hill area of Portland at the Shailer School, Marada Adams School, and Jack Elementary School. After retirement she missed her students, and went to work at the Falmouth Corner Co-op Nursery School, where she continued to use her experience and wisdom to help young children learn and grow.

After living in Cape Elizabeth, ME and a move to Falmouth Foreside, ME, Virginia and Orrin eventually moved to Portsmouth, RI to be closer to daughter Becky and their grandchildren. After Orrin's death in 2004, her golden years were spent between RI and Arizona, where she wintered in warmth with daughter Deborah, son-in-law Ray, and her grandson Andrew and family. Never one to sit still, eventually she took a part-time job at the Eagle's Nest Antique Center in Portsmouth, and worked there until 2018. She established close friendships with her coworkers that truly enriched her later years. She also volunteered at the Thrift Store run by the Aquidneck Island Christian Academy. Close to home, she would walk over and help sort clothes and stock shelves, but her real joy was the people she connected with.

Besides teaching, Virginia loved to walk, read, and cook (which she was very good at!) and give to her family. She also loved the Lord and belonged to various denominational churches over her lifetime. In her last few years she enjoyed attending Cross Point Church in Newport, RI with daughter Becky. To

sum up Virginia's life would be to remember her love for children, love of teaching, and love of nurturing and giving to others. Those are memories to be cherished of a life well lived.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions a public service will not be held. A memorial service will be planned for May or June at the Spurwink Church in Cape Elizabeth, Maine. To see a photo album of her life, please click on her obituary at www.csori.com and then the media link.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Root Cellar, 94 Washington Avenue, Portland, Maine. www.therootcellar.org

Tribute Wall



“ I didn't know, until now that she passed, I am sorry to post this message so late. She was such a great person, loving, caring, kind and understanding. I had Mrs. Tubbs at Jack elementary for first and second grade. She was so much more than just a teacher to me. I used to dress up as a clown, with my family and teach people about accepting others who are different from you. Everyone is unique and that is what makes them special. Even when, I was older at school I used to back to her classroom and help out. May God have her memory forever in your hearts.

Sincerely,
Annie Rodriguez

Annie Rodriguez - May 30, 2023 at 07:11 AM



“ I had Mrs. Tubbs at Adams school around 1972 and have thought of her often over the years. She was a very sweet woman. I'm so sorry to hear about her passing.

Genice Mancini - March 17, 2021 at 11:55 AM

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“ My sympathies to you and your family Becky. My sister Kathy Scanlon Rodriques told me about your mom. I used to work with Ginny for many great years at the schools on Munjoy Hill. Your Mom was such a wonderful, caring teacher. She was always a sweetheart to my speech students. We had some fun school get togethers at the Village Cafe. Sharing a couple photos from I believe a retirement party there. I hope you find comfort in all your loving memories of your mom that will live forever in our hearts. 🌹



Sincerely,
Patricia Scanlon Ashley



Patricia Scanlon Ashley - March 08, 2021 at 04:00 PM



Thank you Patricia! I love the pictures too. How amazing that these connections often spread across miles and time. I do appreciate your tribute. Be blessed. Becky

Becky Roberts - March 17, 2021 at 07:29 AM

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