



## Virginia Walker Watkins

March 16, 1947 - February 26, 2011

Virginia Walker Watkins, age 63, passed away February 26, 2011 at Alive Hospice in Nashville. She was born on March 16, 1947 in Springfield, TN, to Paul and Margaret Dillaha Walker, who preceded her in death, and is survived by her sons and their families: David (Victoria) Watkins, Madison and Luke of Louisville, KY and Steven (Jenny) Watkins, Josie and Lilly of Somerset, KY; brother Kenneth (Ida) Walker, Savannah, TN; sisters Carolyn (Richard) Hensman, Hendersonville and Paula (Jaime) Jordan, Springfield; and many extended family members and friends. Virginia was a graduate of Springfield High School, attended Bethel College, graduated from Austin Peay State University, and completed her PhD studies in English at the University of Louisville. She was Minister to Adults at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Louisville, KY for the past 12 years. She had previously served as an Acquisitions Manager at the Presbyterian Church (USA) Center in Louisville and as a Cumberland Presbyterian missionary in Colombia, South America. In addition, she had held teaching positions at the University of Louisville, Watterson College, Colegio Bolivar, and in Tennessee public schools. Virginia was a Certified Spiritual Director and Stephen's Minister, and served on the committees of numerous ecumenical organizations in the Louisville area. Funeral services will be at Mt. Sharon Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Springfield, TN, on Wednesday, March 2, at 11:00 a.m., with Rev. Chris Warren officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Visitation will be held 4-8 pm, Tuesday, March 1 at Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield

and at the church one hour prior to the service. Family and friends will serve as pallbearers. A memorial service will be held at St. Paul United Methodist Church, Louisville, KY on Sunday, March 6, at 2:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Mt. Sharon Cumberland Presbyterian Church, St. Paul United Methodist Church, or any charity which Virginia supported, c/o Austin & Bell.

# Tribute Wall

JG

“ *As long-time friends and neighbors to Kenneth and Ida in Savannah we extend our heart felt sympathy at this time of loss. Jim & Flo Garey*

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**Jim Garey** - March 01, 2011 at 04:48 PM

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“ *My prayers are with the family of my long-time friend. She will indeed be missed*

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**Teresa Weaver** - March 01, 2011 at 04:43 PM

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“ *To the Family of Virginia Walker Watkins:  
It is with great sadness that I read of Virginia's passing. It brought many fond memories that we shared as students in high school homeroom and classes. The most recent visit was during and after our most recent class reunion in Springfield and the early morning breakfast at the Moffitt's. We had a great visit and little did we know that we would not see each other again. It also brought tears to my eyes to realize that we will not see her smiling face for a while. My deepest and sincerest condolences to the Virginia's family and her many friends. She was the sweetest, kindest and most compassionate person I have known. Her chosen vocation matched her personality and I know that she was a blessing to many as she was to me.  
My prayers are with each of you as you grieve the loss of this gear woman. She will be missed and not soon forgotten.  
May God give you the peace that comes in knowing that she is His child. God Bless You.*

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**Mickey Trevathan** - March 01, 2011 at 01:25 PM

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“ *Paula, I am sadden to read of Virginia's passing. Having read the obit, she lived a fulfilling life and I am sure she touched and helped many lives. I shall be remembering you and the family in the coming days. As you may remember, I will be unable to visit at the FH. Blessings, Nancy Williams Lewis*

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**Nancy Williams Lewis** - February 28, 2011 at 02:18 PM

SM

“ *The Minks family is so saddened to hear of Virginia's passing. She was a beautiful person with a loving spirit and we will all miss her. We know our heavenly father and loving Lord have a special place for her and she is now in their loving arms. Please know that all of you are in our prayers.*

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**Sue Minks** - February 28, 2011 at 10:01 AM