



Mary Virginia Wagner

February 14, 1925 - November 16, 2020

Mary Virginia Wagner (nee Finley) passed away peacefully at home on November 16, 2020. She was 95. She was an extremely bright, charming, talented and accomplished woman who spent most of her working years in upper management within the Nation Wide Bell System (AT and T). Starting out as a telephone operator back in the 1940's, she quickly rose through the ranks, breaking many barriers and serving as a role model for the many women who followed.

She was a lifelong member of St John's Episcopal Church in Royal Oak, attending Sunday School beginning at an early age. She was also a very accomplished soprano singer who participated in the church choir for most of her life.

She is survived by her sister-in-law Marta Finley (Kimball, MI), her niece Nancy (Peter) Staats and 3 nephews: Gary Metcalfe, William (Norma) Metcalfe and Robert (Paula) Metcalfe. She is also survived by many close friends including Ann Davis, Thomas Clark, Bob Stevens and Chuck and Shelley Baker. She was predeceased by her brothers James Finley and Elton Finley, her sister Marion Scannell and her dear niece Donna Crowley.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in her name to St John's Episcopal Church, 26998 Woodward Ave, Royal Oak, MI 48067 or the Leader Dogs for the Blind, 1039 S Rochester Rd, Rochester Hills, MI 48307. An in-person celebration of her life, with loads of music and people, will occur when it can be done safely. Please share a memory at www.SullivanFuneralDirector

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Tribute Wall

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“ *My husband and I have fond memories of working with Virginia at the Phone company.
She was well respected and great to work with.
Our condolences to Virginia's family.*

Francine and Allan Pfitzenmaier

Francine & Allan Pfitzenmaier - November 29, 2020 at 02:42 PM

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“ *My condolences to the family and loved ones. Virginia was a joy to know and work with. I met her when she was an experienced manager and I was a new hire. We had a fun time on my first business trip. My husband and I would run into her at Picanos restaurant in recent years and we always enjoyed those reunions! She was always laughing and full of joy! The world was a better place with Virginia in it! I will miss her.*

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