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Mary Virginia Kelly Skipper, aged 102 and a half, currently of Lake Charles, Louisiana, died on July 27, 2009. "Peggie", "Toter", "Mother", "Grandmother", the much nicknamed and invariably charming, affable and generous Mrs. Skipper, was born in Longview, Texas on December 27, 1906. Except for her time in Dallas at Southern Methodist University, she lived in Longview until she was 88 years old, after which she moved to Lake Charles to be in closer proximity to family. She was a lifelong member of the Methodist Church, first in Longview and then in Lake Charles.

Mary Virginia was born to LeGrande D. and Cacy McCullough Kelly. Her grandfather, G. A. Kelly, founded the Kelly Plow Company which was an important industry in Longview's history. During her time in Longview, among many other busy pursuits, Mary Virginia was involved in the Shakespeare Club, the Greenbriar Garden Club and the Greenshire Women's Club. The majority of her volunteer time, however, was devoted to the First United Methodist Church of Longview where she was active in many different roles which ranged from teaching Sunday School to being a Trustee. She served the United Methodist Women on the local, district and national levels in a variety of ways including President, Vice President, Secretary of Missionary Education, and District President. She was honored when their cookbook was dedicated to her, not only for the above service, but for the yearly baking of hundreds of loaves of Orange and Apricot Bread for the Garden Sale Fiesta. She continued her association with the U.M.W. at the First United Methodist Church of Lake Charles, and she was a member of the Col. Ware Sunday School class.

Peggie was always a gracious hostess and was well known for her parties held both at home and at the church. For many years, she hosted an annual Halloween party for all the neighborhood children and their friends. In Lake Charles, she loved to host the Christmas parties for church groups and for the Kappa Delta sorority, so she could share her extensive collection of Santas. She entertained every summer for over twenty years at her cottage in Boothbay Harbor, Maine where



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she lived down the street from her younger brother, Verner, and his wife Margie and their children and grandchildren. Some of her Longview friends and family who got to share in her enthusiasm for the cooler summers of Maine and her sense of travel adventure included Dorothy, Alvin, Sam and Andy Khoury; Jo and Herdy Cupit; Liz and Jim Lockhart; and Jacquelyn Jameson and her family.

Mary Virginia was preceded in death by her husband, Dozier T. Skipper, Jr., and her two brothers, LeGrande Kelly and Verner E. Kelly. She is survived by her daughter Caroline Skipper Hollins of Lake Charles and her son LeGrande Kelly Skipper and his wife Dawn of Lufkin, Texas, her two grandchildren Kelly McCullough Hollins and his wife Gwyn of Decatur, Georgia and Virginia Hollins Webb and her husband Patrick of Lake Charles. She is survived by two great-grandsons, Arthur Alexander Hollins and Harper McCullough Hollins. Peggie had many dear friends including Judy Mayo of Lake Charles. Chris Hagstrom with his wife Susan and their four children, Josh, Jenny, Jake and Jaclyn, survive Peggie as her "adopted" family in Longview.

Her funeral service will be held at First United Methodist Church in Longview at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 1. Burial in Greenwood Cemetery will follow the service. Visitation will be on Friday, July 31 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Rader Funeral Home.

A memorial service in Lake Charles will be held at a later date.

Donations in honor of Peggie may be made to the First United Methodist Churches of Longview, Texas and of Lake Charles, Louisiana.



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Anonymous posted:

Caroline and Kelly....I mourn with you in the passing of your sweet and precious Mother...My childhood is filled with wonderful memories of Mrs. Skipper...Her home was always open to all of your friends of which I was privileged to be....She has a special place in heaven which she is enjoying at this moment...I pray you both have peace, and just know that I loved her dearly!!!##imported-begin##Linda Wicker Lackey##imported-end##

August 9 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

A lovely lady,we lived on Cynthia Dr many years ago.Mr & Mrs Skipperwere so good to all the neighborhood children,my own really enjoyed the Halloween parties.##imported-begin##Arlene Wilson##imported-end##

August 1 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Kelly and CarolineWhen I think of your Mother, I think of Phil.4:8 "Whatever is lovely think about such things." She was lovely. What sweet memories you will have to share.##imported-begin##Madeline Brannon Jones##imported-end##

August 1 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you at the loss of your Mother.##imported-begin##Jeff and Polly Boudreaux##imported-end##

August 1 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

What a wonderful woman Peggie was! She enriched many lives with her lovely smile. Remembering her happy presence in garden club and church brings a smile to my face, and I'm sure she and the Lord are smiling together in heaven now. She made Longview and this earth a better place. Your family and all those who loved her are in my prayers.##imported-begin##Christy Tiece##imported-end##

July 31 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

I have fond memories of Mrs Skipper and her parties
With love Zella Mae Tucker
Zella Mae Curtis Tucker

July 30 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

SWEET LOVE TO ALL OF PEGGY'S FAMILY
I HAPPENED TO BE AT FIRST METHODIST WHEN PEGGY WAS HERE AND GOT TO VISIT WITH HER...
ABOUT HOW MUCH BRO MONTY LOVED HER HUSBAND AND SHE SAID THE FEELINGS WERE MUTAL.
Millie Harper

July 30 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Caroline & Kelly, I dearly loved your mother. She was such a lovely, gracious lady who blessed everyone who knew her. It was such a joy to be in her home many times. I know she will be greatly missed. Bill and I do pray that the Lord keep His loving arms tightly around you at this difficult time. Sorry to miss the service but we are in Palm Springs for the summer. Please know that you will remain in our prayers.
In His love, Sister
Clara

July 30 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

To friends and family of Peggy. The memories she has given to my children as well as to Tom and myself are life changing ones we all choose to remember and cherish. Holiday parties for the kids and parents, garden club initiations, always new and creative, and that always smiling and comforting face. Thank you Peggy for making a difference in our lives. May you rest in peace with the God you so loved.
Angele Fanning and family
angele fanning

July 30 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

So sorry to hear about "Ms Peggie"- we did not know her but do know Kelly/Dawn. By her obit information she had to be a GREAT Lady-would have loved to have known her. God Bless Bill and Peggy
Bill & Peggy Sikes

July 29 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Dear Caroline and Kelly, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family over the loss of dear Peggie. What a special lady she was and such a great model for your family. I will be out of town on Saturday but will be a visitation on Friday evening. Linda Ryan Butter Thomas###imported-begin##Linda Butter Thomas##imported-end##

July 29 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

We send our heartfelt condolences to the family of Peggie Skipper. Peggie was one of my mother's dearest friends. So these thoughts of sympathy come on behalf of Mother who now resides in her heavenly home. Now she and Peggie can again enjoy their friendship. I knew Peggie primarily through my mother, but remember particularly the lovely party she gave for me on my wedding day. What a gracious, lovely lady she was! Many are blessed because of knowing her, including me. Ann McEachern Maxwell###imported-begin##Bill and Ann McEachern Maxwell##imported-end##

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Peggie by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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