



Virginia Mohler

February 24, 1932 - August 4, 2009

Virginia Carolyn Mohler, 77, of Kankakee, died Tuesday (Aug. 4, 2009) peacefully at home, surrounded by her family. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee, and from 9:30 a.m. Friday at St. Patrick Catholic Church, until the 10 a.m. celebration of the funeral Mass. Inurnment will be in Mount Calvary Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley. Mrs. Mohler was retired. She was co-owner with her sister, Marilyn Hequet, of Gulliver's Toy and Miniature Shop in Kankakee. She was born Feb. 24, 1932, the daughter of Edward and Evelyn Giroux Bydalek. Her husband, Harold "Skip" Mohler, died Jan. 19, 1968. She was a lifelong member of St. Patrick Catholic Church and St. Teresa Catholic Church. She had been a volunteer for the McNamara Madcaps and at St. Teresa Grade School. Surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Thomas and Carol Mohler of Kankakee, William and Dorene Mohler of Bradley, Lee and Norma Mohler of East Haven, Conn., Michael and Kathryn Mohler of Western Springs; three daughters and sons-in-law, Kathleen and John Tomasiewicz of Milford, Conn., Carolyn and William Kraft, Mary Jo and Dennis Christiansen, all of Kankakee; 20 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; one brother and sister-in-law, Edward and Stephanie Bydalek of St. Louis, Mo.; and many nieces and nephews. Deceased are her parents; and two sisters and brothers-in-law, Dolores and Robert Lambert and Marilyn and Daniel Hequet.

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“ to all of you Marycrest Mohler kids i wish you Peace-believe me when i say the hole in your heart will get smaller in time it will never go away but it will heal-not be so raw and will decrease in size Your mom was a wonderful lady and she would want all of you to have Peace. So Peace to all of you love the N.C. Hodaks##imported-begin##paula olsen hodak##imported-end##

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“ To all the Mohlers

We were sorry to hear of your mother's passing. May the many fond memories you all have of her help you through these difficult times.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Love

Colin and Carol Gubbins##imported-begin##colin gubbins##imported-end##

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“ Oh I can't even begin to express the intense feelings and admiration I had for your mom. She was one of the hands down best moms and role models I ever knew! My sympathy, hugs, love and prayers go out to all of you!

##imported-begin##Michelle Marcotte-Ramsey##imported-end##

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“ I was so sorry to hear of your mother's passing when I returned from vacation. ĩ½We will miss her at Butterfield Court. ĩ½She always had a way to make us smile and laugh. ĩ½I pray that God gives you the strength to carry on and to remember all of those precious memories. ĩ½She was a special lady! ĩ½You are in my prayers.##imported-begin##Cookie Longtin##imported-end##

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“ Carol and Tom,

Hey I am really sorry to hear about Tom's mom. ĩ½You will all be in my thoughts and prayers. ĩ½Love, Ruth##imported-begin##Ruth McGrath Bohlmann##imported-end##

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“ My prayers are with you in your sad loss. May God hold you close, ease your pain of loss, and may your memories bring smiles through your tears.##imported-begin##Mary Thomson##imported-end##

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“ We've known Virginia for many years. Carol Mohler is my husband's sister, and we've been friends with the rest of Tom's family for years.

To Tom and Carol, we are saddened by your loss. Virginia was such a good woman, and I know that she leaves behind many memories. We send our love, prayers, and thoughts to you, your family, and the rest of Virginia's family.

Andy, Rebecca, Katie and Jim, you had a wonderful Gabby. I can remember Andy and Katie going to Gabby's house when they lived at home, just to see her and spend some time with her. You have many memories to give your children. That is a gift and a tribute to her.

We enjoyed knowing Virginia and thank the Mohler family for letting us be a part of her life with them. God bless.

Pat and Patti McKenna###imported-begin###Pat and Patti McKenna###imported-end###

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“ I was very sorry to hear of Virginia's passing. ĩ½We always had a great time at work. ĩ½She was always happy and thinking up something crazy to say or do to get everyone laughing. ĩ½I visited with her a several times at her home after she retired and she was always a joy to be around. ĩ½My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this difficult time.

###imported-begin###Carol Helgeson###imported-end###

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“ Virginia Bydalek Mohler was an artist. ĩ½She could make art out of a cigar band. ĩ½People tend to think of artists as flippety-jippets; high-strung flighty types you can?t rely on. ĩ½But when fate dealt Virginia a cruel blow, and left her alone with seven kids to raise, she didn?t crawl into a corner and let them raise themselves. She was an artist AND a manager. A good one at that.

I remember nights Kate and I would come in from a football game or a movie. Maybe pizza at Sammy?s. ĩ½Virginia would be there at the table in the kitchen on Hammes. A circle of light from a short ginger lamp, cigarette burning in the ashtray. And out of balsa wood and paper and the narrowest of shiny ribbon, in the dimmest of light, she was crafting a perfect little package. To sit under a dollhouse tree, at Marshall Field?s or Neiman Marcus.

Virginia taught me a lot. The joy of a Sara Lee pound cake. ĩ½A good stove. ĩ½Children?s literature, Maurice Sendak. ĩ½She was the only adult I knew who embraced Halloween. ĩ½But the biggest lesson she taught me was that no matter what was happening in your life, no matter the pain, loneliness or frustration you were experiencing, you could always pull out your box of scissors, paper, glue or writing gear, and create a world that was beautiful and fascinating and rare.

She will be missed. ĩ½And I, for one, won?t go by a well-papered wall without thinking of her. ĩ½And sending her my love.

##imported-begin##Chris Olsen Hodak##imported-end##

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