



Virginia H. Rockwell (Steeves)

August 9, 2025

Virginia H. Rockwell (Steeves)

Rochester, NY — Passed away peacefully on Saturday, August 9, 2025, at the age of 96.

Predeceased by her parents, William S. and Gladys B. Henry; husbands, John K Steeves, Jr (father of her children) and The Rev. James A Rockwell; and sister, Claire. Survived by her daughters, Judith (Charlie) Zettek, Deborah Steeves, and her son, Kevin (Cherie) Steeves; sister, Shirley Gruendike; her stepchildren, Nancy Consedine, Bruce Rockwell (The Rev. Cristine) and Joan Rockwell; her beloved 12 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren; and nieces and nephews, who all held a special place in her heart.

Virginia graduated later in life with degrees in Special Education and School Administration from SUNY Brockport and Nazareth College. She worked many years for the Rochester City School district and later was a member of the NYS Teachers Retirement Association.

Virginia had a deep love for classical music, a zest for life, she was always ready for the next adventure and eager to include the whole family at a moment's notice. She generously gave her time as a volunteer for Meals on Wheels and served as a dedicated Girl Scout Leader, touching many lives with her kindness and leadership.

The family thanks the many people who assisted in Virginia's care at Valley Manor Assisted Living, Seabury Woods Assisted Living and the Episcopal Church Home over the past six years and the URMC Palliative Care Unit 4-

1200 team members who provided compassionate end of life care and support to Virginia and her family.

Family and friends are invited to attend a celebration of Virginia's life, Saturday, September 13, at 11:00 am at Christ Church Rochester, 141 East Avenue, Rochester, NY 14604.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Virginia's memory may be made to:

The Bloch Alumni and Advancement Center, C/O Palliative Care Unit 4-1200 Fund, 300 East River Road, Box 278996, Rochester, NY 14627, or by visiting their website: <https://www.urmc.rochester.edu/medicine/palliative-care/giving> or Episcopal SeniorLife Communities, 505 Mt. Hope Ave. Rochester, NY 14624 or at <https://episcopalseniorlife.org/give/>

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP **13**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Christ Church Rochester
141 East Ave.
Rochester, NY 14604

Tribute Wall

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“ Ginny Steeves (Rockwell), along with Betty Seaman, was my Girl Scout leader though graduation in 1971. Mrs. Steeves was an inspiring leader and she and Mrs. Seaman facilitated a wide range of experiences during those important and formative years. In addition to camping, I remember singing Christmas carols to the prisoners in the MC jail cell blocks, visiting kids with severe disabilities at a care home in Churchville, and traveling to Detroit/Canada for an exchange weekend with our sister Girl Guide troop in Leamington, Ont.

*For our grand finale at the end of our senior year, we took a long weekend trip to Toronto. The scouts were allowed to plan the trip and somehow, we made the case for seeing 'Hair'. It's hard to believe that all the parents were OK with that but those were different times. We planned to tour the science center in the morning and go back to the hotel to change before the matinee performance. Somehow, we got held up and had to go directly to the theater in our uniforms. We were so embarrassed! The cast members came down the aisles singing the opening number and passing out flowers and when one came past us, he yelled out "GIRL SCOUTS!!" We could have died right there in our seats. Ginny and Betty were great leaders and very good sports. With love and appreciation,
Carole Cole Teegarden*

Carole Teegarden - September 10, 2025 at 01:01 PM

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“ I remember many Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter dinners with "Grandma Virginia" and her husband, known in our family as "Grandpa." The dinners were always delicious and the company warm as we shared stories with one another. Bruce

Bruce Rockwell - August 27, 2025 at 06:21 PM