



Virginia Shimpach

February 9, 1931 - December 30, 2025

Virginia Mary Shimpach, 94, died on Tuesday December 30, 2025, at NewAldaya Lifescapes in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

She was born February 9, 1931, in Mallard Iowa, daughter of Joseph and Lottie (Wagner) Leuer. In 1951 she graduated with a bachelor's degree in business education from Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls. On June 23, 1952, she was united in marriage to Louis J Shimpach Jr. in Mallard, Iowa.

Residing in Cedar Falls, Virginia was a homemaker, avid gardener and an elementary school teacher for the Waterloo Community Schools for 34 years until her retirement in 1996. She enjoyed family and travel. Virginia volunteered for many local organizations and events, earning both the Mayors' Volunteer Award and Governor's Volunteer Award. She was a devout member of St. Patrick Catholic Church.

Virginia is survived by her daughters, Nancy (Stan) Dederich of Batavia, IL and Sharon (Greg) Shannon of Columbus, OH and their children Paul (Jen), Benjamin, Daniel (Heather); son-in-law Don Griffin of Cocoa, FL and his children Angela and Jason (Krissy) with their children Hunter and Hayden. She is also survived by her brothers, Michael (Rose) Leuer of Cedar Falls and Edward (Janet) Leuer of Arizona and sister, Beverly (Cliff) Leuer-King of North Carolina along with many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband Louis; daughter Jean Griffin; brothers Gerald, Robert, Donald and Richard Leuer; in-laws, Ann Leuer and Maurice and Louise Shimpach Hagarty; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Cedar Falls on Saturday February 7 at 10:00 am. Family and friends are welcome to gather at the church between 9:00 and 10:00 am for fellowship. Interment will follow the 10:00 am mass at Greenwood Cemetery in Cedar Falls. The family invites attendees to join them for lunch after the interment back at St. Patrick Catholic Church.

Memorials may be donated to St. Patrick Catholic Church for mass intentions for various family members.

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Cemetery

the end of College St, north of First Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 273-8628

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 9:00 AM (CT)

Saint Patrick Catholic Church
705 Main St
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Memorial Mass

FEB 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

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705 Main St
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Virginia Shimpach.*



February 06 at 12:52 PM



“ *Richard Dobson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Virginia Shimpach.*

Richard Dobson - February 06 at 12:52 PM



“ *May you Rest in Peace Aunt Virginia. To Nancy, Sharon and the Shimpach family my thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*With deepest sympathy,
Cheryl (Leuer) Coulombe*

Cheryl Coulombe - January 21 at 12:36 PM



Cheryl-

So thoughtful of you to comment.

*Your cuz,
Nancy*

Nancy - January 25 at 06:51 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Virginia Shimpach.*



January 21 at 12:00 PM



“ *Virginia was a familiar and cherished presence at many Cedar Falls & Waterloo American Red Cross blood drives. She had a gift for connecting with donors and took pride in contributing to the lifesaving mission of blood donation. Whenever a blood drive needed a volunteer, Virginia was there to help. Her dedication and advocacy for volunteerism made an incredible impact on saving lives. She will be deeply missed by so many of our staff and volunteers. Our hearts go out to her family, friends, and the community that loved her dearly. Rest in peace, Virginia- you were truly an angel among us, and now in heaven.*



Rebecca McCarty - January 14 at 11:37 AM



“ *Virginia volunteered for years at the American Red Cross Blood Drives. She was always so friendly and made each donor feel appreciated for coming in to give blood.*

Sue Green - January 13 at 11:41 AM

MS

“ Virginia and I were volunteers at World's Window for years. In the last years she would come to the store to volunteer more times each month than any other volunteer. She and I would have quick visits and kept up on our mutual friend Ellen. It was fun hearing her share stories of her travels here and there. I miss out chats but am so glad to know she is now in a beautiful place without pain.

Marcia Street - January 07 at 09:28 PM

JL

“ So many years has gone by since I have visited with Aunt Virginia and here family. She always sent a Christmas card. I'm so sorry, My heart goes out to you all.
Jim Leuer



Jim Leuer - January 05 at 04:11 PM

NA

Hey Cuz!!
Such fond memories of you.
Thank you for your comment.
Talk to me- dederichn@sbcglobal.net.
Nancy

Nancy - January 25 at 07:00 PM

NM

“ I knew Virginia growing up as best friends with Jean in grade school. I have fond memories of sleepovers at their house doing all the things little girls do. AND she made the best chocolate haystack cookies! I still have her recipe and love them. I worked at St. Pat's for many years so have first hand knowledge of all that her and Louis did for the parish. I was unaware of Jean's passing so condolences to all on her passing as well. She suffered a lot of health issues but her infectious laugh was still offered whenever I would run into her. Condolences to Nancy, Sharon, Angela and Jason and family. RIP Jean and Virginia.
Nancy Warren Meyer

Nancy Warren Meyer - January 05 at 08:02 AM

NA

Nancy,
I remember you being such a good to Jean.
Thank you.

Nancy - January 27 at 07:45 PM

BL

“ Know Virginia through her volunteer work at St. Patrick church. Was a volunteer with Virginia on the Sunday morning money counting team for many years. An always reliable volunteer! Bette Lewis

Bette Lewis - January 03 at 08:35 PM

KN

“ Nancy and Sharon, Karol and I always had such fun planing with you girls and Jean, whether at our house or yours. Your mom was always so gracious, with that beautiful smile of hers. I'm so sorry for your loss of both her and Jean.

Karen Burman Nicholas - January 03 at 04:15 PM

KN

Karen Burman

Karen Burman Nicholas - January 03 at 04:16 PM

NA

Karen,

I remember playing Michigan Rummy with you and Karol in your basement at your dad's Christmas parties.

He was always good to our dad.

Your mom was the only woman I knew who had carpet in her kitchen.

Fondly,

Nancy Shimpach Dederich

Nancy - January 03 at 08:58 PM

TH

“*Aunt Virginia was the ultimate volunteer, if she could help and organization she would volunteer and work hard at the duties. She was such a hard-working person, and I thank her for showing us how to help groups who needed help. she taught us all to help when asked. What a wonderful aunt She!!! stood 6 foot tall! Be at Peace my favorite Aunt. Tom & Cathy Hagarty*

Tom Hagarty - January 02 at 09:43 PM

JH

“ R.I.P. WITH OUR LORD IN HEAVEN, DEAR AUNT VIRGINIA SHIMPACH. SO MANY FAMILY MEMBER GATHERINGS, OVER THE YEARS ! I STILL REMEMBER ATTENDING YOUR WEDDING, TO "UNCLE-BUD", (LOUIS J. SHIMPACH JR.) IN MALLARD, IOWA 1952, (I WAS 10 YEARS OLD THEN !) GROWING UP IN CEDR FALLS, IOWA, WITH YOUR CHILDREN: NANCY, SHARON, & JEAN-R.I.P. GOD HAS BLESSED US ALL, & WE WILL GATHER AGAIN ONE DAY, WITH OUR DEAR LORD IN HEAVEN. BLESS US ALL LORD. JIM & KAY HAGARTY

JAMES E. & WILLENDAY KAY HAGARTY - January 02 at 02:20 PM

EO

“ Virginia was a most wonderful neighbor and friend for many years.

Esther Owczarek - January 02 at 11:58 AM