



Virginia Jane Lowe

June 12, 1922 - February 19, 2026

Virginia Jane Lowe, age 103, a lifelong resident of Eaton County, passed away peacefully on February 19, 2026. Born on June 12, 1922, on the Austin Centennial Farm in Eaton County. Virginia was the daughter of Jay O. and Blanche (Cole) Austin. Raised with strong rural values, she remained deeply rooted in the Pottersville-Charlotte community throughout her remarkable life.

Virginia was a respected businesswoman, serving as co-owner and operator of Lowe Brothers & Dad and Lowe Bros. & Mom in Charlotte. She was also a former Charlotte City Council Member, a longtime Treasurer of the Women's Business Guild, a dedicated member of the Hayes Green Beach Memorial Hospital Board of Directors and its Women's Auxiliary, a member of the GFWC-Charlotte for 48 years, and an active supporter of Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. Faith played an important role in her life as she attended Pottersville Methodist Church (Sycamore Church) and later Charlotte Congregational Church.

As a mother, Virginia never missed a Scouting meeting, school function, or athletic event for her sons-or for their many friends, who were always welcomed into her home. Sleepovers were frequent, meals were plentiful, and encouragement was constant. She fed and supported countless young men and faithfully attended Pottersville athletic events for many years.

Virginia and Bill were married in 1950 and were partners in life and business which spanned decades. Together, they built not only successful businesses, but a home filled with warmth, hospitality, and unwavering support for family and friends. Bill, an MPGA Past President, shared Virginia's love of community and leadership. They enjoyed extensive travel throughout the United States with their sons and were especially blessed to visit six continents together. Music filled her home and her heart-she cherished the Big Band era of the 1930s and 1940s, loved The Sound of Music, and spent many happy hours listening to Lawrence Welk and watching Little House on the Prairie, MASH*, and Dr. Pohl, all while keeping up with current events.

Virginia was a devoted mother to her sons, Charles A. Lowe, David W. (Marie) Lowe and Richard C. (Dee Dee) Lowe, and daughter, Mary Margaret Lowe and took immense pride in their accomplishments, including David's service as an MPGA Past President and Richard's distinguished career as an attorney.

Above all, Virginia was known as a compassionate listener. She offered guidance gently, without judgment or prejudice, providing thoughtful counsel to friends, family, business associates, and especially to David and Richard as they navigated life's journeys. She often remarked how fortunate she felt to have lived such a full and blessed life, rich in experiences, relationships, and cherished memories. Her impact on family generations spans more than lifetime.

She is also survived by sons, David W. (Marie) Lowe; and Richard C. (Dee Dee) Lowe; grandchildren, Alexander C. (Staci) Lowe;, Lance W. (Tara) Lowe, Matthew R. Lowe, and Calli OP (Bryce) Becker; great-grandchildren Tyson D. Lowe, Brady A. Lowe, Ethan Lowe, Austin S. Lowe, and Rosalee Lowe; and great-great-granddaughter, Rayna K. Lowe; step-grandchildren, Jennifer (Jeff) Heath; step-great-grandchildren, Gabrielle Hall, Aurora (Nate) Powers, Cole

Harris, and Bay Harris; step-great-grandchildren, Brooklyn Heath and Carter Heath; and great-great-grandson Bair; brother-in-law, Doug (Janis) Lowe and nieces, Kathryn (Ruben) Doumanian, Kathleen (David) Dittman, Karen (Michael) Miller, Kristine (Randall) Wilger, Deborah (David) Jakubiec, Jennifer (Daniel) Thorwall, Robin (Louis) Marchio and Cindi (Gary) Freiberg-Morgan and nephews, Brent (Tammy) Lowe and Kent (Allison) Lowe. Her legacy of love spans generations.

Virginia was preceded in death by her beloved husband, William "Bill" C. Lowe; son, Charles A. Lowe; daughter, Mary Margaret Lowe; granddaughters Elizabeth M. Lowe and Brandy A. Lowe; her parents; her brother, Richard O. Austin and his wife, Lillian; and her in-laws, Calvin P. and Velda (Robinson) Lowe.

The family extends heartfelt gratitude to the hospice nurses and caregivers who assisted Virginia over the past several years, especially Tara Lowe and Carol Taylor of Hospice of Lansing, for their compassionate dedication.

Virginia Jane Lowe lived a century marked by service, strength, grace, and steadfast love. She will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and the community she faithfully served for decades.

The Lowe family will be holding a private graveside service at a later date. Friends are encouraged to support Virginia's family by sharing memories on her Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com <<http://www.prayfuneral.com>>. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Lansing, 3186 Pinetree Rd., Lansing, MI 48911, and Eaton Community Palliative Care. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Virginia Jane Lowe



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - February 24 at 04:32 PM

TR

“ My condolences to Virginia's family. My parents were good friends of her parents, Jay and Blanche. My grandfather lived with them and worked for Jay.

Thomas Raymond - March 01 at 04:37 PM

NS

“ My father, Jim Spaniolo, was a Charlotte classmate of Virginia's. I was lucky enough to attend a couple of the group lunches my dad would refer to the as “the kids from Charlotte. What a wonderful, friendly group of kids. Virginia was lovely and so kind. It was such a blessing to get to meet them and experience the bond they had after 60+ years. My deepest sympathies to Virginia's family. She was a special lady and I treasure my memories of those lunches.

Natalie Spaniolo - March 01 at 10:12 AM

JT

“ John Trumley lit a candle in memory of Virginia Jane Lowe



John Trumley - February 27 at 06:37 AM



“ 31 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - February 24 at 04:28 PM

LC

“ Over a century of a classy lady. She was always a quiet presence at the Congregational Church and always greeted you with a warm smile. I'm glad to have known her. Sharing my condolences to her family. Rest in Heaven Mrs. Lowe.

Laura Cooper - February 22 at 08:12 AM

CF

“ I was saddened to hear about the passing of Aunt Virginia. She was incredibly special to me, always kind, patient, and truly the best listener. I always looked up to her and deeply enjoyed our many conversations. She had such an upbeat spirit that made everyone feel at home. She will certainly not be forgotten.
Love, Cindi

Cindi Freiberg - February 20 at 07:14 PM

PC

David and Richard , and your Families ,
Your Mother holds a Special place in our hearts . We lift you up in our Prayers .
It's a Blessing to have known her, and a Pleasure to have taken care of her property over 37 years . She will be Greatly Missed . God bless you and your families .

Paul & Linda Campbell - February 20 at 07:35 PM

DF

I remember when Mrs Lowe worked for Doc Meyers,when she would say hello to you , the warmth was there.

Dennis Fosket - February 21 at 10:01 PM

DH

I remember when Ginnie was with our Lunch Bunch with Evelo Fulton, and Jean Bearup, Leila Klaiss, Jan Grundstrom, Vivian Flower, Dot Toutant et al. I will remember her.

Diane K Hudson - February 22 at 04:15 PM

DD

David, Dick, and your families are in my thoughts and prayers. I know you spoke glowingly about your mother and her life. The obituary was further proof of how many lives she touched during her lifetime.

Daniel Dixon - February 23 at 04:30 PM

GH

David and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you, The MPGA family sends our deepest condolences

Gerad Himebaugh - February 24 at 10:30 AM

KR

Lowe family We are sorry to hear of your loss. Always enjoyed talking to Virginia at Robinson reunions. Karen & Darrel Reid

Karen Reid - February 26 at 01:00 PM