



Virginia May Archuleta

March 11, 1943 - June 15, 2023

Virginia May Archuleta passed away on June 15, 2023, in Trinity, Texas. She was born to Walter and Mildred Hurlbert on March 11, 1943, in Ong, Nebraska as the third child of their five children. She grew up in the Phoenix area where she graduated from Phoenix Union High School in 1961.

While working in Raton with Marion, she met Albert Victor Archuleta. They married and lived in many locations with the horse racing business. Ultimately, they settled in Drayden, Maryland where they raised their son Albert Harold (Chipper) born in 1973. In 1976 Albert's son, Albert Edward, from an earlier marriage came to live with them in Maryland when he was 16 years old. Edward's sister, Patsy, would spend time with them in the summer.

After some time, Virginia and Albert started a local business they named Homestead Tack Shop, of which Virginia was the proprietor. Many family members would spend time in Maryland and some would join Albert and Edward working at Heritage Manor Farms, including Allen Mash, Sr., Bo Brafford, Keith Cole and Lee Cole.

In 1980, they welcomed their daughter, Joice, and shortly thereafter they relocated to Florida then on to Texas. As life progressed, the marriage did not survive, but they built a strong family unit which thrives still today. For a time, Virginia, Chipper and Joice relocated to Mesa, Arizona while Albert remained in Huntsville. Edward joined Patsy in Los Angeles, then on to Texas in 1989. Virginia valued family greatly and made it a priority to visit with her siblings, Sherry, Diana and Herb and their families wherever they were living. She

welcomed Edward and Patsy into the fold graciously and with lots of love. For a time, while in Arizona, she helped care for her mother in her twilight years. Virginia is predeceased by her parents, sisters Joyce and Sherry and her granddaughter Adley Mae. She is survived by her children with their spouses Chipper and Maria Archuleta, Joice and Bobby Byers, Edward and Betty Archuleta and Patsy and Rodney Guenther. She is also survived by her grandchildren Nate and his wife Gabby, Adrian, Mariah, Valynn, Rebecca and her husband Cully, Cassie her wife Roni, and one great-grandson Sebastian. Also surviving Virginia are her siblings Herb and her sister Diana and husband Larry Jeseritz along with their families including many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Chipper's fondest memory with mom is putting her records on while they cleaned house and dancing the Mashed Potato, to the Monster Mash and Charlie Brown by The Coasters. Joice's favorite memories with mom are their shared love of retail therapy, going to the "The Happiest Place on Earth" and playing cards, what a poker face! Edward favorite time with mom was taking her to her doctor appointment followed by a trip to the pharmacy and ending with a breakfast order at IHOP. Patsy loved doing crafts with Virginia and teaching each other new methods of crafting.

Virginia was a kind and gentle woman with a life-long love of crafting, games and horses. She was greatly loved and will be missed by many. May she rest in peace.

The family would like to thank the staff at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Virginia May Archuleta to St. Jude Children's Hospital, <https://www.stjude.org>, or Texas Children's Hospital, <https://give.texaschildrens.org>.

Friends and family will gather for a visitation at 10:00 AM at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, with the service immediately following at 11:00 AM. Memorial condolences to the family may be made at www.shmfh.com.

You may view a tribute video in honor of Virginia at the following link: <https://w>

www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/CQRMCCX5SPPJQMPC

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **24**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr
Huntsville

Funeral Service

JUN **24**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Virginia May Archuleta*



Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - June 30, 2023 at 09:39 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Virginia May Archuleta.*



June 22, 2023 at 09:09 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Virginia May Archuleta.*



June 22, 2023 at 03:53 PM

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Albert H Archuleta - June 21, 2023 at 10:30 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Virginia May Archuleta.

June 20, 2023 at 11:12 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Virginia May Archuleta.



June 20, 2023 at 11:12 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Virginia May Archuleta.



June 20, 2023 at 08:34 PM

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“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Diana Jeseritz - June 19, 2023 at 10:31 PM

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“ *Diana, Larry, Vian, Ahill, and Stephanie purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Virginia May Archuleta.*



Diana, Larry, Vian, Ahill, and Stephanie - June 19, 2023 at 10:05 PM

DJ

“ I have many memories of my sweet sister, as we were partners in crimes, good and bad. I think one of the best memory is whenever we went somewhere together, we most always managed to get lost or turned around. One of them times was while we ventured to San Antonio for a weekend. As we was touring the city, we thought we would visit the Alamo. We did get lost and ended up in a not so desirable area; especially since Arizona was in NBA Finals with the San Antonios Spurs. We made our way out and did not get to see the Alamo. Other memories were times of tricks done on her because of her naivete and gullible personality. These just added to her magnetic and precious spirit. Virginia didn't have a mean streak in her body, but she could spout off if treated wrongly. Her number one love, of course, are her precious children and their children. She never asked for much, but gave much of herself for others. She was caregiver for our precious little mommy until she felt it was time to return to Texas to be with her children. Virginia was a lover of the outdoors and the beauty of God's nature. She loved sports and was always fun to watch games with. She loved suspense/mystery movies. My birthday treat every year while here in Arizona was she made sure I had my angel food cake. We had shared so very much together, cried together, laughed together and shared many secrets with each other. Virginia had always thought of Arizona as her home, but her heart was always for her children. She was a wonderful mother and it shows through her children, who follow in her footprints. Virginia was not just my sister, she was my forever friend for whom I miss so very much. But I can rest in the assurance that she is where she belongs; with God and our other sister, Sherrie; our mother and father, and I someday will be reunited with them. She was very much loved and will be missed by many who really knew her.



Diana Jeseritz - June 19, 2023 at 09:44 PM

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“ *The Mash family purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Virginia May Archuleta.*



The Mash family - June 19, 2023 at 12:48 PM