

100!



Hattie Birthday, Ginny
We all love you!



Virginia, Aging with Style

Mama, I'm coming mama, can you hear me? I'm bringin' a 4-way, mama, can you hear me? I'm bringin' brisket, I'm bringin' chopped liver, I'm bringin' chicken soup and matzoh balls, can you hear me mama? I'm bringin' corned beef, I'm bringin' a Reuben, I'm bringin' sauerkraut, I'm bringin' pickles, can you hear me mama?

What's that, mama? Hey, Murray, hold the potato pancake, it's too greasy.



Steve
and
kids





From Nancy Felson, October 18, 2014

Mom, it's been inspiring to watch you age! I know it's very challenging, for you and for all of us who love you; but what a sport you are, and with what courage and relative equanimity you've weathered the bad moments and cherished the good ones. This is a peak moment and the fact that nearly all your loved ones came to share it with you is a testimony to your *importance* and *value* to all of us!!

As for our bond, it is deep and enduring. You help me by your example and your warmth and the fact that you rarely try to mold me anymore. That pact we made 40 years ago – that you were not to comment on my appearance (including my hair, my skin and other aspects of my body) – saved us from decades of conflict. I have to admit, I concocted the pact, but you acquiesced and with good humor. Now there was a lapse three years ago, when you were mad at me for deciding with Sabrina on life with a pacemaker over death without it. After you said you'd never talk to me again (because it was painful), you relented and merely issued insults. The best was: "You dress like a middle-aged hippie!" Next morning, when I said, You're pretty unconventional yourself, you retorted: "I only go so far; you go much much further!!" Love it, mom. You are a bundle of complexities. Your style as the Belle of Evergreen (the title if I ever write a short story about you) is impressive and will inspire me to wear hats and scarves and bright colors as time moves forward. Sad that, if I reach 100, you won't be around to celebrate (at least, I don't think so); but you will always be with me in spirit and that counts too.

Love always,

Your daughter Nancy

P.S. I'm glad the parties went so well and that you loved the food and the attention. My four – Rachel and Sabrina, Alex and Joe, and my eight grandchildren – Mia, Augie & Tessa, Madeleine & Lev & Caroline, and Michael & Hanna – are including their own photos. Here's one of me at the party, taken by Connie Springer.

Mary and Mark to Virginia, on her 100th Birthday, October 12, 2014!

We went back to our home after renovations at the end of July. Some friends gave a gift so we'll always know where home is---by our longitude and latitude! (Our friends are colleagues at Texas State and work with crime maps all the time.)



We've bought some new furniture, including a cowhide sofa, so our house is now a little more "Texas."

Our trip to Europe this summer was wonderful. We enjoyed the Netherlands and Bruges in Belgium before heading to Elche, Spain. We enjoyed the people and tour, and, of course, the ceremony for Mark's honorary degree. Mark went back to Spain last week to consult with police in Castellon. He will go to Japan in December.



Richie and family

You're creative and funny.
We think you're great.
In appreciation we'll all lose weight.

Happy Birthday Virginia!



You are an inspiration.
We love you.
Richie, Sharon, Jacob, and Benji

Ed and family

Dear Mom,
My childhood was a barrel of fun.
My freedom was second to none.
Although your discipline was
not very kind.
It was great to finally meet
you.... when I was 5 years old.

We love you,
Eddie & Marsha



Happy Birthday
Grandma!

Ella & Iggy,
your two favorite
grandchildren
and the late
Emma

Sabrina's family



Dear Grandma,
You have enriched my life for 45 years.
What a gift to me and my children to
have
you around for so long! Keep up the
good
work as long as you can. Love you to



**Happy 100th Birthday
Grandma Virginia!!!**



Alex, Janine, the kids and Lev's bugs



Alex

Dear Grandma,

Three qualities that I admire about you and that I feel you have passed down to me include:

1. A positive outlook. We spent a lot of days together as I was growing up including many trips. It was fun to go around with you because you would start conversations with anybody and everybody and ask about their families or their day. You explored everyday and created moments of energy through your encounters. You were often able to look on the bright side of things.
2. An inquisitive and spontaneous nature. As kids we would often go out exploring with you grandma. I remember you taking us bridge hopping where we would literally go back and forth over the Ohio River navigating through neighborhoods to locate the next on ramp directing us to the next bridge. Later I thought back how could you get lost so often. I didn't realize it at the time, but now I know you were using the city as a playground and making an everyday experience into a wonderful and spontaneous exploration. Today as an urbanist and landscape architect I often wander around cities even today. I cherish the wrong turn or and the long cuts intended as "short cuts".
3. Assertiveness and pride. You are always willing to stand up for yourself and to be yourself. You navigated the complicated life of being Grandpa's wife at many events, but you were often the life of the party. You would always talk about Selma as someone that you admired because she was assertive even at a time when woman struggled even more than today. I always remember how proud you were of her. For me, I always imagined that you have some of the strengths you saw in Selma inside you. Also, you spoke your mind in many situations even if it contradicted or challenges others.

