



Marianne "Ditdo" Lough Volpert

January 5, 1943 - September 21, 2025

VOLPERT – Marianne “Ditdo” (Lough) Volpert, age 82 of Grayson, Georgia passed away on Sunday, September 21, 2025. An avid flower gardener, Marianne, known to many of her very “special people” as “Ditdo”, cultivated friendships across the country and throughout many seasons. As a 1961 graduate of Garfield High School in Terre Haute, Indiana, Marianne took many of her dearest childhood friendships into her college years and beyond. She added new sisters when she pledged Gamma Phi Beta at Indiana State University where she graduated in 1965 with her teaching degree. This was also where she met the love of her life, Earl James “Butch” Volpert Jr. They married in 1965 in a memorable ceremony filled with joy and a touch of mirth at St. Patrick’s Catholic Church. Marianne’s love of history and social studies took her into the education arena and then into service as the president of the Michigan City, Indiana chapter of The League of Women Voters. Family and Family were of incredible importance to Marianne. For many years, Marianne worked in the optical field where she helped others see more clearly. Her next career move would be highly rewarding in that Marianne was able to join Butch in the business of real estate. She found great joy in helping strangers through the process of buying and selling homes because so many of those same strangers became lifelong friends with whom she stayed in touch by baking her famous cookies, sharing plants to start their new gardens, and celebrating life events. One very “noteworthy” fact was that Marianne was a serious fan of music. Whether it was Butch’s Barbershop Chorus

performances, a tiny stage supporting fledgling rock band efforts, or as a marching band parent and grandparent ensuring total hydration at band camp, Marianne was all in on the world's stage.

In lieu of flowers, Marianne would have loved to see the Sharon Volpert Sheets Scholarship at her alma mater, Indiana State University, grow in scope. The funds provide opportunities for students pursuing degrees in recreational therapy. And, as she lived life in celebration, Marianne asked that there be no funeral services. She much preferred to think that her "special people" would "do something fun" in her memory. Perhaps, listen to some live music, plant a flower, or bake some cookies in her memory.

To make a donation to the Sharon Volpert Sheets Memorial Scholarship visit: <https://givetoindianastate.org/> and indicate the scholarship.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Rudolph and Wilma Rose (Evinger) Lough; brother, Philip Lough; sister-in-law, Sharon Volpert Sheets, and nephew, Donald Lough. Marianne is survived by her loving husband of 60 years, Butch Volpert; daughter, Beth (Eric) Johansen; son, Steve (Kim) Volpert; grandchildren, Drew Serrero, Alex Serrero, Benjamin Johansen, Gavin Johansen, Gini Johansen, and Jackson Volpert; brother-in-law John Volpert (Paula), and several nephews and their families.

Arrangements by Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 300 Simonton Road SW, Lawrenceville, GA 30046. 770- 962-3100. Please sign the online guest registry at www.stewartfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *David Ballard lit a candle in memory of Marianne "Ditdo" Lough Volpert*



David Ballard - September 24, 2025 at 08:22 PM