



Virginia Manteuffel

October 18, 1938 - October 24, 2018

Virginia Manteuffel, 80, of Warren, died Wednesday, October 24, 2018 at St. John Macomb Hospital in Warren, following a year-long battle against kidney cancer. She was born in Detroit on October 18, 1938 (her mother's 32nd birthday), to Ervin and Marvel (Nelson) Oswald. She married Alfred Manteuffel, Jr., son of Alfred and Grethe (Petersen) Manteuffel, on August 6, 1960, at St. Thomas and St. Peter Lutheran Church in Detroit.

Mrs. Manteuffel graduated from Michigan Lutheran Seminary high school in Saginaw, and in 1960 from Concordia Teacher's College (now Concordia University) in River Forest, Illinois, later obtaining a Master's in Education from Michigan State University. An illustrious and rewarding teaching career of nearly 50 years took place at schools in Illinois, Michigan, and a six-year stint in the mid-1990's in rural Kansas, in which she taught the lower grades in a two-room schoolhouse and also served as principal. Her last position was with Cornerstone Schools in Detroit, first as a teacher, and later as a librarian. She enjoyed solving word puzzles, watching Jeopardy!, traveling, playing Scrabble, and having her bacon "so crisp that it shatters." She was a long-time member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Royal Oak.

She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Al; three children, Kathi (George) Seidl of Ferndale; Kristin (Bill) Trewhella of Warren; and Scott (Beth) Manteuffel of Center Line; seven grandchildren: Michael (Lauryn) Seidl of

Ferndale and Kyle (Jesse) Bradford of Novi, Amy (Billy) Bingham of Eastpointe, Katy Jo (Jon) VandenEynde of Harper Woods, and Christopher, Daniel, and Eric Trewhella, all of Warren; great-grandchildren Aubrey and Kayden Bingham, Lily VandenEynde, and baby girl Holly Seidl, due in December 2018. She is also survived by her sister Lynda (Gordie) Golchert, several nieces, nephews, and cousins, and "bonus daughter" Tracy Takacs. She was preceded in death by her parents and infant son, Michael.

A memorial service will be held on November 10, 2018, 11:00 am at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Royal Oak. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials in Mrs. Manteuffel's name to St. Paul Lutheran School or the American Cancer Society.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul Lutheran Church
202 E. Fifth Street
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Tribute Wall

AM

“ Dear friends of Virginia: Thank you for your thoughts, memories, and prayers on her passing. The words of love and condolence from acquaintances, students, and colleagues are indeed comforting in this time of sorrow. We know she is free from pain, and at home with Our Lord. God's Blessings to you all. Al

Al Manteuffel - November 09, 2018 at 03:31 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Virginia Manteuffel.



November 08, 2018 at 11:53 AM

KB

“ Ginny was like a second mom to me. I met her when I started my teaching career at Cornerstone schools. She was a fantastic teacher and an even better friend. Al I I'm sending all my love and prayers. I'm so sorry for your loss.

Kathy Burns - October 29, 2018 at 08:38 PM



Kathy I'm so glad to see your comment. I was looking at mom's phone contact list and saw your name and hoped that someone had notified you of her passing. Thank you so much for your kind thoughts.

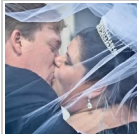
Kris Trehwella - October 31, 2018 at 08:12 PM

MR

“*Mrs. Manteuffel was our 4th grade teacher at St. Paul's and one of the most memorable teachers we had. Scott and I have so many great memories being in her class and the fort field trip! She was a great teacher and always strict, which was part of her charm. I personally loved her as a teacher and loved chatting with her when she came over to get her hair done at my parents house. She will be missed and our thoughts and prayers go out to the family for the peace of healing that only comes from God.*

~Scott and Melissa Rutledge

Melissa Rutledge - October 26, 2018 at 09:57 AM



“*We all have that one teacher that sticks with us our whole lives, me was Virginia Manteuffel. From her catchy sayings to her with I will always remember 4th grade at St. Paul. Even though it's been 34 years I will always remember. Rest in peace and God bless you. I'm done. Nope, I'm finished because turkeys are done, people are finished.*