I am so proud of you for making it to 100 years. And what a life you have lived!

Thanks Grandma for everything.

Love Alex

Joe Rubin and family



Dear grandma – We love you!
Rachel, Mia & Bear



Bob and Diane Travis

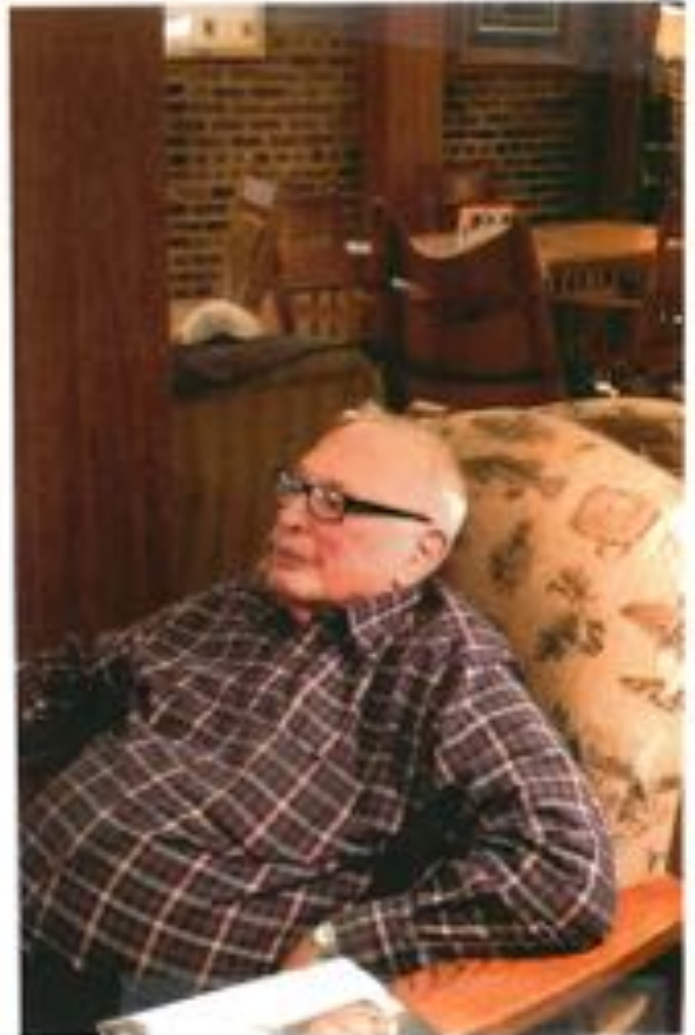


Alan and Joann Travis

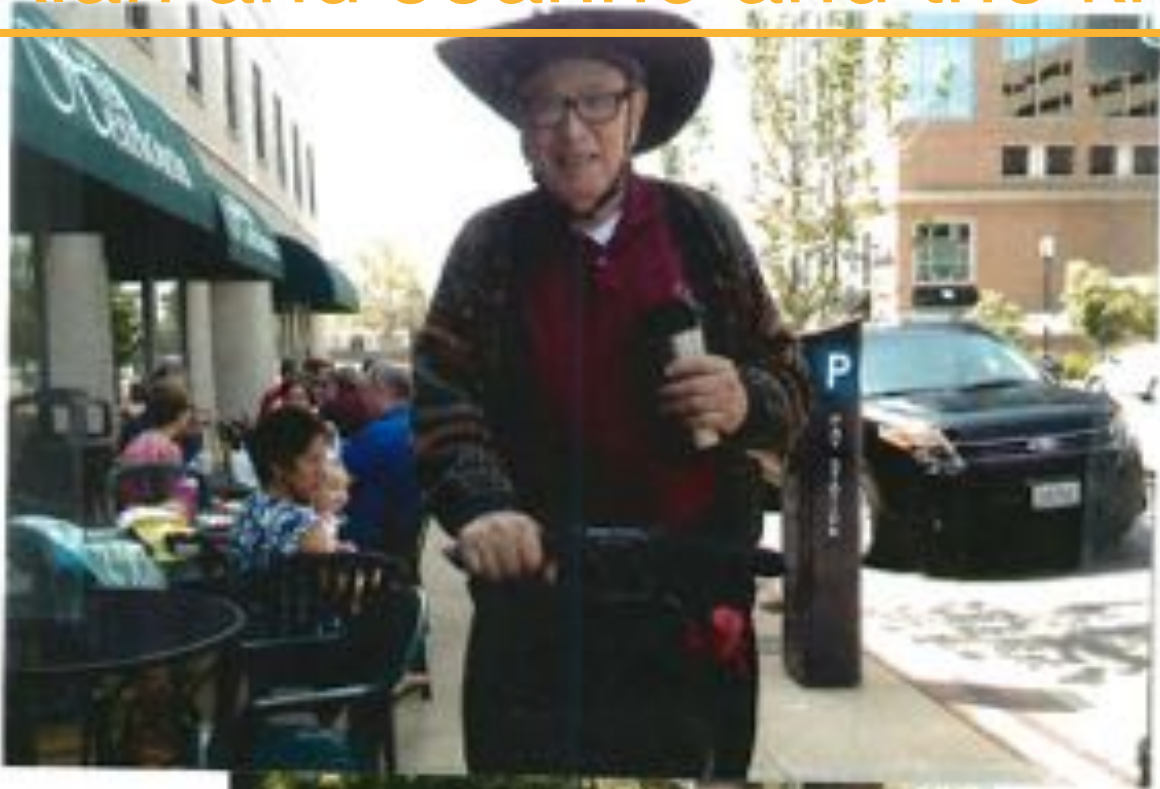
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Avenue



Alan and Joanne and the kids



HELEN
LIZ
AMY
ALAN
JOANNE





Walter, Ros and their kids and their kids kids

BRANT FAMILY



Irv & Rosalyn Felson, Nancy Paula Felson Brant & Joe Brant, Roz & Sidney Brant



Nancy Paula Felson Brant & Joe Brant

Nancy Paula Felson Brant & Joe Brant – Nancy & Joe were married almost 47 years before Nancy passed away from lung cancer in April 2013 at the age of 69. Nancy was the daughter of Irv and Rosalyn Felson. Joe is retired. He lives in Amberley and spends time reading, playing tennis, teaching estate planning, and wintering in South Florida.



Sarah Deitch , Debbi Brant-Deitch, Ben Deitch, Phil Deitch, and Alana Deitch

Debbi Brant Deitch, Phil, Sarah, Ben & Alana Deitch – The Deitchs live in Woodbury, NY (Long Island). Debbi and Phil have been married for 20 years. Debbi is a pediatrician and Phil is an actuary. Sarah is a freshman at Brown University in Rhode Island and is an accomplished horsewoman. She just spent a year in Europe riding and training horses. Ben is 15 years old. He loves reading, science and playing the guitar. Alana is 12 years old and loves to paint and draw. She is a clarinetist and is a member of both the Nassau Suffolk Honor Band and the Metropolitan Youth Orchestra.



