



## Virginia Evans McCormick

October 10, 1934 - September 19, 2024

Virginia “Jennie” Evans McCormick died 9/19/24 at Worthington, Ohio. She was born October 10, 1934 at Newark, Ohio, a birth proudly announced by Ellis and Helen (Gebby) Evans in the Ayrshire Digest, the dairy breed’s national magazine. She grew up on Sharon View Farm between Newark and Granville, Ohio.

She graduated from Newark High School, received a BA in Home Economics Education from Ohio Wesleyan University, a MS in Rural Sociology from the Pennsylvania State University, and PhD in Adult Education Administration from the Ohio State University. She taught at Tipp City, Ohio High School, served as Home Economics Extension Agent in Wilmington and Springfield, Ohio, was an Assistant State 4-H Leader at Pennsylvania State and Ohio State Universities, and a Professor of Home Economics Education at Ohio State and Iowa State Universities, where she also served as Assistant Dean and State Leader for Home Economics Extension. In 1972 she married Robert W. McCormick who preceded her in death in 2002. She is survived by a brother David Evans of Newark; step-children Nicola Myers of Westerville and Christopher (Cheryl) McCormick of Columbus; four grandchildren: Nathan Myers (Vidhya Ananthakrishnan); Andrea Myers (Sven Kahns); Drew McCormick (Amy Halls), and Stefan McCormick; and five great-grandchildren: Neela and Kailash Myers, Bell Roelle, Aiden and Ash McCormick. In retirement Jennie became a free-lance writer and local historian, authoring numerous journal articles and twelve books including A.B. Graham: Country

Schoolmaster and Extension Pioneer; *Farm Wife: A Self-Portrait*, 1886-1896; *New Englanders on the Ohio Frontier*; and *Educational Architecture in Ohio*. As an active volunteer, she served as Historian of the Worthington Historical Society and docent for their Buttles-Johnson House museum; volunteer for the Ohio Historical Society Archives-Library and Historic Preservation Office; Columbus FirstLink; the Ohio State University Cartoon Research Library; tour guide at the Ohio State House; the Ohio State University Friends of the Libraries board; and webmaster for the Forum at Knightsbridge resident website. She received a Partner in Education award from the Worthington Schools, the Rose Award for volunteer service from the Ohio Historical Society, the William Henry Harrison award for biography from the Ohio Genealogical Society, and the Public Education and Awareness Award from the Ohio Historic Preservation Office. Cremation and private burial at Walnut Grove Cemetery in Worthington is entrusted to Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home at Worthington. Friends interested in contributing to Jennie's memory may make a gift to the Worthington Historical Society or the Friends of the Ohio State University Library.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I miss you so much, Mrs Jennie 🙏



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**Elegant Afriyie** - October 02, 2024 at 02:27 PM

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“ Was hoping to see you again last Thursday evening after I get off from school, Jennie.

*It is with a heavy heart that I say goodbye to Jennie, who was more than just someone I cared for. I feel honored to have been part of her journey and will always cherish the bond we had. Jennie was more than a client to me; she was like a mother. From the very first day, I knew she was special. I remember telling her it was time for bed, and she looked at me with a mischievous smile and said, "Were you not warned that I don't sleep?" That moment set the tone for our time together—her humor, her strength, and her spirit.*

*It was an honor to care for her, to share in her stories, and to witness her unwavering kindness. I miss our playful vibes. I miss dancing in front of you and you smiling and pointing your finger at me and shaking your head at the same time. I remember picking up her Greece travel book next to her radio her last week Saturday morning and asking about her trips which I often ask her about because we both love traveling, and she told me she has enjoyed life and I told her I'm so happy she has enjoyed life and then she looked at me, smiled and said, "I'm glad you're happy for me". That really made my day 😊 Then Sunday night after you got in bed, you hold my hand, rubbed it and said "You're my best friend". That really made my night and meant a lot to me. Even in her later years, she taught me so much about life and love, always reminding me to live each day fully and with grace. I remember telling her I'll wait for us to celebrate our birthdays together and I'll take her to a nice place since we're both libra and she was laughing when I said that.*

*Jennie, you truly left an imprint on my heart that I will carry forever. I really don't know what I'll be doing every Thursday, Saturday and Sunday evening if I'm not with you, because you're truly irreplaceable, Jennie. I'm deeply hurt that you're no longer here.*

*Rest peacefully, Jennie. You will be missed more than words can express.*

*With love and heartfelt condolences,  
Elegant*

**Elegant Afriyie** - September 28, 2024 at 09:26 AM

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“ *Elegant Afriyie purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Virginia Evans McCormick.*



**Elegant Afriyie** - September 28, 2024 at 09:09 AM

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“ *Thank you for all the days you've made brighter just by being you Jennie. Wishing you peace and comfort in these difficult days.*



**Ola** - September 23, 2024 at 03:35 PM

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“ *Jennie was a dear friend from my days of living at the Forum. My daughters, Laura and Teresa, and I stayed in touch with her. I knew she was ill but was shocked to learn from a friend that she had passed away. Her family meant a lot to her. I feel privileged to have known her. Thanks for being her family, Norma Wilhelm*

**Norma Wilhelm** - September 23, 2024 at 09:25 AM

JS

*I will miss my friend of over 20 years when I moved here from Ma. to Worthington. We shared many fun day trips and life experiences over those years. Jennie would have turned 90 in October but let me be the oldest when I turned 90 in July. I was glad that I had that last visit with Jennie when she always confident said "I am ready." Rest in peace, dear friend". You accomplished so much in your life and shared it so generously with all fortunate to have met you. Jennie knew it was time to say Goodbye . You touched my heart and I will miss you. Jean Stanley*

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**Jean M Stanley** - September 29, 2024 at 06:36 PM