Kevin Machus - October 25, 2018 at 09:28 PM

KK

“*My thoughts and prayers are with the entire family. I have such great memories of being on staff with Virginia at St. Paul's in Royal Oak. We shared so many stories of teaching our students. I am so glad I got to see her again at the 100th Anniversary of the school a couple of years ago. I rejoice in knowing she is safe in the arms of Jesus. God's peace be with all who were touched by her smile, laughter, stories, but especially her love for the Lord. To God Be The Glory!*

Karen Koehneke - October 25, 2018 at 08:36 PM



“ So glad that she accepted me as being part of the family many fond memories that were shared throughout the years. Will miss you Ginny and the love you shared with so many. Give Julie a hug for me.

Doug Roffe - October 25, 2018 at 07:26 PM



“ There are no words... Ginny and Al were second parents to me, at a very vulnerable time in my life, I was made to leave my mother to live with my Dad and step mother, and it wasn't the healthiest or happiest environment to be in. Kris and her entire family treated me as one of their own. I felt love and acceptance in their home. Kris was my first real friend and I spent a lot of time there. I miss you Mrs Manteuffel. You were so very loved. 💔

Mandi Shank - October 25, 2018 at 07:23 PM

“ Well ...wow ...theres so much i can say about this amazing lady but id like to start with saying thank you for everything i truly believe i wouldnt be where i am today if it hadent been for your open hands and heart youve always treated me like one of the grand kids no matter what when or where ,youve always pointed me in the right direction and been there to help our family when down or in need and saying thank you will never be enough...i also want to say thank you so much for being there everystep of the way with kayden and aubrey for protecting them and teaching them how to be a great person they love you so much were all gonna mis those text and calls to make sure kids have hats and gloves or coat and umbrella frankley were all lost with out your direction but i can say ill never forget all the great times we all had together on the holidays and ill never forget youthanks grams ...you will be deeply missed but i promice. Never forgotten we love you rest in peace

Billy Bingham - October 25, 2018 at 06:59 PM



“ *Rest In Peace Mrs. Manteuffel
Thank you for being a great staff member at St. Paul.
A lot of memories for my family.
Tina Miller*

Tina Miller - October 25, 2018 at 06:58 PM



“ *Virginia was my 3rd grade teacher at Peace Lutheran in Warren.
Then 20 + years later she and I were co-workers at St. Paul
Lutheran in Royal Oak. Virginia was a wonderful teacher. She was a
caring person who loved her family, her students and the Lord
Jesus Christ.*

Mark Werner - October 25, 2018 at 06:38 PM



“ *I'll miss you, Ginny, my "bonus mom", so much. The love you
always showed to me and my kids. The pride in your eyes
whenever we met. The history we have. What a blessing. It's not
often we are lucky enough to have people like you in our lives. I will
always be grateful and humbled by it. You always have and you
always will hold a place in my heart.*

*Thank you so much, Manteuffel family, for always letting me be a
part of your lives.*

Tracy Takacs - October 25, 2018 at 04:02 PM

SH

Mrs. Manteuffel and I worked at Cornerstone Schools in Detroit for many years. I will miss her quick wit and her ability to "tell it like it T-I-I-Z". Ginny would totally understand what I mean. I absolutely loved her sense of humor and her knack for telling the truth in the most diplomatic way. I thank God for allowing us to meet and fellowship over the years; to the degree that we'd often share a very robust laugh about one thing or another as if no time had been spent apart. Virginia modeled true professionalism and dedication to education as she was also one of my daughter's teachers. Needless to say, she took no stuff but she loved those children fiercely. You will be missed Virginia. To the family, my thoughts and prayers are with you all; it was a joy to know her.

Shannon E. Hardy

shannon E Hardy - October 29, 2018 at 06:34 PM

JS

*Mrs. Manteuffel was impactful on the lives of so many people -- children, young people and adults. Her standards of excellence were obvious and typical of one dedicated to our Lord. She helped establish strong character and a love for learning in the children at Cornerstone while also positively connecting with her co-workers. She'll be missed, but we will see her again.
Thanks to Mrs. Manteuffel's family for sharing her with us. May the peace and comfort of God rest upon you.*

Joyce Stephens

Joyce Stephens - November 09, 2018 at 11:15 PM