Debbie Brant, Samantha Brant, Nora Brant, Jody Brant

Jody, Debbie, Samantha & Nora Brant – Jody and Debbie live in Amberley. Jody is a tax attorney and loves to play golf. Debbie is a community volunteer with the Mayerson JCC and the Cincinnati Ballet among others. Samantha is 14 years old, is in the 8th grade at Cincinnati Country Day School and loves to read and dance. Nora is 11 years old, is in the 6th grade at Cincinnati Country Day School, plays squash and loves to sing.



Back Row: Phil Travis, Sophie Felson Travis, Irv Felson, Walter Felson, Alan Felson, Leo Felson, Louise Felson Abramson, Joe Brant

Front Row: Chippie Felson, Helen Felson, Rosalyn Felson, Roz Felson, Nancy Paula Felson Brant

LOIS SYLVIA FELSON MOCK

Born in Cincinnati on August 6, 1940. Went to South Avondale and North Avondale grade schools and Walnut Hills High School. Graduated from Oberlin College in Ohio for undergraduate and University of Michigan for graduate school. Married Wayne Mock in 1963. Went to Peru for two years in the Peace Corps from 1967-1969. Had a career in Criminal Justice with the National Institute of Justice, US Department of Justice, in Washington, DC. Divorced in 1974. Retired from Department of Justice in 2008 and moved from Fairfax, Virginia with partner John Peterson to Chesapeake Bay area of Eastern Virginia. Very active in and Board Member of the Animal Welfare League of the Northern Neck of Virginia. Lois and John are very happy living in a semi-rural area of Virginia after the hectic life of Washington, DC and suburbs.



Janie



Front Row:
Maddie, Denny, Janie, Debbie holding Nina
Back Row:
Gretchen, Chris, Drew
August 2013

Janie with grandchildren:
Maddie, baby Nina, Denny
August, 2013

Niece Janie's Biography for Aunt Ginny

Chippy and Helen's daughter, born 1942. Younger sister of Lois. Graduated from Walnut Hills in 1960 and from U.C. as English Lit. major in 1964. Married Jerry Minton. Moved into coach house. Son Chris born 3/67. In 1968, moved to Kansas City and son Drew born. Worked as Planned Parenthood Counselor. Divorced Jerry and moved back to Cincinnati in 1978. Worked as Paralegal. Married Daniel Brown in 1980 and was Office Manager for his business. Son Chris graduated from Ohio University. Son Drew started Culinary School, then graduated from U.C. Chris married Gretchen (Catholic) in 1993. In 1994, divorced Danny, moved to Northside, took more Accounting classes and began long-term job as Accountant at a company in Northside. In 1997 Chris and Gretchen had baby boy, Denny, and moved to Columbus. Had surgery, radiation and chemo for lung cancer during 1997-1998. In 2000, Chris and Gretchen had baby girl, Madeline. In 2008, retired and moved to Pleasant Ridge. Son Drew married Debbie (Jewish) in 2010 and they had baby girl, Nina, in 2013. Drew received his MBA that year. In 2014, grandson Denny placed First on Rings in National Jr. Olympics Gymnastic Meet, graduated from high school, accepted gymnastics scholarship from University of Illinois, started classes and joined gymnastics team there.

The Louise and David Abramson Family

Julie



Beth

David

Julie

Louise

Dear Aunt Ginny,

I am so happy that your long life has meant a longer time for me to be able to share it with you, even if only on periodic visits. It was wonderful that you have been present at all our family reunions including the one on Cape Cod. Your nieces and nephews all cherish your sense of fun and your amazing sense of humor; I also have appreciated that we share social work values. I have such meaningful memories of the many visits to your home and the pleasure of staying with you and your family. Happy 100th birthday.

With much affection and love,

Julie

Addendum: Update about my life and what I have done in my almost 73 years.

I was destined to be a social worker from the day my mother told me at age 14 that I could work with children at the Jewish Center in Chicago only if I got social work supervision. Once a few of the wonderful social workers there got hold of me, my destiny was set. From then on through college at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, I worked with children at day camps in Chicago and NYC, Camp Chi (an overnight camp), a black community center in Ann Arbor, settlement houses, etc.

Right after college, I went to Columbia University School of Social Work, met my ex husband, Jack Agueros at the Henry St. Settlement on the Lower East Side, got married and graduated with an MSW in 1965. For the next 15 years, I worked as a social worker in psychiatric and medical hospitals in NYC. At 25, I became a supervisor of the social workers who provided services to the hospital medical floors, the clinics and the Emergency Room at St. Luke's Hospital on the Upper West Side; I stayed there for 10 years. I loved the job but partly stayed so long because my father kept pushing me not to leave until I was vested in my pension; I am now the recipient of \$300.00 a month pension from St. Luke's thanks to my father!

When I was in my mid 30's, I decided that it was time for a change and became a doctoral student in social work at Bryn Mawr College Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research. I loved being a student much more at this point in my life and wrote a dissertation related to the work I had done at the hospital helping older people deal with making decisions about their care after leaving the hospital.

I then became a social work professor at the State University of NY at Albany and began my second social work career as an educator, researcher and writer of articles and book chapters, mostly about collaboration between physicians and social workers, interdisciplinary teamwork and decision making by older patients about their care. Although I have been retired as a professor for 10 years, I have continued to write an article or chapter most years. I am happily surprised to find my publications on teamwork and collaboration still being cited by others.

When I retired, I moved to Northampton MA which I thought would suit me better than Albany. It very much has; it is a progressive and cosmopolitan community in a lovely area and has worked out well for me. I have a comfortable home and quite large garden and have become one of the local garden gurus, partly because I am on the committee that organizes an annual garden tour to benefit the local library. I get to see lots of gardens and to select those that are best for the tour.

