



Virginia Englebright

January 15, 1931 - April 6, 2014

Obituary of Virginia Englebright Virginia E. Englebright, 83, a musician and educator passed away peacefully on April 6, 2014. She was born in Miami, FL on January 15, 1931 and graduated from Miami-Edison Sr. High and Florida State University with a Masters of Music. She also studied music at the University of Miami, University of Cincinnati, Amherst College in MA and opera in Milano, Italy. She was a Soprano Soloist with the Miami Opera Guild, director of community chorus, choral musicals, church choir programs, bell choirs and summer music camps. She appeared on stage, radio and television throughout her exceptional and illustrious career. She taught at the State University of New York at Potsdam and at Lebanon Valley College in Annville, PA. She also worked as a mental health counselor and advocate in Pennsylvania. An avid animal lover, she also owned and showed dogs and horses. After retiring, she moved to Summerfield, FL in 1988. She worked as an employment counselor for the State of Florida and volunteered with the Guardian Ad Litem Program in Marion County. She was a member of Rader Memorial Methodist Church, El Portal, FL and Zion United Methodist Church, Myerstown, PA, Florida State University Alumni Association and the FSU Seminole Booster Club. Her charities included World Vision, St. Jude, the Humane Society of the United States and Operation Smile. She was preceded in death by her father, James O. Ellis, mother, Gertrude Ellis and brother, James A. Ellis. She is survived by her loving family; son, Richard Englebright and his wife Terry of Summerfield, FL; daughters, Peggy Dufresne of Miami,

FL and Susan Henry of Summerfield, FL; five grandchildren, Hallie, Kristy, Richard, Jonathan and Russell and two great grandchildren, Mason and Rance. Her exceptional devotion and love to her family, career and life was an inspiration to us all. She will be loved and cherished in our hearts forever. A Memorial Service will be held at the First United Methodist Church (1126 E. Silver Springs Blvd. Ocala, FL 34470 352-622-3244) on Saturday (May 24th) at 11AM. Arrangements by Roberts Funeral Homes, Downtown Chapel 606 SW 2nd Ave., Ocala 352-622-4141.

Tribute Wall



“ *Virginia Englebright*

June 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Peggy, Susan, Richard and Family, On behalf of the people of Zion United Methodist Church, Myerstown, I extend greetings and our deepest sympathy to you on the death of Virginia. I was saddened last week to learn of her death. Virginia and I both started serving Zion Sunday, November 5, 1972 - she as Sr. Choir director and I as organist (I am still organist there). I enjoyed "working" with her and appreciated being able to share the ten years she was there. Her warm and joyful personality, her caring spirit and of course her musical expertise meant much to me. I know I grew musically and otherwise under her direction and I am most grateful that her life touched mine. Sincerely, with our love and prayers, Anna and David Schell*

David and Anna Schell - May 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Virginia Englebright was my friend and fellow voice professor at Lebanon Valley College. Virginia was a world class soprano who cared very much for her students and fellow colleagues. We performed many Recitals and Programs at LVC and throughout the region. I will miss her greatly but she will always be remembered by all of her friends at the college with fond thoughts for Virginia. I remain Philip Morgan, Emeritus Professor of Music at Lebanon Valley College.*

Philip and Susan Morgan - May 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ To my Dearest Family, Peggy, Rickie, Susan and all, So many wonderful memories full of love, laughter, happy, and sad. Virginia was such a wonderful loving person. We will miss her so very much. She was an amazing singer, such a fighter, and loved you all so very much. I so enjoyed our conversions in her kitchen as she rolled around in her favorite chair, laughing, talking, and crying. She was so beautiful and loved us all so much. With love and wonderful memories. June

June Gentle - April 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Just by observing the way your daughter Peggy conducts herself when dealing with others, I know you were a loving and caring mother as well as a true leader. You will be a role model in the lives of many forever.

Rosy Calvo - April 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Dear Peggy, Rick, Susan and families. It was such a shock to hear about my dear friend, Virginia. She and I performed together for several years. We were both students of Mme. Nikolaidi at FSU and ended up as colleagues and friends at Lebanon Valley College in Annville, PA. I have many treasured memories of our times together, especially preparing and collaborating over recitals and premiering composer, Tom Lanese's works. Also, her introduction to the Saturday horse shows will always be a fond memory. Virginia's friendship will always be one that I cherish, leaving an indelible mark on my heart. She will never be forgotten.

Janette Ogg - April 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Dear Peggy, Rick, Susan and Families, Aunt Virginia was truly a most exceptional woman in so many ways and we will all miss her very much. I am so very sorry for your loss but know she is always with you.....I have so many memories but one thing that stands out is her infectious wonderful laugh. I will miss her and I pray that you hold onto your memories and please know there are prayers and love being sent your way.

Bonnie Mc Cune - April 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Dear Rick and Terry, my deepest sympathies to you and your family. She left behind quite a legacy. Of course, I did not know her but it was wonderful reading about all her accomplishments. She made a difference in this world. Claudia Liberatore

Claudia Liberatore - April 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ The staff of Roberts Funeral Homes and I would like to offer our condolences to your entire family during this difficult time.

Michael Csuka - April 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM