



## Virginia Mae Pontarelli

April 16, 1948 - July 29, 2019

Virginia Mae (Knight) Pontarelli passed away in the comfort of her Fort Myers, FL home after her courageous battle with cancer. Strong until the end, she used every ounce of her tenaciousness to fight her affliction.

Born in Providence, Rhode Island to Harold Knight and Effie Tuft, Virginia lived a tough but determined life. She was an entrepreneur and founded her own restaurant (Effie's) in honor of her mother. Virginia then worked for the city of Pawtucket until finally pursuing her dream career as an elementary school teacher after graduating from University of Rhode Island. Virginia further fulfilled her life's yearnings moving to Florida where she taught in the Lee County School District until her retirement.

An avid card player with a contagious laugh and out-going personality, she loved playing cards with her community friends as well as socializing and travelling on cruises with them. She especially loved visiting with her sister and brother-in-law.

Virginia is survived by her daughter Kathy (Dale) Bishop of Dillsburg, PA; sister Sandra (Jim) Briden of Orlando, FL; favorite nephew Jimmy (Pat) Briden of Herndon, VA; niece Chris (John) Abbott of High Point, NC and many, many friends. Also surviving Nanny Pontarelli is her biggest pride and joy, three grandkids: Ashley McNeil of Pawtucket, RI; Ally and Nathan Bishop of Dillsburg, PA; and Foster Granddaughter Persia Hicks of Dillsburg, PA.

She was preceded in death by her son she loved dearly John (Tana) Pontarelli and niece Vicki (Bruce) Kinney who she is reunited with once again.

On behalf of her request, no funeral arrangements will be made as she wanted only to be cremated and her ashes spread on the beach—her favorite place.

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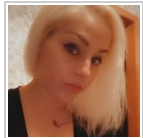
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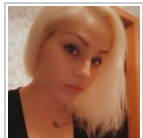
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**Ashley Mcneil** - August 03, 2019 at 07:25 AM



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**Ashley Mcneil** - August 03, 2019 at 07:24 AM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. I worked with her for one year, and she was one of the nicest teachers ever. We had parent pickup duty together, and she made me smile every day she was out there with me. I am really deeply saddened by this, and my deepest sympathy to her family. Beautiful woman!

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**Patty Golden** - August 01, 2019 at 10:32 PM

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“ Ginnie was a fellow Tara Woods Homeowners Association board member but, more importantly, a good friend. Her laugh was infectious, her smile lit up a room and we shared many, many laughs. She was truly a special person and she will be missed greatly by the Tara Woods community and especially by me. Eileen W. Robinson

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**Eileen W. Robinson** - August 01, 2019 at 01:11 PM

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“ She was an awesome teacher always loving each child and bringing out their best. I was privileged to teach with her for a few years. RIP friend.

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**cheryl Chastain** - August 01, 2019 at 10:09 AM



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