



## Virginia Starr Mottola

November 10, 1923 - June 12, 2020

Mrs. Virginia Starr Mottola, age 96, of Newnan passed away June 12, 2020. Mrs. Mottola was born on November 10, 1923 in Roscoe, GA to the late J. Marvin and Ivadean Sanders Starr. During her school age years her father served as the Coweta County School Superintendant and she attended the Coweta County public schools. Following the eighth grade she transferred to the Newnan City School system to attend Newnan High School. At her high school graduation Virginia was awarded the Rotary Cup which was presented to the young lady with the highest academic average in her graduating class. Following her high school graduation she enrolled at the University of Georgia where she became a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority. A period of turmoil in Georgia's public colleges which caused 10 colleges to temporarily lose their accreditation led Virginia to transfer to The University of North Carolina for her sophomore year. It was during that year that she met her future husband, Charlie Mottola who was assigned to the U.S. Navy Pre-Flight School in Chapel Hill. The following year, Virginia returned to the University of Georgia where she earned a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. After her graduation and the conclusion of World War II she and Charlie were married and moved to Hanover, New Hampshire where Charlie earned his degree at Dartmouth College. It was during this time that the couple's first child, Susan was born. Following Charlie's graduation the family moved to Athens, Georgia where Charlie attended law school and subsequently taught and practiced law. The couple's second child, Bette was born during this time. In 1953

Virginia and Charlie moved to Newnan where Charlie joined Virginia's cousin, Walter Sanders in the practice of law. Soon after moving to Newnan, youngest child Jim was born. A few years later Virginia began working as her husband's secretary, continuing for approximately 30 years until their retirement.

Virginia was the last remaining founding member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Newnan. She enjoyed fishing, sewing, cooking, spending time with her children and grandchildren and later in life became an unlikely fan of Nascar.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Charles Mottola and her brother Marvin Starr. She is survived by her children, Susan Mottola Dudley, Bette Mottola Poss and James Van Sicklen Mottola , grandchildren, Chip Dudley, Jim Dudley, Van Mottola, Kacee Mottola, Jay Mottola, Wynn Mottola Griffin, Laura Poss, Katherine Poss Maxey and David Poss, as well as nine great-grandchildren.

A private family service was held. Condolences may be sent to the family online at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com).

In lieu of flowers those wishing to honor Mrs. Mottola's life may do so by making donations to West Georgia Technical College Foundation, 401 Adamson Square, Carrollton, Ga 30117.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory | 770-253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## **Forest Lawn Memorial Park**

656 Roscoe Road  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Tribute Wall

NL

“ Susan and family, I am so sorry to hear about your Mom. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.

Nann Arnold Lewellyn - June 20, 2020 at 07:23 PM

LB

“ My sincere condolences to the entire family. Although I worked several years mainly for Will Haugen, I must say that Miss Virginia was my "go-to" person within the law firm for answers to anything. She was such the southern belle and matriarch with a huge, warm smile for everyone. I realize this is a great loss for the family, but hold on to the memories that I'm certain she has left behind for consolation. Sincerely, Linda Banks

Linda Banks - June 17, 2020 at 07:31 PM

BL

“ My condolences go out to the Mottola family. Miss Virginia was always so sweet to me. I remember her taking Van and I fishing when we were little. She also would let me cook with her in the kitchen and I loved that. Thoughts and prayers for the entire family.

Brittain Lawson - June 16, 2020 at 10:01 PM

JG

“ Jim and family, I am so sorry to learn of your loss of Miss Virginia. I remember visiting the law office so many times over the years and her ever present smile. She was a true lady and I know this will leave a void in all your lives. But her memory will live on in the hearts and minds of everyone whose life she touched.

Jennie Gillihan - June 16, 2020 at 06:12 PM

PB

“ I have so many wonderful memories of both of your parents. They took me under their wings when I worked at the law office. The gifts they gave me through the years have just become even more precious to me. I loved them dearly.

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**Pam Beavers** - June 16, 2020 at 05:21 PM

FF

“ Our prayers are with all the Mottola family. Miss Virginia was such a kind person.  
*Frank and Melody Farmer*

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**FRANK AND MELODY FARMER** - June 16, 2020 at 10:05 AM

BW

“ Bobby And Geraldine Welch lit a candle in memory of Virginia Starr Mottola



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**Bobby and Geraldine Welch** - June 16, 2020 at 07:19 AM

NB

“ Dear children, so sorry to hear of your loss. I knew Her for many years, and she was a very sweet ,caring person. She was a good friend.  
*Nancy Burks*

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**nancy burks** - June 15, 2020 at 09:27 PM

WT

“ *Wilson And Jane Treadwell lit a candle in memory of Virginia Starr Mottola*



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**Wilson and Jane Treadwell** - June 15, 2020 at 09:08 PM

DA

“ *I was a secretary for Charlie Goodson for several years in the 1970's and worked alongside this truly graceful lady. I have many wonderful memories of Miss Virginia and the Mottola family. My prayers go out to them at this time.*

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**Deborah Aldridge** - June 15, 2020 at 07:02 PM

CS

“ *Susan, so sorry to hear this. Your Mother was a beautiful, sweet lady and I know you have lots of sweet memories to cling to.*

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**Cheryl McClain Smallwood** - June 15, 2020 at 03:31 PM