



Virginia H. McDougle

July 24, 1920 - September 13, 2021

Virginia Harrison McDougle, age 101 of Worthington, Ohio, passed away on Monday, September 13, 2021. She is preceded in death by husband Darrel McDougle and sister Maguerite Harrison. She is survived by her sons Mark (Ann), Denny (Brenda) and Gary (Wanida), grandsons Brian, Michael (Tegan), Adam, Jake, Sam (Kelly) and great grandson Leo.

Ginny, as all her friends knew her, graduated with a BS in Economics from Washington State University where she graduated Phi Beta Kappa Summa Cum Laude. With her sparkling education resume in hand she landed a job at IBM in Endicott, NY. This led to time in New York City where she met and married handsome war photographer Darrel McDougle. The couple spent 2 years in Rome during WWII, returned to Columbus in 1948 where Darrel took a job at the newly created WBNS television station and they had three sons. She returned to school at The Ohio State University to get her teaching credentials followed by 20 years of teaching elementary school in Worthington. Since retirement her interests have included learning a new language (Spanish), traveling, exercise classes, the Worthington Library where she was a board member, politics where she volunteered her time and resources to the Democratic party and time spent with her good friends. In lieu of flowers, Virginia would have wanted people to contribute to the Alzheimer's Association (<https://act.alz.org/donate>) or to the Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration (<https://www.theaftd.org/>). A private memorial

will be held later this month.

Tribute Wall

AN

“ I just found out about her passing, and I am overjoyed and astonished that she lived to be that age! I had her for 5th grade at Worthington Hills Elementary School and she is one of only a handful of people who had an extremely profound and impactful affect on my life. I am 59 years old now, and I have never forgotten the enormity of her support, encouragement, compassion, intelligence and energy for me and the other children. I cannot express the details for privacy reasons, but I appeared to be a “perfect child”. Inside, there was tremendous pain, self doubt and an extremely stressful and confusing home environment. I am quite certain that no other teacher previously suspected anything was even slightly wrong until I became Mrs. McDougle’s student. She was my oldest teacher at that time-but she was the very sharpest and had the most energy. I learned at age 10 that age is just a number!!! It was a Herculean task, but Mrs. McDougle took an immediate attention to my care, direction and well being. She made me feel that I was a very special and wonderful and bright girl. She worked like a champion to lift my self esteem tremendously. She was such an energetic, fun, and enthusiastic person that I decided right then and there that I would try to be that kind of person myself and for the rest of my life. I wanted to uplift people around me the way she did-and I suspect I have been successful at that so far. She knew how to deter my unproductive behaviors such as talking excessively in class, with gentle humor. She was hilarious and smart-and she packaged it all in a cloak of style and class. I could go on and on. It is amazing and beautiful what one human being can do in one year to affect the rest of another person’s life, and I can only imagine the staggering impact she had on so many. I thought about finding her for years and telling her privately of the positive impact she had on me during a critical time in my young life. Unfortunately, I left Ohio and was searching for her by misspelling her name. It is heartwarming to me that she lived so many years on this earth. I, myself, have always aspired to be a centenarian and love to read interviews with them. Thanks to Mrs. McDougle, one of the most beautiful souls I ever had the blessing to be taught by, I will never forget to give strangers the kind of cheerleading, compassion

and recognition she provided to me. God Bless You, Mrs. McDougle! Sleep with the angels.

anonymous - June 23, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Virginia H. McDougle*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Meeting Ginny 50 plus years ago at Linworth Elementary was the beginning of a long friendship. Sharing stories of our families, seeing her around town and at exercise classes was always fun, especially around election time. We are so fortunate to have known her. The Haller family shares your loss and will miss her cheering us on, too.*

Nancy Haller

Nancy Haller - October 01, 2021 at 06:46 PM



“ *My time with Ginny was a blessing but it was a blessing that blossomed as I came to know her family, neighbors and friends. She “bragged” about all of you constantly as she relayed to me stories of her fascinating life.*

She dazzled us all and everyone in Worthington seemed to know and enjoy her. She was a “superwoman” who raised an incredible family, inspired her students, & contributed to her community. What a gal! ❤️

Melanie Staley - September 30, 2021 at 02:20 PM



“ I remember Ms. McDougle as a 5th grade teacher at Worthington Hill ES, the first year of the school. She was the most energetic teacher i can recall having in ES. She definitely had a zest and love for life and this came across in the way she spoke and taught a bunch of knuckle-headed 5th graders.... with the same love and kindness and all while sporting her 'go-go' boots. It sounds like this was just HER, no gimicks. Rest in peace, Ms. McDougle and thank you for your years of teaching.

