



## Virginia (Gartrell) Rippeteau

February 16, 1921 - July 27, 2012

Northbrook, IL resident Virginia Clare (Gartrell) Rippeteau, 91, died peacefully July 27, 2012.

A memorial service was held at Covenant Village in Northbrook, IL, August 9, 2012. Graveside services will be 11:00 a.m., Saturday, April 27, 2013, at the Clay Center Cemetery in Clay Center, NE. No visitation - cremation has taken place.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the University of Nebraska Department of Art & Art History; 120 Richards Hall University of Nebraska; Lincoln, NE 68512

RE: Virginia Clare (Gartrell) remembrance.

Virginia was born in Clay Center, Nebraska on February 16, 1921 to Dr. Irving D. Gartrell and Mildred (Epperson) Gartrell. After graduation from the University of Nebraska (May, 1943) she taught school in Norfolk and Geneva, NE. She married Malcolm G. Rippeteau of Clay Center, NE on June 1, 1946. Malcolm and Virginia then moved to Stapleton, NE where Malcolm taught school. Their move to the Chicago area came in 1951 where Virginia became very active in community, Scouts and school activities. After their move to Evanston, IL, Virginia was active in the Evanston Dewey Community Organization working to keep their neighborhood stable and integrated.

Virginia was an active member of the PEO Sisterhood and also a certified Art Teacher.

Virginia was predeceased by her husband Malcolm Rippeteau and sister Vesta Jean (Jack) Hubbell.

She is survived by her three children Steve (Linda) Rippeteau of Fort Madison, IA, Kathryn (Laurence) Greenwold of Niskayuna, NY and Daniel (Jeanne) Rippeteau of Park Ridge, IL; sister Dorothy (Harry) Van Dyke; brother Leland (Joyce) Gartrell; grandchildren Eva Rippeteau Chavira, Jason Rippeteau, Tyler Rippeteau, Kiersten Rippeteau Fischer, Erica Greenwold, Signe Greenwold Coffey and great-grandchild Bryce Malcolm Fischer.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Aunt Ginny's Methodist life contributions are legion, and yet most of us family relatives may better remember her voluminous and careful ancestral researches and writings. Many of us, also, surely do remember visiting her, and her family, in the Evanston IL area, over many, many years, and witnessing her good humor and personal dignity, including these last years. Thus has passed a great Human Treasure!

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**Bruce Estes Rippeteau** - March 02, 2013 at 01:30 PM

JH

“ The Gartrell family will be forever grateful to Aunt Jinny for her devotion to preserving family history (in photos, genealogy records and more). And for the record, let it be known that Jinny served as the United Methodist Church's in-house "actuary" [or the closest thing to an actuary a denomination can have!] for a number of years. We actuaries hold her in great esteem for that accomplishment!

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**Jaymes Hubbell** - March 02, 2013 at 09:07 AM

JH

“ I will always remember the play Aunt Ginny wrote about the Gartrell ancestors, performed by the Gartrell grandchildren on the porch of our lodge at a Gartrell Family Reunion. What a delightful way for them and all of us to learn of the family history!

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**Jan Harvey Hubbell** - March 02, 2013 at 09:03 AM

JZ

“ A treasured gift from Aunt Jinny was a hand-written notebook of family recipes!

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**Joyce Hubbell Zook** - March 02, 2013 at 08:05 AM

JH

“ *We will miss our always positive and cheerful aunt. She also was the author of an extensive family history, a major accomplishment and gift to the family.*

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**Jane Rippeteau Heffron** - March 02, 2013 at 12:50 AM