



Virginia Mildred Coone

September 10, 1924 - September 17, 2020

Virginia Jeffers Coone, 96 of Ocala, passed away peacefully on September 17, 2020. Born in Iola, KS, Virginia has been a resident of Ocala since 1960.

As a child, Virginia was raised during the depression and learned early on about frugality and family unity. From a family of ten she was persuaded to leave home at a young age to work at Boeing Aircraft during WWII. She was one of the first riveters to work on the infamous B-29. She later married and raised four daughters while following her husband Max Bentley, a pipe-liner, throughout many of our nation's 48 states.

When her husband had passed and her children were married, she worked as head housekeeper at numerous motels in Ocala. Everywhere she worked - management, maids and guests loved her infectious smile, cheerfulness and humble nature. After retiring she enjoyed traveling and visiting with her loved ones.

Once while in her 90s, Virginia was asked by a nervous nursing student conducting a poll, "What one word would you say is the most important for a long life? Would it be love, perseverance or perhaps happiness?" Reminiscing and with a twinkle in her eye, Virginia simply replied..."Hope."

She will be dearly missed by her survivors: daughters Connie Cordell and

Kathy Bentley of Ocala, FL; Linda Leavens and Peggy Ducote of GA; grandchildren, Carousel Unger and Jeri Sumner Lee of FL; Angela Goforth, Clark Sumner, Laurie Phillips, Elliott Ducote, Joe Ducote of GA; great-grandchildren Chris Unger of Ocala; Cherish Osborne, Faith and Zane Phillips, Misty and Jason Ducote of GA; great-great-grandchildren Kiley and Kellen Osborne, Cutler and Willow Ducote of GA.