



## Virginia Loftus

September 24, 1922 - November 29, 2012

Anderson- Virginia Loftus, 90, passed away peacefully at her residence after an extended illness on November 29, 2012. She was born on September 24, 1922 in Asheville, North Carolina and resided most of her life in Anderson. Virginia graduated from Lee Edwards High School in Asheville, NC and attended Montreat College. She graduated from Memorial Mission Hospital School of Nursing in Asheville, NC. After graduation, she became a U.S. Navy nurse during WWII serving at Portsmouth Naval Hospital in Portsmouth, Virginia. She was a retired Registered Nurse and Unit Director of Orthopedics for St. John's Hospital. Later in her career, she worked at St. John's Women's Center. She retired in 2002 after 45 years of service. Virginia was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Anderson. She was a member of the Orthopedic Nurses Association and several other professional organizations. She loved to cook, entertain, enjoyed reading, sewing and crafts. She also enjoyed going to Ocean Isle Beach for her yearly vacation. Over the years, she had many dogs, and she loved them all. The family would like to extend a special thank you to Lynne Golden for all of her loving care, and Dr. Mathison and his staff for their care and support. She is survived by her daughter, Susan L. Lind of Anderson; son, Mark E. Christine Loftus of Anderson; brother, Joseph H. Melba Mehaffey of Hendersonville, NC; and sister-in-law, Margaret Jeanne Mountain. Several nieces and nephews survive. Her loving dogs, Sadie and Katie also survive. She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul E. Loftus; parents Joseph H and Arizona Thomas Mehaffey;

and step-father, Boyce L. Clement. Visitation will be held Tuesday, December 04, from 4:00 - 8:00 pm, and one hour prior to the service at Robert D. Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory, 200 West 53rd St. Services will be Wednesday, December 5, at 11:30 AM at the funeral home with Rev Robert Williams officiating. Entombment will take place at Anderson Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be made to Madison County Humane Society and the Animal Protection League. [www.loosecares.com](http://www.loosecares.com)

# Tribute Wall

BB

“ My mother, Irene Webb, worked for many years with Mrs. Loftus. When my mother was in St. John's in her final weeks, Mrs. Loftus had her moved close to the nurses station and instructed those on duty to take special care of her. I will never forget her and her kindness. Her family is in my prayers.

**Beth Bryant** - December 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ dear miss ginny, you and i had a love for animals, especially dogs!! i know your dogs will miss their mommy, but i know you will be with them. may you rest in peace & i will never forget you!! i love you lots!! lisa schmitt women's center

**lisa schmitt** - December 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ RIP Loftus, you will be missed in the nursing community and will always be remembered as 'one of a kind!' I admired your status from my early days at St. John's, as a junior volunteer. I am out of the country at this time and will not be able to attend visitation/funeral..know that your family and friends are in my thoughts and prayers. RIP Loftus.

**Audrey Augustinovicz RN** - December 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Susan, I am so sorry to learn about the loss of your mother. She was a special soul and loved by many. Prayers with you and Mark during this difficult time.

**Megan Brandon Smart** - December 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Susan and Mark. Mrs. Loftus she will always be Mrs. Loftus to me was a wonderful example of strength and dedication. I am happy to have seen her one last time when I visited Anderson in October. I have many warm memories of weekends spent out on Ridge Road in the 50s. I wish I could be there for the service, but I will be with you all in spirit. May God take care of her now!

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**Rebecca Wilder McAllister** - December 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Mark and Christine, Sorry to see the passing of your mother and mother in law. Phil was her patient many times and he loved the care she gave. Having been employed at St. John's during her time there, I experienced her true committment to nursing and her friendship. Our thoughts to both of you thru this difficult time. Phil and Gretchen Morris

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**Phil and Gretchen Morris** - December 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Mrs. Loftus was one of the best mentors I was honored to work for as I began my career at Saint John's. She truly cared for the patients we served and carried out the mission of SJHS with pride. Prayers are with family and friends as we say goodbye to one of God's great nurses.

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**Anna Tocci Clevenger** - December 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM