



## Virginia Kimberling

November 2, 2010

Virginia Kimberling of Damascus, Virginia, passed away Tuesday, November 2, 2010 at her residence. She was a long time resident of Damascus where she served as Town Treasurer and Clerk for more than 40 years. She was a beloved member of the community known for her grace and gentle kindness towards others. In addition to her parents, Reginald and Gypsey Keesee, she is preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Kimberling; a daughter, Diane K. Parker; and three brothers, Carter Keesee, June Keesee, and Frank Keesee. She is survived by her children, Mary Kimberling, Jane Ganzman, Lee Testerman, and Emily Chapman; her grandchildren, David Burton, Donald Burton, Sugaree Ganzman, Heidi Ganzman, Bo Ganzman, Dylan Ganzman, Xybein Ganzman, and Aroura Ganzman; great grandchildren, Brandon Burton, David Burton, and Ethan Burton; a sister, Grace Vipperman; and several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM Friday, November 5, 2010 and also from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 PM Saturday, November 6, 2010 at Garrett Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Rose Lawn Cemetery in Marion, Virginia. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be sent to the Damascus Library Building Fund, P.O. Box 280, Damascus, VA 24236. Online condolences may be sent to the family and viewed by visiting [www.garrettfuneralhome.com](http://www.garrettfuneralhome.com). Mrs. Kimberling and her family are in the care of Garrett Funeral Home, 203 N. Shady Avenue, Damascus, VA 24236, ph.#: 276-475-3631.

# Comments

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“ Whenever I have visited my home town of Damascus, one of the highest priorities has been to visit Virginia Kimberling. She has always been very important to me. Diane and Mary were my close friends growing up in Damascus, and Virginia was like a second mother for me. I spent many happy hours in the Kimberling homes and have many memories. I will miss Virginia very much and will keep Mary and Jane in my thoughts, and will be happy to hear from them at any point. One recent lovely memory: when I was in Damascus in 2008 after the death of my mother and Virginia's friend, Louise Hall, Virginia drove to the Hall house and brought me copies she had handwritten of recipes she had from my mother, and they are a cherished memento of both my mother and Virginia. I sent some flowers before I knew that donations to the Damascus Library Branch were preferred. Love to Mary and Jane, Jack Hall [jhall@uh.edu](mailto:jhall@uh.edu)

Jack Hall - November 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ Virginia Kimberling was a dear friend to my family (Dan, Annavene, Linda, Daniel & Edith Rogers). My father worked at the Herbert L. Wright Funeral Home and for successor owners for 20+ years and we lived in an apartment upstairs the funeral home and then in the apartment behind the funeral home. Mrs. Kimberling lived just a block away and my sister, Edith, and Jane became lifelong friends. One summer I worked at the Town Hall with Mrs. Kimberling (Clerk & Treas.), John Henderson (Police Chief) and Claude Shelley (Maintenance Mgr.) After I married my husband, Eugene, we lived next door to Mrs. Kimberling in an apartment upstairs the Gordon Wright House. I have always admired her perseverance, love of family & friends, and cooking skills. She will be greatly missed by my family. Our sincere condolences to Mary, Jane, and other family members. We pray that God will give you strength, peace and comfort in the days ahead.

Linda Rogers Blevins - November 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mrs. Kimberling was a very sweet, gentle lady that I only recently got to know through People Incorporated. I am glad I had the pleasure of meeting her.

Our prayers are with you and your family.

Judy Tolley

Judy Tolley - November 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Mary, Jane and family,

I am so sorry to hear that you have lost your dear Mother and Grandmother. So many memories flood my mind from childhood. These memories can never be taken away from us and neither can the love of our dear Mothers. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Love, Pat

**Pat Meadows Hott** - November 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ So sorry to here of your loss, I will be praying for you all. Just know that your mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, was a very special lady. I will never forget how good she was to me during my childhood. She will have many stars in her crown in heaven.Iam just a phone call away Jane, if you need me

**Cheryl Rutledge** - November 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ When a life has been lived completely honestly, completely successfully, or just completely, the most honest response to death's perfect punctuation mark is a smile!  
Borrowed.

All the time, your Mom sacrificed her own needs in this world for the needs of others!  
What a role model for those she came in contact with in life, including me!

Warmly,

David Burton, Sr.

**David Burton, Sr.** - November 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ Ms. Kimberling was one of the most kind hearted, sweetest people we have ever had the pleasure of calling our friend. She and our oldest son share the same birthday and she always came to his parties when he was little and he would climb up on her lap and give her hugs and they would eat cake together. A few years ago, we got her a potted flower for her birthday and she loved it, a couple of years after that she sent us a picture of that flower and a note saying it had died shortly after we gave it to her and she didn't have the heart to throw it away but after a couple of years she got up one morning and looked and there it was, in her window-seal all bloomed out and beautiful again, she was happy. That is how we see her now, a beautiful flower all bloomed out and decorating Heaven now. She loved us and we loved her....she will be missed. God bless her family, we are praying for comfort for them all in this very sad time.

**Missy & Jayson Burgess** - November 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ We are so sorry to hear of your Mothers passing. She always stayed in touch with our Mother and we appreciated that. Our prayers are with you.

**Jerry and Betty Jones** - November 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ Virginia will be remembered as a devoted mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend. She was an excellent cook and I know her family will remember all the family meals she prepared. Thanks Be to God for her long life and health. Love to all the family and especially Mary (my daughter and friend for many years.) June

**June Honaker(Burton)Young** - November 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ So sorry for your loss. We'll keep you in our prayers.

**Debbie Seymore** - November 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Mary and Jane,

It was with great sadness that I learned of your Mother's passing. She has been a friend of my family ever since I can remember and she was my Sunday School teacher around the 6,7 and 8th grades and we all loved her. It was a girls class and we embroidered a wall hanging with words from Suzanne Wesley. We each embroidered a line. I loved doing it and never forgot it. Your Mother saved it all these years and gave it to me recently. It is a real treasure to me because it meant so much to me--I never forgot the words we sewed on it. Your Mother was a kind, gentle woman who did so much for other people. She was so good to my Mother. My family has wonderful memories of her and we will never forget her. I am thinking of you all during this sad time. I send my love to each of you,  
Nancy Wright

**Nancy Wright** - November 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ Ms. Kimberlin was one of the most humane souls, with an abundance of kindness that I have ever met.  
Our thoughts are with the family at this time.  
She is a truly magnificent spirit that will never be forgotten.

God Bless,  
The Goolsby's

**Nancy Goolsby** - November 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ Several years back I worked for People, Inc in their adult and youth employment programs. I came to know Ms Kimberling as she was the town's contact person working with the adult program.  
We became good friends and I grew to know what a kind, compassionate person she was. She will be greatly missed. My condolences to all her family and many. many friends.  
Rocky

**Robert Cahill** - November 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ Every good gift and every perfect present is from above. God promises that He will write in His “book of remembrance” the names of those who fear Him, and grant them ever lasting life. Malachi 3:16. Certainly Virginia was a true gift to your family, and God always keeps His promise! My heartfelt prayers are with your Family.

**K. Nicholson** - November 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM