



Virginia Grace Groves

August 9, 1923 - September 3, 2022

Virginia Grace Groves, of Charleston, WV, passed away on September 3, 2022 at Celebration Villa, Hurricane.

She was born in Pennsylvania to the late Dominick and Teresa Montrose on August 9, 1923. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sisters, Marion Nicholson, Rose Dilley, Dorothy Smith, Margaret Nester and Marie Montrose; brother, Frank Montrose.

Virginia was a 1941 graduate of Richwood High School. She went on to become a school teacher and principal at St Anthony's Catholic School. She was a very active member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church. She was also a member of the Sons of Italy.

Virginia is survived by her children: David Groves (Saundra) of Bowling Green, OH, Okey Groves (Patti) of Fraziers Bottom and Russell "Rusty" Groves of Rock Hill, SC; six grandchildren, several great grandchildren and a few great great grandchildren; and a large Italian extended family.

A Memorial Mass will be at 12:00 Noon Wednesday September 7, 2022 at St Anthony's Catholic Church, 1000 6th St, Charleston, WV 25302, with Father Bill Petro officiating.

A special thank you to the staff at Celebration Villa of Hurricane, for their wonderful care of our mother.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Anthony's Catholic Church at 1000 6th St, Charleston, WV 25302.

Anyone wishing to leave an online memory or condolence may do so by visiting Virginia's tribute page at: www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com.

Chapman Funeral Home, 3941 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane WV is honored to handle Mrs. Groves's arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Park

4301 MacCorkle Avenue
South Charleston, WV 25309

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

SEP 7. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Anthony's Catholic Church
1000 Sixth Street
Charleston, WV 25302

Tribute Wall



“ *Virginia Grace Groves*

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *What a wonderful life! Mrs. Groves touched so many people. She was my first grade teacher and principal and I've never forgotten how she made me feel special. I am sorry for your loss. I hope knowing the impact she had on others and the community will help you in the days to come. Victoria Barksdale*

Victoria Barksdale - September 11, 2022 at 09:01 AM



“ *Mrs. Groves and my mother were very good friends. I became close with Mrs. Groves due to this. She was a very special and caring person. I remember every Christmas she would make wreaths covered with candy and give to her friends. I was lucky enough to get a wreath for several Christmas's. On Saturday evening before Mass, she would hand out candy. I looked forward to those butterscotch candies because it gave me an extra chance to talk with her. When she wasn't able to come to Mass any longer, I would look over to her pew which she always sat at and miss her. Mass was not the same with her not there. I am so sorry for your loss and will keep all of you in my thoughts and prayers.*

Diana Whitman - September 09, 2022 at 02:49 PM

DM

“ *Diane Merrifield lit a candle in memory of Virginia Grace Groves*



Diane Merrifield - September 08, 2022 at 11:13 AM

MH

“ *I love you Aunt Gin.*



Mandy Harper - September 07, 2022 at 08:33 AM

AS

“ I remember Virginia from us both working at a local trucking company, Point Express in 1964. She was always friendly and pleasant to talk to. While at Point Express I remember Virginia starting education classes at West Virginia State College to become a teacher. I know that she completed that desire and began teaching in the local county school system. I found later she became Principal at St. Anthony's Catholic School.

From time to time I would run into Virginia at local places. The last time was at a local McDonalds. She was the same friendly Virginia. Although I never met her sons she always spoke highly of them and their accomplishment. I knew she was from Richwood, WV and her husband was Okey Groves. She lived in North Charleston where she invited a couple of us from the Point office to visit. I remember her brownies that she shared as a treat. As I look back it has been 58 years since I first met Virginia. I just wanted to give my reflections of a very nice lady.

My condolences to her family and friends.
Allen Slappe

Allen Slappe - September 06, 2022 at 09:35 PM

MT

“ She was my first grade teacher and I was a pain in her backside for 8yrs until I graduated from St. Anthony's but she never gave up on me. She loved each and every one of us as if we were her own children. I'll never forget her and how she pushed me to do better because she knew I could.
Rest In Peace Dear Lady and thank you for putting up with me for all those years.

Matt Turner - September 06, 2022 at 08:46 PM

MC

“ Mrs. Groves was a special part of my life, not only was she my 1st grade teacher she was my friend as I grew up and I'm so blessed and honored my children got to know and love her as I did. Saint Anthony won't be the same with out her.

Mary Carroll - September 06, 2022 at 08:13 PM

BS

“ My mom and "Jenny" were great buddies in Richwood and then in the Kanawha Valley. Mom, Ruth Carpenter passed in January. Bet they are dancing in heaven. Love to the boys Beverly Smith.

Beverly Smith - September 06, 2022 at 07:01 PM

BS

“ Beverly Smith lit a candle in memory of Virginia Grace Groves



Beverly Smith - September 06, 2022 at 06:54 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Virginia Grace Groves.



September 06, 2022 at 11:09 AM

KS

“ I only knew Mrs. Groves as Okey's mother, a sweet woman with a ready smile. So very sorry for your loss.

Karen Ashworth Sesow - September 05, 2022 at 11:18 PM

MJ

“ Such a special lady..... loved by many

Mike and Debbie Jiles - September 05, 2022 at 10:13 PM

MA

“ Mrs. Groves was my 1st grade teacher at St Anthony's Catholic School. She introduced me to a life-long love of learning. I have always remembered her with fondness and am grateful to have had her touch my life. My sincerest sympathies to her family. I pray the Lord gives you comfort in this time of loss. Melanie Ashworth

Melanie S Ashworth - September 05, 2022 at 06:15 PM