



Virginia Lee Lindberg Clifford, 89, died August 25, 2015 at her home surrounded by family. She was born June 4, 1926 in Lexington, KY to the late Harry and Virginia Mae Finnell Lindberg. She was very proud of her Swedish and Irish heritage.

She attended Margaret Hall School in Versailles, KY and graduated from Henry Clay High School in Lexington. She attended the University of Kentucky and graduated from Crump Commerce College, Lexington where she was a member of Pi Rho Zeta International Sorority.

She married John Richard Clifford, Sr. on June 7, 1947 at Calvary Baptist Church, High Street, Lexington, where she had also been baptized. John and Virginia had been married 56 years at the time of his death in 2004. She was also preceded in death by three brothers, William Roy Lindberg, Willard H. Lindberg and Harry Carter Lindberg as well as a son-in-law, Gerald "Jerry" Kreke. She is survived by her children, Dr. Angela Lynn Clifford & Deborah S. Todd of Versailles, Virginia Katherine "Kathy" Barlow (H.H.) of Cave City, Phyllis Jean Carmichael (Steve) of Bowling Green, Dr. John Richard Clifford, Jr. (Sara) of Ashburn, VA, and Leslie Sharon Kreke of Bowling Green. Also surviving are 12 grandchildren, Travis Todd, Alexandra "Alex" Todd, Bonika Todd, Virginia "Gini Lin" Barlow Bowling, Harmon Howard (Brad) Barlow, John Paul Barlow, Joshua Barlow, Niki Carmichael, Megan Carmichael Turlington, Michelle Clifford Sheraw, Jason Richard Clifford, and Lori Robin Kreke; and nineteen great grandchildren, the oldest of whom is Ashleigh Rae Stickler of Bowling Green, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

In 1957, she began a career at Mammoth Cave National Park, U.S. Department of Interior. She retired as Executive Secretary to the Superintendent after 22 years of federal service receiving an Honor Award for Superior Service from the Department of Interior. From 1984-1989, she owned and operated a Christmas and gift shop, Under the Mistletoe, 1215 High Street in Bowling Green, fulfilling her desire to share the season of Christmas year round.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to The Presbyterian Church, 1003 State Street, or The Salvation Army of Bowling Green.

Funeral is at 2 p.m. Saturday at The Presbyterian Church, with burial in the Fairview Cemetery. Visitation is from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday at the church, and from 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday. Arrangements are entrusted to Hardy & Son Funeral Home.

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