

*In  
Loving Memory*



**Virginia N. Rydberg**

*Born*

June 27, 1911  
Shenandoah, Iowa

*Entered Into Rest*

February 3, 2005  
St. Petersburg, Florida

*Age*

93 Years, 7 Months, 7 Days

*Life Celebration*

1:30 P.M.  
Tuesday, February 8, 2005  
Selby Funeral Chapel  
Shenandoah, Iowa

*Words of Comfort*

Reverend Allan Bash  
Congregational Church  
Shenandoah, Iowa

*Organist*  
Becky Hoenshel

*Soloist*  
Susie SchAAF

*Musical Selections*

“Mother’s Evening Prayer”  
“Feed My Sheep”

*Memory Register*  
Juli Briggs

*Caring for Flowers*  
Ann Eades

*Ushers*

Jack Briggs - Danley Lorimer

*Casket Bearers*

Sam Brunelli - Glenn Gaver  
Jeffrey Gaver - John Gaver  
David Mandel - Duane Sullivan

*Final Resting Place*

Rose Hill Cemetery  
Shenandoah, Iowa



The Twenty-Third Psalm

*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
He leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the paths  
of righteousness for His name’s sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the  
shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art  
with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence  
of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil:  
my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy  
shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will  
dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

Virginia N. Rydberg

Virginia Nordstrom Rydberg, age 93, the daughter of Thomas Henry and Themis (Nordstrom) Read was born June 27, 1911, in Shenandoah, Iowa, and passed away February 3, 2005, in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Growing up in Shenandoah, Virginia graduated from high school when she was sixteen. After high school she attended Grinnell College during the height of the Great Depression and graduated with a double major in English and Drama. She was overjoyed when she received her first teaching job at Oakland High School.

Because the school board would not employ married female teachers, Virginia secretly married Glen Rydberg, her high school sweetheart. They enjoyed a long happy marriage and to this union Kathryn, Thomas and Lance were born. While they lived in Shenandoah, Glen worked in the field seed business and Virginia wrote scripts for radio broadcast. They then moved to Omaha in 1949, where they went into the nursery business. Virginia was a curious person who read constantly. While living in Omaha, she often gave book reviews to various clubs. She was a member of Mu Sigma, the Omaha Art Guild and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

In 1979, Virginia and Glen bought a home in Redington Beach, Florida, keeping their Omaha residence until Glen died in 1982. After moving to Florida, Virginia was invited to join the Academy of Senior Professionals at Eckerd College (ASPEC) whose members included college presidents, admirals, and executives of major companies. Amiable Virginia was also elected to the ASPEC Senate.

Preceding Virginia in death were her parents, Henry and Themis Read and her husband, Glen Rydberg.

Survivors include her children, Kathryn Gaver and husband, John, and Thomas Rydberg and wife, Marsha, all of Tampa, Florida, and Lance Read Rydberg and wife, Kaye Courington, of New Orleans, Louisiana; brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Maribelle Read of Shenandoah; grandchildren, Jeffrey Gaver, Heather Mandel, Glenn Gaver, Kristen, Nancy, Read and Kathryn Rydberg; a very close and dear friend, Esther Williams of Shenandoah; five great grandchildren; plus other relatives and friends.

*Services Entrusted to*  
*Selby Funeral Chapel, Shenandoah, Iowa*  
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