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Virginia Davis, 87, of Fayetteville died July 28, 2008 in her home after a brief battle with cancer. She was born May 13, 1921 in Boston, Massachusetts to Ragnar and Grayce (Wilder) Dalstrom. Later her family moved to Wilmette, Illinois where she graduated from New Trier High School. In 1942 she married her high school sweetheart, Rowland M. Davis. They raised a family of five children in Glen Ellyn, Illinois where Virginia was active in many community activities. She also continued her education, receiving both her Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Mathematics. After a brief teaching career, Virginia and Rowland retired to Eureka Springs, Arkansas where she was active in Inspiration Point (IPFAC), Dinner Club and the Historic Preservation Society. After Rowland's death in 1996, Virginia moved to Fayetteville where she became an active member of the Rolling Hills Baptist Church as well as AAUW, Newcomers Club and CEO. She loved to read, do crossword puzzles and play Scrabble and bridge. Survivors include her five children Deanna Erlandson of Madison, Wisconsin; Rowland Davis of Chicago, Illinois; John Davis of Cedarburg, Wisconsin; Charles Davis of Fayetteville, Arkansas; and Pam Spicer of Scottsdale, Arizona; her sister Gladys Minier of Hoffman Estates, Illinois; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 am on Monday, August 4 at Rolling Hills Baptist Church in Fayetteville. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Rolling Hills Baptist Church, 1400 Rolling Hills Drive, Fayetteville, AR 72703; Inspiration Point Fine Arts Colony, Rowland and Virginia Davis Scholarship Fund, c/o Treasurer, 1203 Whispering Pines Court, St. Louis, MO 63146; Richardson Center, 3917 South Old Missouri Road, Springdale, AR 72764 or Washington Regional Hospice, 34 Colt Square, Fayetteville, AR 72703. To Sign the online guest book go to www.nelsonberna.com Arrangements are by Nelson-Berna Funeral Home and Crematory of Fayetteville, Arkansas.



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SF

Suzanne Carroll (Friend) posted:

Virginia was a very dear sweet friend to me, as well as her Rowland, during my time in high school and college in Eureka Springs and Fayetteville, respectively. They gave me an appreciation for opera, and photography. Her love for her friends and family has permeated my life in the years I have known her, especially each year that she sent her (action packed!) Christmas letters. She will be greatly missed but I am rejoicing that she is in glory with her Savior and Rowland. My deepest sympathies to all of the Davis family on the loss of a truly precious woman.

August 30 at 9:02 AM

JF

Joyce Russell (Friends) posted:

Virginia was an important member of our cancer support group and Prayer Partners. She will be greatly missed.

August 30 at 9:02 AM

JF

Jim Swiggart (Friend) posted:

We are saddened to hear of Virginia's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and wish we could be with you at this time. We have many great memories of Rowland and Virginia from 1989 through the years they came to the opera. What a blessing to have patrons like the Davis family. I remember so well Rowland taking on task such as our parking area; then seeing a large flatbed truck rolling on to the property with the Gazebo that we use for ticketing. And then the support for singers scholarships was such a blessing. They have set a great example of giving back to others and doing all possible to enrich our lives with the arts. Inspiration Point will sorely miss Virginia but we know she is happily reunited with Rowland and they have left a great legacy. Sincerely, Jim Swiggart, General Director of Opera in the Ozarks at Inspiration Point

August 30 at 9:02 AM

LP

Layne Smith (Former Pastor) posted:

So sorry to learn of Virginia's death. I remember her coming to Rolling Hills Baptist, joining, and immediately getting involved. She will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of loss and grief.

August 30 at 9:02 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Virginia by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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