

Individual Report for Virginia Lee Pointer

Individual Summary: Virginia Lee Pointer

Sex: Female

Father: Anthony Clinton Pointer

Mother: Lena Barbara Jost



Individual Facts:

Birth: 12 Jun 1916 in St. Louis, (city), Missouri

Residence: Bet. 1917–1922 in Margaretta Street Saint Louis Missouri

Residence: 1920 in St Louis Ward 27, St Louis (Independent City), Missouri

Residence: 1930 in Saint Ferdinand, St Louis, Missouri

Residence: 1947 in 4455 A Elmbank Ave

Residence: Bet. 1950–2003 in Ferguson, St Louis, Missouri, USA

Residence: 1974 in Saint Louis, MO

Death: 02 May 2003 in St. Louis County, Missouri

Other: 07 May 2003 in United States

Burial: Jennings, St. Louis County, Missouri, USA

Shared Facts: Ralph Martin Appel Jr.

Marriage: 26 Nov 1936 in St. Johns St. Louis County

Children: David Lee Appel Sr.

Robert Ralph Appel

Donald Martin Appel

Gary Allen Appel

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Person Notes: Virginia Lee Pointer was born in St. Louis Missouri on 12 June 1916 at 5:40 AM to Anthony and Lena (Jost) Pointer. Her first home was on Margaretta Ave in St. Louis Missouri where she lived until she reached the age of six. In 1922 the family moved to 5344 Jennings Station Rd (West Walnut Manor) in Jennings Missouri. Virginia attended Fairview School and in 1923 participated in a production of a Tom Thumb Wedding. Later she attended Fairview High School and was class president in her sophomore year of 1931 - 32. She also held the position of Secretary in her junior year, Treasurer in her senior year and graduated in 1934. Sometime the next year she met Ralph Appel by accident, when Bob Lytle brought Ralph out to Jennings to meet a girl that was a friend of Virginia. They were Married on 26 November 1936, the wedding taking place in one of her aunt's houses in St. Johns Missouri. Her sister Thelma and Ralph brother Theodore stood up for them.

The first years of their marriage was spent in north St. Louis where they attended Cote Brilliant Presbyterian Church. They lived in a flat on Elmbank Street. While they lived there David was born in 1942 and Robert was born in 1947. In 1950 they purchase a home in Ferguson which was to become Virginia's home for the next 50 years. In 1952 Donald was born and Gary followed in 1953. Virginia considered her main job in life to be raising four sons to adulthood and yet in these years she still found time for various activities. She was a member of the Ferguson Presbyterian Church and taught Sunday school to kindergartners for over 25 years influencing an entire generation of children. Also at the church she was a deaconess and was the study leader in her church's women's study group for over 20 years, in the process she developed a depth of knowledge in theology. Virginia was a member of Sunnyside Garden Club for over 20 years and each year did the artwork for the cover of their yearly book as well as participating in flower shows and amassing numerous awards over the years. In 1969 she became a docent at the Missouri Botanical Garden, giving guided tours for the next

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30 years. Her supported the garden made her a Henry Shaw Associate for many years. During her years at the Garden she gained a great knowledge of both the Garden and of plants and botany.

With the death of her husband in 1970 she became the independent woman that we all came to know. Virginia was a member of the Board of Directors of Hussmann Distributing Corporation until it was sold back to the parent company. For many years she was employed as a floral designer and worked in a number of shops in the Ferguson area. Virginia was an elder in the Presbyterian Church and delivered Meals on Wheel in to her seventies often to people many years younger than she was. Her generosity supported many institutions and charities throughout the years. The Muny was also one of her joy and she had season tickets for over 40 years. During these years she also traveled throughout the US and to Germany, fulfilling a wish to see the land of her ancestors. Among her greatest joys was being involved with her 8 grandchildren.

She dies on May 2, 2003 at Christian Hospital Northeast in St. Louis County after most of her family had spent the day with her. The funeral took place at her church, Ferguson Presbyterian and she is buried in Memorial Gardens in Jennings Missouri. In a way Virginia's life had come full circle as she was buried only a few blocks from her childhood home.

Birth Notes: Born Monday June 12 5:40 AM

Residence Notes: 3 Shireford Lane 63135