



Jennie "Virginia" Martin

July 14, 2025

Jennie "Virginia" Martin of Walkerton, IN, formerly of Menifee, CA, passed away peacefully on Monday, July 14, 2025, at the age of 89. Born on June 20, 1936, in Foam Lake, Saskatchewan, Canada, she was the daughter of the late John and Mary (Moskaluk) Ostapowich.

Virginia was a woman of deep faith, strong values, and unwavering pride in her Ukrainian heritage. A longtime administrative assistant in the insurance industry, she retired with the same grace and diligence that defined her career. On April 25, 1959, she married the love of her life, Frank Martin, in Las Vegas, Nevada. Together, they built a beautiful life, and upon retirement, they created their own slice of paradise—affectionately known as "Shang-Ra-La"—in Menifee, California.

A devoted member of Sun City United Methodist Church in Sun City, CA, Virginia lived her faith in both word and deed. Her dedication to her church family led her to become the beloved hostess of the weekly coffee hour, a role she treasured and poured her heart into. In recognition of her love and service, the church named its kitchen "Virginia's Kitchen" in her honor—a tribute to her generous spirit and welcoming heart.

Virginia proudly celebrated her Ukrainian roots in every aspect of life, especially through the art of creating traditional hand-painted Ukrainian Easter

eggs, known as pysanky. Her passion for her culture was matched only by her devotion to her family and to her Lord. She also enjoyed crocheting, feeding hummingbirds, and sharing small joys with those around her.

She is survived by her loving daughter, Veronica "Roni" (Steve) Daube; her stepsister, Natalie Bailey; and one nephew Michael (Donna) Richards; and one niece Paula (Don Allen) Esselmont. She was preceded in death by her parents, her beloved husband Frank, and one brother.

Per Virginia's wishes, cremation has taken place. A memorial service to celebrate her remarkable life will be held at a later date.

In remembrance of Virginia, may we honor her by living faithfully, loving deeply, and cherishing the heritage and traditions that shape who we are.

Tribute Wall

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“ I have so many memories of Miss Virginia
I waitress at a small coffee shop near her home and Sun City,
California
She was one of my longtime regular customers, and a true friend
I would see her on a regular basis that she would come in for lunch
after her work at the church, always with a smile on her face and a
hug to brighten my day
I have got to meet her daughter and son-in-law over the years and
always admired. What a close relationship they had.
So happy that she got to go back home with them and was with
them when her time came
I know her faith will guide her home to be with her beloved Frank
Much love and gratitude for your friendship over the years
Safe journey home 🙏

Laura Robinson - July 25, 2025 at 01:04 PM

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“ I can sum up my experience in one phrase: "If you find anything
with Virginia, you need to look within yourself"... She was a truly
beautiful person and I feel blessed to have known her.

Shirley Malley - July 18, 2025 at 11:11 AM

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I seem to have left out a word in my comment... "If you find anything
WRONG with Virginia, you need to look within yourself".

Shirley Malley - July 18, 2025 at 11:13 AM