



## Virginia Lee Andersen

October 8, 1937 - August 24, 2025

Funeral Service Link: <https://zoom.us/j/99778853696>

Virginia Lee Andersen was born October 8, 1937 in Salt Lake City, Utah to Helen Brasher and John Myron Lee. She passed away peacefully on Sunday, August 24, 2025 in Lehi, Utah at the Pointe Meadows Health and Rehab Center.

Virginia lived in Salt Lake City, Utah through her childhood years. She started piano lessons at 8 years old. By eleven she was playing the pump organ for Sunday School. She always used her musical abilities to the enjoyment and enrichment of others, whether it was teaching grade school, fulfilling her church callings, or playing duets with her husband.

On December 19, 1957, she married Terrell Neils Andersen, and together they raised three children: Bill, Suzie, and John.

Virginia played the clarinet in the University of Utah Marching band. She got her bachelor's degree in elementary education. She taught piano and grade school for a number of years in Salt Lake City and Oklahoma. Virginia has always been a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. She served in many church callings including Primary President, Relief Society President, and being choir director, pianist, and ward organist. She

loved going to the temple.

Terry and Virginia lived in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Holladay, Utah, Edmond, Oklahoma, and resided in Riverton, Utah for the last 26 years.

Virginia loved people and parties. Since people and parties go together, she was always planning a party, looking forward to a party and being the life of the party. The holidays were always a really big deal to Virginia and decorating the house, planning surprises and making crafts for everyone made life special. Virginia was an avid card player. She loved to win!

Virginia was always her husband's number one fan, the person who went to every performance when he played in the Riverton Orchestra and Jazz Band and the Murray Concert Band.

She enjoyed rock hunting with her husband.

Terry and Virginia were world travelers and completed their goal of visiting all 50 states. Her three favorite trips were seeing Mount Denali, Australia, and a South African Safari.

Virginia lost her vision in the early 2000's and losing her ability to play the piano and drive, two of her favorite things to do, was a real hard test for her.

The last paragraph of the short life summary she wrote was "We were blessed with our family and lifelong friends. We loved our home, neighborhood and ward. I'm sad to leave so many loved ones for now but anxious to be with my Mom, Dad and loved ones that have passed on."

She is survived by her husband of 67 years, Terry Andersen; son Bill (Lorie) Andersen; daughter Suzie (Lynn) Marchant; son John (May) Andersen; 9 grandchildren; 5 step grandchildren; 20 great grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews, and

special friends.

She was preceded in death by both parents and a brother, Bob Lee.

A viewing will be held on Thursday evening, August 28, 2025 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints located 12120 S. 1300 W., Riverton, Utah 84065.

Funeral Services will be held at 12:00 noon, Friday, August 29, 2025 with a viewing prior to the funeral service from 11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Interment will follow the funeral service at the Salt Lake City Cemetery.

The family of Virginia wishes to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the many friends, neighbors, and extended family who showed love and compassion toward Virginia. Also, Quality Home Health and Hospice, particularly nurse Meagan Naujoks for her extraordinary care.

# Cemetery Details

## Salt Lake City Cemetery

200 N St E  
Salt Lake City, UT 84103

# Previous Events

## Viewing

AUG **28**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Riverton 15th Ward  
12120 South 1300 West  
Riverton, UT 84065

## Viewing #2

AUG **29**. 11:00 AM - 11:45 PM (MT)

Riverton 15th Ward  
12120 South 1300 West  
Riverton, UT 84065

## Funeral Service

AUG **29**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (MT)

Riverton 15th Ward  
12120 South 1300 West  
Riverton, UT 84065



# Tribute Wall

MM

“ I've been thinking about her a lot lately and wondered how she was doing. Ginny was a favorite Brasher cousin possibly because she was Aunt Helen's daughter. She was my piano teacher more than any of the others I had. She introduced me to my first homemade carrot cake which has been my favorite ever since. When my daughter was born she gave me the rocking chair that Grampa made for Nana and that Nana wrote about in her life story. So I think of Ginny often.

*It's amazing to me that she lived as long as she did. She had so many health issues and was about to die so many times. Hers was a funeral that I would have come down for. I live in Washington state. I'm sad she's gone but so happy for her too.*

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**Marilee Dalton McQuarrie** - September 07, 2025 at 04:03 PM

MT

“ Virginia was an amazing woman. Her love of music and her care and concern for others was constantly apparent. I have fond memories of piano lessons with Virginia and still marvel at the level of patience and optimism she was able to give. I remember attending musical events where she, Terry, and my mother would play for Tealridge (a retirement community), and the energy and love with which she served others. She will be greatly missed, but she leaves a legacy of love and service with the many lives she touched.

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**Megan Knowles Thorne** - August 28, 2025 at 11:59 AM

LP

“*Virgina is a very special woman! I echo the wonderful things that Jordan said about our dear Oklahoma grandma. We spent a lot of time in her home growing up. I was there each week for my piano lessons and I remember many visits, dinners and special holidays there. Each time we would go Terry and Virginia would make sure we had an ice cold soda or sweet drink - I remember loving that. I remember card games and lots of fun with the Andersens. One special memory I have is going to the Salt Flats with Virgina and Terry and them teaching us how to dig for salt crystals. Virginia's gift of music was a gift for all. I loved the musical duets she would play on Christmas and Easter church services with the piano and organ. They were incredible! Her love of music was contagious and I remember being inspired by her willingness to share. Last summer, when I was in town, I was able to visit Virginia with my parents and sisters in the care facility that she was in at the time. I was so struck by her resilience and how courageously she faced her many health challenges. Through many years of challenges she remained outward focused, loving, kind and received us with the very same love and warmth I felt from her as a child. I remember leaving feeling uplifted and strengthened by her love. I am inspired by her ability to extend love to all. I am grateful for her example and influence in my life. She will be greatly missed! Sending all my love to Terry, Bill, Suzie, John and all of the Andersen family.*”

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**Lauren Jones Petersen** - August 28, 2025 at 02:40 AM

JJ

“ Virginia played such an important role in my childhood. We lovingly call her our Oklahoma Grandma because we didn't have family close. She patiently taught me piano, despite me not being good and not liking it. She provided me with my first job, mowing her lawn. We took family vacations and celebrated holidays together. She was always there for me and supported my family and me in all that we did. She was such a great example to me. I am so grateful to have been blessed by Virginia.

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**Jordan Jones** - August 28, 2025 at 12:03 AM

SM

*She loved your family. Thank you for sweet words*

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**Suzie Marchant** - August 28, 2025 at 12:17 AM

LP

*Virginia loved and served everyone around her, and we loved her. She was our role model in helping raise grandchildren, and she always made sure that our grandchildren were invited to Easter egg hunts and other activities that she and Terry organized. We were amazed at her vitality and her "can do" attitude, despite all the health issues that she endured. She blessed so many with her music--we loved to hear her play the piano. As the years passed, she showed us how to accept whatever life may hold with grace and courage, continuing to do all that she could for others. We pray Terry and her family will be comforted by wonderful memories and by God-given promises for the future.*

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**Lynn Packham** - August 29, 2025 at 10:39 AM



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Serenity Funeral Home - August 27, 2025 at 06:12 PM