

## **Virginia Ann Wood | 1936-2015**

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Virginia Ann Wood, a longtime resident of Bridgeport, died Friday, Jan. 2, 2015, in Plano. She was 78. Funeral was Jan. 6 at the First United Methodist Church of Bridgeport with the Rev. Sam Caldwell officiating. Burial followed at Greenwood Cemetery under the direction of Jones Family Funeral Home.

Virginia was born March 8, 1936, in Decatur to Charlie and Clara (Gentry) Maxwell. She grew up in Greenwood and graduated from Slidell High School. Virginia earned her teaching degree from North Texas State University (now the University of North Texas) and went on to earn a masters degree. She taught at Bridgeport Elementary for roughly 30 years.

After retiring from public education, she became an active volunteer in the Bridgeport Garden Club, Beta Sigma Phi, Bridgeport Historical Society, Bridgeport Civic Club and Bridgeport Main Street Board. She also worked in the Bridgeport and Decatur hospital auxiliaries and with Leadership West Wise, serving most of these as president at one time or another. She was a director of the Bridgeport Historical Society and Bridgeport Museum. She was named Woman of the Year in Bridgeport in the early 2000s.

Virginia always made time to spend with family. She was a proud mother to her son, granddaughter and two great-grandchildren. In addition, she was an accomplished cook and was often called on to plan and cater parties. In her spare time, she enjoyed quilting in the UFO Quilting Club and playing bunco and keno.

She is survived by her son, Craig A. Wood, and Christy Gibson of Bridgeport; granddaughter Leah Wilson and husband, Joey, of Alvord; great-grandchildren Ava and Jase; brother Rex Maxwell and wife, Barbara, of Greenwood; sisters Carolyn Addison and husband, Charles, of Albertville, Ala., and Kathleen Stinnett and husband, Jerry, of Bridgeport; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; and her husband of 42 years, Richard M. Wood. Donations may be made to the Bridgeport Historical Society.