



## Virginia Jo Stubbs

June 10, 1934 - November 9, 2009

Virginia Yates Stubbs was born June 10, 1934 in Ridgely, Tennessee to the union of Woodrow and Odell Yates, and went to be with our Lord on November 9, 2009 in Houston, Texas.

Virginia was a vivacious, outgoing, giving person, and a faithful friend. She was born on a farm in the Northwest corner of Tennessee during the depression years. Even though times were tough, she went to school and graduated from Ridgely High School in 1953. While at school she was involved in many activities, including FHA, which she was President of one year, the Latin Club, the Student Counsel and was elected by her teachers and peers to Girls State. From an early age, Virginia wanted to be a nurse. While in her senior year of high school, she applied to nursing school at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis, TN. She knew that nursing school would be expensive, but she was determined to be a nurse, and was prepared to work to earn the money to go. Knowing her remarkable determination, her father and her favorite teacher, Mrs. Goldeen, went to bat for her and came up with the money in the form of a scholarship and a bank loan to send her to nursing school. In June of 1953, Virginia made her way to nursing school in Memphis, TN.

Virginia earned a degree in Nursing from Baptist Memorial Hospital in June of 1956. She went on to earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Sacred

Heart Dominican College in Houston, TX. After nursing school Virginia set out on an adventure to work at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Houston, TX. In Houston she met and fell in love with a "Texan" with whom she would spend the rest of her life.

Virginia was a registered nurse for over 40 years. She was proud and passionate of the work she did during her career. Virginia was a natural at nursing, working at VA, then working as Director of Nurses at Eldridge Hospital in Sugar Land, TX, then as Education Director at Westbury Hospital in Houston, TX where she was promoted to Director of Nursing and served in that position for several years. She finished her career as the Manager of Labor and Delivery at Polly Ryan Hospital in Rosenberg, TX.

She was the ever-present teacher of family history. She was very proud of her family, of being a wife, a mother, and a grandmother. She was a staunch advocate of education, and her motto was "if you can believe it, you can achieve it." She was a champion of all members of her family who set out to accomplish goals in their lives. God blessed her with an incredible spirit of generosity. She was a faithful and precious friend to all whom had a need. Her legacy is a beautiful and inspiring one. She will be deeply and sorrowfully missed.

Virginia is preceded in death by her sister, Shirley Smith, and her much beloved aunt and uncle, Etheleen and Payton Harrison.

She is survived by brother Steve Yates, and her sisters Mary Lynn Moore, and Susan Tippit. She is also survived by her cherished husband of almost 48 years, and devoted care giver for the last three years, Tommy Stubbs; her adored son Thomas Stubbs and his wife Mindy, and her admired daughter, Laura Shepherd and her husband John Shepherd, grandchildren Ty Stubbs, Sarah Stubbs, Katherine Shepherd, and Jackson "Jack" Shepherd along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 P. M., Monday, November 16, 2009 at First United Methodist Church, 431 Eldridge Road in Sugar Land, Texas with Pastor Martin Nicholas and Pastor Kip Gilts officiating. Interment will follow in Greenlawn Memorial Park in Rosenberg, Texas.

Visitation will be held from 5:00 P. M. until 7:00 P. M., Sunday, November 15, 2009 at Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home in Rosenberg.

Words of condolence and memorial tributes may be left for the Stubbs family at [www.davisgreenlawnfh.com](http://www.davisgreenlawnfh.com).

Service arrangements are under the direction of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home, 3900 B. F. Terry Blvd., Rosenberg, Texas, 77471, 281-341-8800.

# Tribute Wall

KS

“ I am Virginia's granddaughter, and I just want to thank everyone for sharing your condolences and memories. It is touching, and my family and I appreciate it so much. Thank you again.

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**Katherine Shepherd** - November 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Thank you for the obituary on Virginia Stubbs. It brought back many fond memories of her and growing up here in Ridgely and in a school that had many loving and caring teachers like Goldyne Taylor. Virginia grew up in our Church, First Baptist, and she and mother, father, brother and sisters made many contributions to the life of our Church. We have a banner that hangs in our sanctuary made by the hands of Odell Yates and another dear lady. Marigene and Virginia were classmates together for 12 years and had many good times together. Virginia's many accomplishments in the health care field attest to her being a loving and caring person and I am sure contributed much to making life a little better for many people. This is a great testimony to her life.  
Mack and Marigene Forrester

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**Mack & Marigene Forrester** - November 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ I am so sorry of your loss--  
Virginia was special and I know she will be missed.  
I just found out about her death Sunday afternoon and am sorry I was not able to attend the visitation or the funeral  
My prayers are with you and your family

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**Karen Morone Linn** - November 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ To the Stubbs & Yates Family,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I am very sorry to hear of  
your loss.

