



Virginia Catherine Byrns

June 18, 1926 - May 31, 2023

VIRGINIA CATHERINE BYRNS peacefully departed this life on May 31, 2023. She was a devoted mother with a genuine interest in people, making her a loyal friend. She was born in St. Louis on June 18, 1926, and grew up in Evanston, Illinois. She graduated from the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University. She worked in Advertising as a copywriter at Leo Burnett and was the National Advertising Manager for Downbeat Magazine. She served in the Foreign Service for three years and was secretary to Ambassador James Kemper in Rio de Janeiro. She then became a writer for Voice of America, focusing on life in Brazil. She met Evita Peron and started a private friendship that lasted until she died in 1952. She returned to the United States, married, and had two sons, Jim and Tom. She later divorced her first husband and moved to Kansas City, where she met and married a widower, Ken Byrns. They were married for 37 years until his passing in 2011. Virginia was a member of the Association of Women in Advertising, Sales Management Executives, Prairie Planters Garden Club, Leawood Singers (Kansas City), and the Lyric Opera Women's League in Chicago and Kansas City. She was a St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church member in Powell, Ohio. Tom brought her great happiness, and married. He and his wife Marlis, have a son Blake and a daughter Madison. The family is the reason Ginny and Ken moved to Columbus. Her love will live on in her family. She will be dearly missed.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 5. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

JUN 5. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Virginia Catherine Byrns.*



June 05, 2023 at 08:05 AM



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June 03, 2023 at 08:30 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Virginia Catherine Byrns.*



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“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Virginia Catherine Byrns.*



June 02, 2023 at 06:11 PM