



## Virginia May DeLong

October 17, 1932 - March 13, 2023

Virginia M. DeLong (nee Heffner) peacefully passed away at the age of 90, on Monday, March 13, 2023 after a long history with Alzheimer's. Born in Reading, Pennsylvania, she lived her childhood in Reading until, at the age of 19, she traveled to Texas in September 1952, to marry her childhood sweetheart, Gordon Jack DeLong, Sr. who was in the U.S. Air Force. Gordon Sr. passed in August 2022, just weeks before their 70th wedding anniversary.

As a military wife and homemaker, she spent most of her days caring for and raising their four children. Her love of gardening, quilting, and swimming kept her very busy. Her love of animals meant there were always dogs and cats as part of the family. A devote Christian of more than 63 years, she served her church as a Sunday School teacher, leader in Vacation Bible School and on their Board of Christian Education.

Later in life, after the children were all in school, she worked as a receptionist in the Human Resources Department of Burlington County College. She is survived by three daughters: Jackie DeLong, Beverly Moyer, and Merrie Ellen Bitting; brothers Richard Heffner, Kenneth Heffner, David Heffner and sister, Janice Miller. Her husband Gordon Sr. and son, Gordon, Jr. predeceased her in 2022. Surviving are eight grandchildren: Christopher Bitting, Timothy Bitting, Kurtis Bitting, Melissa Lewis, Jennifer Moyer, Natasha Moyer, Ashley DeLong, Stephanie DeLong, thirteen great-grandchildren, and one great-great-granddaughter.

Virginia was cremated and will be interred at Brigadier General William C. Doyle Memorial Cemetery in North Hanover Township, NJ. Memorial contribution can be made in her name to her church, Calvary Baptist Church, 5 Scrapetown Road, Pemberton, NJ 08068.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I have such fond memories with the DeLong family. Mrs DeLong was a very sweet person along with a beautiful smile. My condolences to Merrie and the whole family. Rest in Peace Mrs DeLong. Your job on this earth so well done.



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**Vickie Bush** - March 18, 2023 at 10:10 AM