Kristen (Cellar) O'Keefe - Columbus, OH

Kristen Cellar-O'Keefe - September 28, 2021 at 08:31 PM

RS

“ To Ginny's family,

I was saddened to learn of Ginny's death. My parents lived at the Residences of Worthington for 6 years, and my husband and I had several opportunities to visit with Ginny at social events or just in the hallways. Her smile and enthusiasm for life lit up every conversation, and she quickly became a family favorite "Residences" resident. My parents passed away in 2014 and 2016, but they enjoyed Ginny's friendship very much. My deepest sympathy on your loss.

Rose Solomon (daughter of Harry and Estelle Finkelman)

Rose Solomon - September 21, 2021 at 05:51 PM

CI

“ I'm sorry for your loss McDougal family. I have many happy memories of our parents being together at many gatherings and parties. Your Mom was the life of the party and had an infectious laugh that lit up the room. I imagine the McDouglles, Sliders, and Hard families are partying it up, drinks in hand and jokes flying.
Cindi Hard Tosenberger

Cindi - September 20, 2021 at 10:03 PM

LW

“ Ginny was a stimulating teaching partner and a wonderful mentor. Her sense of humor was unparalleled. *Lillian Webb*

Lillian Webb - September 20, 2021 at 08:17 PM

LK

“ 10 files added to the tribute wall



linda Karr - September 20, 2021 at 02:25 PM

LK

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Linda Karr - September 20, 2021 at 02:11 PM

LK

“ My thoughts are with you all as you grieve in your own personal ways. Ginny lived a full life. There wasn't a soul that would meet Ginny that didn't just fall in love with her. She was always spreading the joy of life and was certainly an example for all of us. I especially loved her statement after she ended in the hospital when she was 99 years old: "I am going to live until Trump is voted out" and she did. She loved watching and listening to the news, could have a conversation/debate at any moment.

In the last couple of years I have enjoyed so much watching her just "light up" when you walked in the room even if it was a quick little visit or a sit down visit. She so loved interacting with people. The other thing I will always smile about was watching her with her caregiver running the hallways or walking around our building. The caregiver couldn't keep up with her. So full of energy and life and so keen with her remarks.

I dearly loved Ginny and will always cherish my memories of her. The 100th Birthday Party was an awesome memory that tops all of them.

Rest in peace, knowing that you left your mark on this earth.

Sincerely,

*Linda Karr
Friend and Neighbor*

Linda Karr - September 20, 2021 at 02:09 PM

SA

“ Ms. McDougle was the best teacher anyone ever had. Glad she lived a long life. Godspeed, Ms. McDougle.

S. Allen - September 20, 2021 at 01:16 PM

SJ

“ *The Best teacher many of us had at Linworth Elementary, What a wonderful lady!*

Scott Jones - September 20, 2021 at 10:13 AM

PB

“ *Gary, I am so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. Reading her obituary it sounds like she had an amazing life and was a very accomplished lady.*

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Patti Weidman Bellar

Patti Weidman Bellar - September 20, 2021 at 08:33 AM

CD

“ *Having spent many years of my childhood growing up across the street on Loveman Avenue from Ginny, Mac and their boys, I will never forget Ginny's joy of life...her welcoming spirit...the frequent evenings getting together with my parents along with other neighbors to play bridge...the many cookouts hosted in their backyard. Ginny and Mac were some of the glue that kept our neighborhood together. I remember Ginny as full of life...always smiling...an indefatigable independent woman (well before that was in vogue)...she set an excellent example for us all.*

- Carla Behal (née Haupt)

Carla Dilley - September 20, 2021 at 08:33 AM

KE

“ *My wonderful 5th grade teacher. Loved her dearly. What a rich and full life. She will be missed.*

Kristal Wion Eckhardt - September 20, 2021 at 08:32 AM