However, I am not truly retired because I have a third social work career as an organizational consultant who works mostly with non

profit organizations to help them sort out difficulties in their organizations. I also provide coaching to executive directors to help them be more effective leaders. It is all quite stimulating for me because each situation is different with varied challenges. For example, last year, I worked with a large pediatric practice where there were lots of conflicts and competing agendas; over the course of a year, I conducted retreats with the 13 pediatricians to help them see how they were contributing to the problems, coached the practice administrator and medical director to improve their leadership skills, mediated conflicts between individuals and conducted focus groups with staff members to hear their concerns. Things got quite a bit better although the pediatricians did not always make the changes they had agreed to. Working with them was quite challenging and interesting. I have also worked with the Visiting Nurses, the leadership of a library in Massachusetts, and lawyers in two legal aid organizations, among others. I am delighted to have these opportunities and definitely understand why it was so important to my father to keep working. However, I doubt that I will continue until I am 95.



Beth and Ellen Tucker

Happy Birthday. You are truly amazing and wonderful for reaching age 100, and still being very much intellectually alive, reading all sorts of books on all sorts of topics, keeping your wonderful and sharp sense of humor about your self and the world, and being so inclusive and loving to everyone including your children and nieces and nephews, who swarm around you.



Beth

Dear Aunt Ginny,

I sent this to you last year when you asked me to tell you about myself in writing. I know it got misplaced. I'm including it in the book, so you will have it where it's easy to find.

You asked about my life and accomplishments. It wasn't until college that I was reborn with a sense of excitement that there were ideas and questions that I loved, and the realization that I might be intellectually stimulated to achieve something worthwhile. I'm now 71, and that sense of excitement has never left me.

I'm a very single-minded person and am still asking similar research questions that interested me when I was in college. Basically, I am interested in developmental psychology from the perspective of understanding individual differences in how children and adults think and solve problems. I am fascinated by the dramatically different ways that people think and reason – some of them primarily think in words using analytical reasoning (like myself), while others do spatial problem solving -- primarily thinking in pictures and mentally manipulating those images to solve problems.

Then I became interested in gender differences in thinking processes related to mathematics. I got interested in this because I was married to a mathematician and I saw how differently that he thought and solved problems compared to myself with a strong emphasis on the use of spatial as well as analytical solutions to problems.

After I finished my Ph.D. at Brown University, I taught at Boston University for 3 years, and then for a semester at the University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia. Then I came to Boston College (BC), where I have stayed for 38 years. At BC, I became program coordinator of the early childhood program and became interested in preparing teachers to learn how to teach problem solving and planning skills to their young students, rather than focusing only on stuffing information into students' heads and having them regurgitate it back out. I started a collaborative preschool at the Jewish Community Center in Brookline (close to BC), based on teaching problem solving and planning skills.

Beth

Based on this work, I became interested in applied research questions. In 1998, I was Principal Investigator of a \$1,000,000 National Science Foundation (NSF) grant to develop a series of books for teachers to be that used storytelling and puppets to teach math problem solving activities.

I always considered myself a hard worker and very analytical, but not very creative. However, when developing the stories for the books I found a totally different talent in myself that utilized skills and ways of thinking that I had never tapped before. It was great fun setting the stories and characters in different environments, writing the stories that developed the key math ideas. Also, I was collaborating with a wonderful group of talented people, and we learned a lot from each other. At the end I was the proud mother of 6 books that used storytelling and puppets to teach spatially based math problem solving to young learners published by McGraw-Hill.

Based on my NSF funded storytelling and math books, WGBH (PBS in Boston) and Universal Studios were developing a TV series on Curious George, and they asked me to be their math advisor for 2 years. This was wonderful fun, and I used both my storytelling and early childhood and math knowledge to collaborate in the development of about 25 episodes. We won an Emmy for the series during that period. Then through this connection, I was asked by PBS to be on their math advisory board to work with them on a huge grant from the Dept. of Ed. to develop computer game applications that develop math (and spatial) skills for young learners.

Next year, I will be wrapping up my latest NSF grant, and I'm thinking of continuing to do research and also maybe write a book for parents on how they can help their children with math. I'm also going to be getting some private funding from a foundation to continue collaborating with one of my colleagues at BC. Anyway, I still bopping along working on new projects, as is my sister, Julie. I guess we have a little bit of our father in us. I hope this gives you something you can read to learn more about me, Aunt Ginny. You have been a very important part of my life.

All my love, Beth

David and Elaine Felson



This is David and Elaine Felson who are very fond of you. David is Leo and Evy's son and they live in Boston. David is a well known arthritis doctor and is a professor who travels all over the world telling people about all of the arthritis treatments that don't work!

