



## Virginia Ray Clark

July 28, 1921 - August 26, 2015

Virginia Ray Clark, 94, from Rockdale County and most recently of Monticello, Georgia, died on August 26, 2015, following a brief illness. She is survived by daughters, Carol V. Clark of Atlanta, Jean Clark Workman and husband, Stone of Monticello, and Nancy Clark Johnson of Conyers; three grandchildren, Camille Johnson of Alpharetta, Caroline Johnson of Anchorage, Alaska, and Phillips Workman of Monticello; her caregiver, Eva Gary; two aunts and a host of relatives. Her husband of 55 years, J. Norman Clark, predeceased her in 2004. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. on Sunday, August 30, 2015, at her church, Union United Methodist, 4600 Highway 138, Stockbridge, Georgia 30281 with Dr. C.R. Hill and Reverend Rick Marson officiating. Mrs. Clark loved her family, and loved Union United Methodist Church where she was christened and brought to church as a baby. When she married Norman Clark there in 1949, it was only the second wedding in the church, for which they had to cut a door for the new groom to come in. As a teen, she was president of the Epworth League, now known as the Methodist Youth Fellowship, and president of the subdistrict. A graduate of Rockdale County High School, she finished Greenleaf Business College in Atlanta in only six months to become an executive secretary. In 1958 she fulfilled one of her dreams of remodeling the Browning Place, her grandparents'™ home in Rockdale County built in 1866 where she loved raising her family as well as countless vegetables, peaches and flowers. She had many interests and loved gardening, cooking, reading, and vacationing at Lake Junaluska. She

was a much loved Girl Scout Leader for many in Rockdale County. She remained a church leader and her faith was strong through the loss of two children, Ray Norman Clark in 1953 and Marjorie Lynn Clark in 1963, and the early onset of rheumatoid arthritis at age 39. She taught Sunday School for more than forty years, for many years for the Fellowship Class at Union United Methodist. All members of that class are asked to be honorary pallbearers and to sit together at the service. She with her husband instilled a lifelong love of reading and the importance of education in their children, along with a strong sense of family, friends and faith. Her sweet smile and ongoing expressions of gratitude to God and all those with whom she came into contact were inspirational and will be sorely missed. The family will receive friends at Scot Ward Funeral Services, 699 American Legion Road, Conyers, Georgia 30012 on Saturday, August 29, 2015, from two to five p.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions are welcome to the Union United Methodist Church fund marked "Missions" or to the charity of your choice. Condolences may be submitted on-line at [www.scotward.com](http://www.scotward.com). Scot Ward Funeral Services, 699 American Legion Rd., Conyers, GA, 770-483-7216.

# Cemetery Details

## Union United Methodist Churchyard

4600 Highway 138 SW  
Union United Methodist Churchyard, GA  
30281

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 29.** 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Scot Ward Funeral Services at Green Meadow Memorial Gardens  
699 American Legion Road  
Conyers, GA 30012

## Service

**AUG 30.** 3:00 PM (ET)

Union United Methodist Church  
4600 Highway 138 SW  
Stockbridge, GA 30281

# Tribute Wall

AM

“ *Ann M. purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Virginia Ray Clark.*



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**Ann M.** - September 04, 2015 at 10:51 AM

SC

“ *Carol, you are in my thoughts and daily prayers right now. You are much loved.*

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**Shannon Coats** - September 03, 2015 at 07:56 AM

JE

“ *Carol, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time.  
I am sorry for your loss.*

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**Jennifer** - September 03, 2015 at 07:14 AM

HM

“ *Carol: I was very sorry to hear of your mom's passing. My deepest sympathies and may she be of blessed memory. Harry Minsk*

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**harry minsk** - September 02, 2015 at 02:56 PM

CH

“ I'm deeply sorry for your loss. I hope the words found in the bible at Isaiah 25:8 brings comfort. God promises to "swallow up death forever". No more will we have to suffer heartache for God says he will "wipe away the tears from all faces". Such a joyous time it will be; reunited with our dead loved ones!

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**cheyenne** - September 01, 2015 at 06:21 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Virginia Ray Clark.



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August 29, 2015 at 07:27 PM

MM

“ I remember them both. What a great loving couple. Their legacy of three beautiful daughters. Carol and I met as Governor's Interns and would renew our friendship at the annual barbeque. I recall my conversations with Norman and visiting Virginia later in her life. 94 is a tribute to all she touched in those years. Union Methodist would not be what it is had it not been for the Clark family. May God give you all peace at this time. Mike Mackenzie, Elba, Alabama.

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**Mike Mackenzie** - August 29, 2015 at 08:21 AM

LW

“ "Miss VA" was the epitome of a southern lady whom we knew in the later years of her life. She always had such a sweet smile for Jean's friends. a quality that I knew immediately she'd bestowed on her girls. Leslie and Paul White

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**Leslie N, White** - August 29, 2015 at 07:23 AM

BE

“ memories of my aunt virginia[  
small in build, but such a sweet and precious heart. i think of so many sunday afternoons on grandma clarks porch that wrapped around her house. i"m grateful for the bond of clark heritage that has always been in my memory ,was a large family,so many aunts,Uncles,cousins,In Laws and we just enjoyed all those sundays and visits in a loving way.Norman and Virginia would attend their church,faithfully,and then,was up to F.B. for the afternoon,kids all over the place,Grandpa in the front yard in his rocker,holding the men focused on ballgame Atlanta Crackers.The ones of us that were real adventurous ,running around getting into trouble at times,and always there would be interruptions with the loud sound of those Steam Trains blasting us right on schedule.Virginia was right in place always with her meek little smile.Such good times that i remember as a child.I remember the corn crib,strawberry patch,and the store ,where uncles would give us a nickel to go to the little store just above her house for silver bells .My dads family and Virginia right in the middle had such an influence on my life.will remember her always.

Becky August 29,2015

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Becky - August 28, 2015 at 06:10 PM

NV

“ Nancy Miller Varner purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Virginia Ray Clark.



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Nancy Miller Varner - August 28, 2015 at 05:17 PM



“ 35 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Scot Ward Funeral Services - August 28, 2015 at 12:42 PM



“ *Rainbow Reflections Basket* was purchased for the family of Virginia Ray Clark.



August 28, 2015 at 10:09 AM



“ *Secret Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Virginia Ray Clark.



August 27, 2015 at 07:50 PM

IW

“ *A beautiful Southern Lady has reached her permanent home. She raised three great daughters. May you all find peace in knowing you will see her again. What a day of rejoicing that will be! God bless.*

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**Isabelle H Workman** - August 27, 2015 at 07:20 PM