



Virginia Grapey

November 4, 1921 - November 23, 2023

Virginia Grapey, age 102 of Chicago, IL and formerly of Kankakee passed away on Thursday November 23, 2023 at Lincolnwood Place in Lincolnwood, IL. She was born November 4th, 1921 at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Chicago IL, the only child of Stanley and Antoinette (Ziolkowski) Niebrzydowski,

Virginia married Charles H. Grapey in 1957 at Rockefeller Chapel in Chicago. He preceded her in death on September 13, 1978.

Virginia was the retired owner of the Bon Marche' Store in downtown Kankakee. She was also the owner and operator of the Arcade Building as well as other real estate ventures in the Kankakee area.

Virginia briefly attended the University of New Mexico and then lived in New York city as a young woman and worked as a secretary for NBC radio personality Ben Grauer before moving to Chicago and eventually becoming a buyer for both Marshall Field's and Carson, Pirie Scott; for whom she traveled on international buying trips.

She was an active member of the Kankakee Cultivators, the Chamber of Commerce, and The Kankakee Symphony. Virginia was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Surviving are two sons David (Katy) Grapey of Greensboro, NC, Marc (Brigid Murphy) of Chicago, IL;

three grandchildren, Nick, Sarah and Lola Antionette.

Visitation will be held from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm on Saturday, December 2, 2023 at Schreffler Funeral Homes, Kankakee.

Memorials may be made to the donor's choice.

Private entombment will follow at Mound Grove Mausoleum, Kankakee

Cemetery Details

Mound Grove Gardens of Memory

1000 N Greenwood
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 2. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel
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