



Verla Leona Darginis

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Verla Darginis, age 92, passed away peacefully in her sleep Sunday evening, November 8, 2015, at Brookdale assisted living facility in Tucson where she had resided the past three years.

Verla Leona Orrison was the fifth of eleven children born to Roy Herbert and Gladys Belle (Payne) Orrison. She was born April 30, 1923, in Bush, Illinois, and grew up in Centralia, Illinois.

She married Joseph Paul Darginis on March 1, 1942, in St. Louis, Missouri, while he was in the Army Air Corps during World War II. They lived in Waverly, Ohio, several years then relocated to Livermore, California, where Joe was a metallurgist at Sandia National Laboratories for over 30 years. They came to Arizona in 1994.

Verla created a lovely home for Joe and herself. She was a gifted cook and served as hostess to countless neighborhood and family events and parties. She loved to decorate the house and prepare wonderful meals for every holiday. Before her health began to fail she was a regular at St. Elizabeth Seton Church Bingo nights, and always liked a rousing game of pinochle, oh hell, or 500 rummy with family and friends.

Verla is survived by two sisters, Bonneva J. Stroud of Germantown, Illinois and L. Jean Nichols of Mansfield, Ohio. She is survived by her nephew Mark E. Griffiths, and nieces Lori Griffiths Brummett and Jean Ellen Sargent Connes, all of Tucson. Verla is also survived by numerous other nephews, nieces, great-nieces, and great-nephews scattered across the country.

Joe passed away in Tucson December 27, 2004. She was preceded in death by her parents and by two infant siblings, Dorothy Helen Orrison and James William Orrison. She was also predeceased by three sisters: H. Muriel Atchison of Ashland, Ohio, JoAnn Griffiths Sargent of Tucson, Patsy S. Orrison of San Antonio, and by three brothers: Herbert F. Orrison of Tucson, Robert S. Orrison of San Antonio, and Jerry L. Orrison of Hutchinson, Kansas. She leaves behind many dear friends



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and former neighbors in Tucson and Livermore. She often reminisced about the good times she and Joe had through the years with their friends and neighbors.

Verla requested cremation and no services. Burial will be beside Joe at the Ohio Western Reserve National Military Cemetery in Rittman, Ohio.



Tribute Wall

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Connie Sayler lit a candle in honor of Verla.

I will miss you dearly Verla, My prayers go out to your family. Love You Connie Sayler

November 11 at 11:17 AM



Ellen Connes sent a virtual gift in honor of Verla.

As a child growing up some of my best memories are of Aunt Verla's trips to So. Ill. And I am very thankful on my last visit with her we talked about that That even though she was the farthest away I have the most memories of her and then once they moved to AZ we spent a lot of time together and I appreciate all I learned from her and all she and joe did for our family she will be missed

November 11 at 2:37 AM



R. Hennings lit a candle in honor of Verla.

November 11 at 2:06 AM



RH **R. Hennings** November 11 at 2:06 AM
You will be greatly missed, Aunt Verla.



Tina Stroud Rubin lit a candle in honor of Verla.

November 10 at 11:01 PM





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Deborah Bodin posted:

I remember visiting Aunt Verla and Uncle Joe as a little girl when they lived in Livermore. I remember they had a lime or lemon tree in their back yard and we got to pick from it and thought that was so fun. Then as a newly married woman when I was about 20 or so, my first husband and I visited them again. We went with Aunt Verla and one of her friends, I can't recall who, to a road trip to Lake Tahoe from Livermore. I was astounded that Aunt Verla and her friend didn't sleep at all during the trip! They were there to gamble, and gamble they did! I can't recall if they won any money, they probably did. I know we didn't. Rest in peace, Aunt Verla.

November 10 at 12:55 PM



Evergreen Mortuary, Cemetery & Crematory shared an album called **Memories Album.**



November 10 at 10:02 AM



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RH **R. Hennings** November 10 at 10:26 AM

Roy and Gladys Orrison Family, 1942 Roy and Gladys seated among their children. Back row left to right: Jean (Nichols), Muriel (Atchison), Herb, Verla (Darginis), Bonnie (Stroud). Front row: Jerry, Roy, JoAnn (Griffiths Sargent Hutchcraft), Gladys holding Patsy, and Bob.

Gina Patton November 10 at 2:35 PM

My Mom, Bonneva June Orrison Stroud is the young lady at the upper right. She describes being called out of a movie theater to go directly to the photographer for this picture to be taken of the family. You see, my uncle Herb, wearing the navy uniform in the center, was being called to rejoin his squad and head out. Grandma wanted this picture taken before he left.



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Verla by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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