*Love and Prayers*  
*Sandra Martin*

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**Sandra Martin** - November 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you.

*Leon and Bettye Anhaizer*

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**Leon & Bettye Anhaizer** - November 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ It was with great sadness that I read of “Miss Stubbs” death in  
yesterday’s 11/13/09 Chronicle. I was thinking of her just this past  
week! Virginia was instrumental as a mentor in my role as House  
Supervisor at Polly Ryon back in the 90’s. Her compassion and  
concern for not only the patients but the staff have remained with  
me in my Nursing practice to this day. Her dry wit was irreplaceable  
and memorable as well. I still frequently recall with grins many of the  
wry things she said over the course of an evening’s events! She  
spoke often and lovingly of “Tommy” and her family. Please know  
that my thoughts and prayers are with her family, and for her soul,  
during this sad time of loss. Know also that she will be remembered  
for a long time in the hearts and minds of those she touched  
through her life and her Nursing practice.

*Bill Burg RN*

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**Bill Burg** - November 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Stubbs family,  
Tom, we are deeply saddened to hear about your mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Wishing you well thru these troubling times.*

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**Michael and Debbie Altimore family** - November 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *We wish to share our condolences with you and your family. Your mom was such a wonderful Lady. Our thoughts and prays are with you guys. Neil's Photography*

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**Cheryl Stratman** - November 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ *Dear Laura and family,  
We are deeply saddened to hear of your loss. We pray the love of God embraces you and helps you heal with the passage of time. Always remember how much you are cared about.  
Pran and Arian*

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**Pran Selenica** - November 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *Stubbs Family & Yates Family  
I am sorry for the loss of your beloved Virginia. I will miss our connection, when she would call to order sorghum molasses ever year. My prayers are with the entire family.*

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**Murph Carver** - November 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ To the family: You are in my heart and prayers. Virginia and I grew up in Ridgely and I knew her wonderful family. Know God is with you and she is at total rest.

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**Mildred Pee Wee Lovings Hall** - November 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ Sorry to hear about Virginia - Our prayers are with you and your family. I remember the family from Ridgely - in the last years her parents lived on McCutchen St. two houses from my mother.

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**Peggy Lee Robinson** - November 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WI

“ Virginia has always been with me in trying times as a pillar to lean on.  
I learned so much from her about loving Your neighbor. Virvinia ,  
peggy, freddy and I shared many good Saturdays in the drug store.  
God be with you as I always knew he would be. I will always miss  
you.  
Dub

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**WILLIAM** - November 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Tommy, Tom, Laura and family,  
Virginia was so much to so many that she will be greatly missed.  
She taught me so much about nursing and about life itself. When I  
first met her in 1976, I knew that she would be a friend for life. She  
was just that kind of person. My deepest sympathy for your loss.  
Kathy Ware

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**Kathy Ware** - November 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Laura,*

*My heart hurts for you, please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

*Deborah*

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**Deborah Sweaney** - November 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your entire family at this difficult time.*

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**Pat & Joanne Porritt** - November 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *The happy memories I have of working with Virginia at Westbury Hospital are priceless. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.*

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**Jo Rountree** - November 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ *The love you have for a Mother and Spouse are like no other. Please know we are thinking of you during your time of sorrow and remembrance of the wonderful times you so lovingly shared over the many years.*

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**Paula & Ron Shepherd** - November 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *Laura and family,  
I'm thinking of you all and lifting each of you up in prayer. May the  
peace of Jesus surround you all and may your burdens be lifted.*

*Kat*

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**Kat Blais** - November 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

YM

“ *OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOUR FAMILY.*

*JUANITA GARZA & YOLANDA GARZA MENDOZA*

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**YOLANDA MENDOZA** - November 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ *The thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Virginia who was a  
member of our alumni family.*

*Randy Turnage  
Lake County Schools Alumni Association*

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**Randy Turnage** - November 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WI

“ God bless a beautiful lady. We worked together in a drug store in high school. I have tried numerous times over the years to locate this beautiful lady with no success. Nurses on earth are an angel in heaven. I hope she served some of my comrades in arms. She would always know "Dub" as a high school drop out for the Korean war. She served as I served. I will always love her as Mr Frank always Referred to her as miss Virginia.

*Mary lynn, if you read this write me at "dubsmith23@hotmail.com" I loved and respected your sis very much.*

*William C "Dub" smith*

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**William** - November 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ *Our condolences to you and your family.*

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**Lynn & Lanell Redfern** - November 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *Tommy,  
You and your family are in my prayers, may God's love and peace be with you during this very difficult time.*

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**Lynette Henley** - November 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM