



Virginia DeWitt Altice

January 11, 1931 - August 8, 2025

Virginia DeWitt Altice, a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, as well as a trusted office manager, member of the church, and friend to many, passed away on August 8, 2025 at her home in Vallejo, California. She was 94 years old. “Ginny” (as Virginia preferred to be called) was born in Roanoke, Virginia on January 11, 1931, the youngest of six siblings born to William and Christine DeWitt. She enjoyed a loving, supportive childhood that she frequently recalled with great fondness. After graduating high school, she took a secretarial position with General Electric, where she met her future husband, Wallace Altice. Wally was studying to be ordained in the Baptist church, and after marrying she and Wally moved first to Indiana, then later to California, as he continued his education and ministry. In the early 1960s, Ginny gave birth to two sons, Christopher and Eric, and gave up her professional life to devote herself to motherhood (what she frequently referred to as “her most important job”). As her sons grew older, Ginny returned to work as a secretary for the Mt. Diablo Unified School District in Contra Costa County. She remained with the district for roughly 20 years, holding a succession of jobs first in elementary schools, and later in the district office. She loved the challenge of her work and enjoyed the respect and trust of her coworkers and bosses. She retired from the school district in 1994. In addition to her devotion to her work and family, Ginny remained an active member in the Episcopal church. Born and raised in Roanoke as a member of St. Johns, in California Ginny was active first at St. Michael’s in Concord, and

later at St. Paul's in Benicia. Besides being an engaged member in each congregation, Ginny and Wally were key members in the Cursillo movement of the 1970s and 1980s, helping to introduce the movement at both St. Michael's and St. Paul's. She was also a long-time member of an informal woman's group nicknamed "The Cronos" which played a vital part in her life in more recent years. During the Covid pandemic, Ginny began attending St. Paul's remotely, which she continued to do for the remainder of her life. Ginny is survived by her sons, Christopher and Eric, her stepdaughter, Miki, her three grandchildren, Kimberly, Victoria and Kankuro, and her great grandchild, Mackenzie. She will be sorely missed, but fondly remembered, by all. A closed memorial service for family will be held on August 21. Anyone interested in paying their respects to Virginia is invited to contribute a small amount in her name to the Community Meal Fund (<https://stpaulsbenicia.org/community-meal>) at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Benicia.