



Virginia May Wilkerson Strong

March 19, 1935 - January 14, 2026

Virginia May (Wilkerson) Strong, 90, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, in St. George, Utah. She was born March 19, 1935, in Vernal, Utah, to Arbun C and Mildred (Wyman) Wilkerson. Virginia married David Smith on October 6, 1950, and they had five children. They were later divorced in January 1960. She then married Lawrence D. Strong on July 28, 1961, and they had two children together before their divorce in May 1973. Virginia was a dedicated special education educator and administrator who earned her PhD in Education from the University of Ohio. She was truly an adventurous and feisty spirit. She had a deep passion for traveling, horses, and books, and she found great joy in genealogy, reading and writing. She will be remembered fondly for the many interests and the vibrant energy she brought to everything she did.

She is survived by 6 of her children: Anna Blyton of Henderson, NV, Dorothy Wolf (Larry) of Rancho Cucamonga, CA, Lee Smith of Las Vegas, NV, Karen Ritter (Scott) of Cassopolis, MI, Jeff (Julie) Strong of Joseph City, AZ, and Larry (Kim) Strong of Aikens, SC, 15 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren. 8 great-great grandchildren, 4 brothers and 4 sisters.

Virginia is preceded in death by her parents, her sister Jean Wilkerson, and her brother Allen Wilkerson. She is also preceded by her daughter Ava Eatman, her grandsons Bobby Blyton and Adam Strong and her great-grandson Taylor Blyton.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Arthritis

Foundation of America, Inc. on her behalf. We would also like to express our sincere gratitude to the staff at Desert Oaks Assisted Living for their exceptional care.

A memorial service will be held Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 11:00 AM at the Desert Oaks Assisted Living Center, 950 South 400 East, St. George, Utah. In accordance with her wishes, Virginia's ashes will be scattered by the family at Whiterocks Canyon, Utah. This will take place at a later date.

Family and friends are invited to share tributes online at www.SerenityStG.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 20. 11:00 AM (MT)

Desert Oaks Assisted Living
950 South 400 East
St. George, UT 84770