
Virginia P. North



Virginia P. North "Ginny" Virginia Philips North (Ginny) passed away quietly at home on February 22, 2004, at the age of 57, after a prolonged battle with cancer. After devoting her life to her family and music, it is not surprising that she would depart during the Sunday morning broadcast of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. She and her husband, Vaughn North, were currently members of the choir and had collectively served 22 years. Prior to joining the choir, Ginny was a principal chair violinist in the Salt Lake Symphony Orchestra for over 10 years. Her most proud achievement was raising five successful children - Michael, Brad, Todd, Jeff and Heidi, each now with their own families, including six grandchildren. Her most outstanding trait was her mild manner and gentle heart that evoked a deep sense of trust and love from all who knew her. Ginny was born in Oak Park, IL, to John Revel Philips, Jr. and Evelyn Stewart Lindsay on July 24, 1946. Her father's FBI responsibilities brought them to Salt Lake City several years later, where Ginny and her brother Paul were raised in the Holladay area. Ginny attended Skyline High School and then Brigham Young University, where she graduated in German and music. It was here that she met her husband Vaughn and married in 1968 in the Salt Lake Temple. Following

Vaughn's commissioning in the US Army, they spent three years in Germany and then returned to raise their family in Utah. Ginny's interests remained focused on her family and music, while Vaughn co-founded the patent law firm of Thorpe North & Western LLP, now in its 25th year. Ginny was also an avid genealogist and was successful in extending her family tree through hundreds of ancestors, including the founding governor of Tennessee. Preceded in death by her mom, dad, mother-in-law Estelle June Knaption North, and father-in-law Clarence Eugene North. Survived by husband Vaughn North, son Mike (Emily) North, son Brad (Melanie) North, son Todd (Hyo) North, son Jeff (Marissa) North, daughter Heidi (Nate) Rees, brother Paul (Kristine) Philips, six and a half grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, and countless friends. Funeral services will be conducted at the Cottonwood 2nd Ward, 5165 S. Highland Dr. at 12:00 p.m. on Feb. 27, 2004. A viewing for friends and family will be held at Wasatch Lawn Mortuary on Feb. 26th from 6-8 p.m. and one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment, Elysian Gardens.

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