



## Mrs. Virginia P. "Ginny" Ecklund

December 25, 1937 - April 24, 2016

Virginia P. Ecklund  
Loving Mother and Grandmother  
Retired City Magnet School Teacher

Virginia P. "Ginny" (Turmel) Ecklund died unexpectedly on April 24, 2016. Ginny was born at the family farmhouse in Hudson, NH, on December 25, 1937, the 11th of 13 children born to Octavia and David Turmel. She attended school in Hudson, NH, graduating from Alvirne High School in 1955. She was a stewardess for TWA for five years, based in Kansas City, MO. During this time she fell in love with Bill Ecklund, and they married on November 21, 1959. They raised three children in the Highlands section of Lowell. The family loved traveling throughout New England, spending summers at Hampton Beach, RV trips, and many parties and gatherings with family and friends.

After her youngest child started school, she enrolled at Lowell State, graduating from the University of Lowell with a BS in Psychology and Elementary Education. She taught in Lowell Schools, notably 22 years at the City Magnet School, until her retirement in 2006.

Although Ginny and Bill devoted time for their children to ski at early ages, she began skiing at age 43. Both she and Bill were avid skiers, skiing New

England, the American West, and Europe.

Some of her favorite hobbies were gardening, taking much pleasure and pride in her lawn and gardens, trying out new recipes, and baking sweets. She loved to visit her favorite city, San Francisco.

Ginny loved her grandsons and was active in their lives, including reading and doing homework with them, watching their baseball and basketball games, and spending time together at the "ski house."

Ginny is survived by her three children, Karen M. Ecklund and her husband Timothy Phelps of Springfield, NH, Tanya Hickey of Lowell, and William E. Ecklund of Nashua, NH; two grandsons, Zachery Hickey and Andrew Hickey both of Lowell; her sisters and brothers, Cecile Falkowski, Yolanda Vaillancourt, Theresa Morin, Robert Turmel, Richard Turmel and his wife Jeanne, and Theodore Turmel; her sisters-in-law, Claire Crouse and Helen Ecklund; many nieces and nephews, and her former son-in-law Larry Hickey of Lowell. She is also survived by her dear friends Kathy O'Connor, Patty Manning, Lois Cullen, and Gloria O'Neil.

Ginny was the sister of the late Roger, Gerard, Maurice, Marie, and Edward Turmel, and Jane Barry, and sister-in-law of the late Roger Falkowski, Robert Morin, Lucien Vaillencourt, John Barry, Janice Turmel, Doris Turmel, Ernest Ecklund, Eric Ecklund, and George and Patricia Ecklund.

#### FUNERAL NOTICE

ECKLUND—In Lowell, April 24, 2016, unexpectedly, at Lowell General Hospital, Virginia P. "Ginny" (Turmel) Ecklund, 78, the beloved wife of the late William R. Ecklund, and loving mother of Karen M. Ecklund, Tanya Hickey, and William E. Ecklund.

Friends may call at the FAY McCABE FUNERAL HOME, 105 MOORE

STREET, LOWELL, on THURSDAY from 4 PM until 8 PM. Mrs. Ecklund's FUNERAL will begin on FRIDAY MORNING at 10 o'clock from the Funeral Home, followed by her Funeral Mass at 11 o'clock at the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH, (upper church) 144, East Merrimack St. Lowell. As an expression of sympathy, donations in Ginny's memory be made to your favorite charity.

ARRANGEMENTS BY

THE FAY McCABE FUNERAL DIRECTORS

978-459-9222 [www.faymccabe.com](http://www.faymccabe.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Cremation

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# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

APR 28. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Fay McCabe Funeral Home  
105 Moore Street  
Lowell, MA 01852  
(978) 459-9222  
sean@faymccabe.com  
<https://www.faymccabe.com>

## Funeral Mass

APR 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

Immaculate Conception Church  
144 East Merrimack Street  
Lowell, MA 01852

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Virginia P. "Ginny" Ecklund*

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January 28, 2023 at 03:09 PM



“ *Ginny had been a teacher of three of my children, at the City Magnet School. She was a wonderful, caring, influential teacher, to my daughters. My daughters and I were lucky to have known her. May she Rest In Peace.*

*Nancy Rowe*

*Billingsley girls mom. :(*

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**Nancy Rowe** - April 26, 2016 at 10:47 PM