



## Virginia Greenwood Casto

November 6, 2025

Virginia Greenwood Casto, age 95, passed peacefully into Jesus' arms on Thursday, November 6, 2025, at Trillium Place in Lancaster, PA. Born July 28, 1930 in Philadelphia, she was the daughter of the late Samuel W. and Virginia E. Greenwood. She is survived by her 5 sons, James (Cynthia), Timothy (Eileen) Jeffrey (Danna), Richard (Karen), and Daniel (Rachael), as well as 13 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren, and many nieces & nephews. She is pre-deceased by her husband of 59 years, John J. Casto, and her sister, Nancy G. Wahl.

Virginia graduated from the prestigious Girls High School, Philadelphia in 1947, attended nursing school in Philadelphia, then graduated from Prairie Bible Institute in Three Hills, Alberta in 1955. She completed her R.N. in 1956, and driven by an interest in mission work, she attended the Candidate Training course of the Overseas Missionary Fellowship, in Philadelphia. During the training, she met another candidate, John Casto, and they were engaged in Dec 1956. After sailing to OMF headquarters in Singapore in 1957, they were assigned to Thailand, and sailed on to Bangkok, where they served in separate towns until they were married in 1959. To this union, 5 sons were born. John & Virginia served the Lord faithfully in rural central Thailand from 1957 until 1993. As a missionary nurse in rural Thailand, she traveled by bicycle and later a scooter, to many small villages to provide needed medical expertise, and while doing so, was able to show God's love to

leprosy patients, new mothers, the elderly, and the injured. When not serving in small country towns, Virginia was the hostess of the OMF's Bangkok Mission Home, and later, the OMF's Manorum Guest Home. Upon retirement, Virginia & John moved to Austin TX, but traveled extensively, visiting friends who supported them, and family. They eventually moved to the OMF retirement community in Lancaster, PA. At Calvary Fellowship Homes they enjoyed many years of happy retirement living among other retired missionaries and fellow believers.

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“ *She was a special friend. Always ready to go to Devotions at Calvary. Loved hymn 99 OH Happy Days. She always called me Jimmy. I gladly assumed that name. It was not until I read the obituary that her oldest son was Jimmy. Amazing testimony and strong will. I am looking forward to singing Hymn 99 with her in Heaven*  
*We are praying for her family. And we praise the Lord for her life of service.*

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**Walter Burch** - November 25, 2025 at 12:17 PM

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**Lisa** - November 12, 2025 at 03:45 PM

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*I was not aware that Virginia was still living, but am glad to know she was at Trillium, and has now gone to be with the Lord. I met her in Bangkok in 1968 when traveling with my parents to Manila. John Casto grew up in Atlantic City, and my father, Clarence E. Mason, Jr. was his pastor. My memory is that a woman in the church, Elisabeth Williams, knew the family, and made sure that John and his brothers got to Sunday school, even providing shoes for them This would have been in the late 30's I believe. My dad was always thrilled with what John did with his life, and how Virginia complemented his gifts coming from a very different background. E. Mason. Givens*

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**Elizabth Givens** - November 18, 2025 at 11:29 AM