



Beauty: The Invisible Embrace-

The dead are not distant or absent. They are alongside us. When we lose someone to death, we lose their physical image and presence, they slip out of visible form into invisible presence. This alteration of form is the reason we cannot see the dead. But because we cannot see them does not mean that they are not there. Transfigured into eternal form, the dead cannot reverse the journey and even for one second re-enter their old form to linger with us a while. Though they cannot reappear, they continue to be near us and part of the healing of grief is the refinement of our hearts whereby we come to sense their loving nearness. When we ourselves enter the eternal world and come to see our lives on earth in full view, we may be surprised at the immense assistance and support with which our departed loved ones have accompanied every moment of our lives. In their new, transfigured presence their compassion, understanding and love take on a divine depth, enabling them to become secret angels guiding and sheltering the unfolding of our destiny.

JOHN O'DONOHUE

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A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Virginia Annette Brown

June 22, 1937 — February 6, 2023



FEBRUARY 10, 2023
2:00 P.M.

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH
LUBBOCK, TEXAS

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Celebration through Memories & Music

*Processional Larry Landusky
 "The Wind Beneath My Wings"

Welcome and Prayer Rev. Jake Maxwell
 Scripture - Psalm 150

*Worship Through Music Congregation
 "How Great Thou Art"

Words from Family Rev. Sheryl Gallarneau

It is Well With My Soul Kaycee Logston
 Larry Landusky

*Worship Through Music Congregation
 "Amazing Grace"

Words of Faith Rev. Sheryl Gallarneau

*I'll Fly Away Congregation

*Recessional

** Those who are able may stand*

*The family will receive guests in the Grand Hall
 following the service.*

"VB was a powerful TX woman who loved tennis,
 competition and winning almost as much as
 getting her hair done."
 Barbara Lemberg

"Very poignant sayings that she used
 of all of us over the years:
 I can, I will, I must!
 If it's up to me, it's gonna be!
 It only takes a little bit more to go first class!"
 Jason Yelley

"Virginia Brown was always more than just the amazing
first class tennis coach, which she is known to be. Vir-
ginia always had your back and had a way to instill
more confidence than one would believe in themself.
Vanilla wafers were always her go-to. She always dis-
tributed them as a way of healing with flu, etc. She al-
ways covered my a** when I didn't go to class while at-
tending college. She would find me on the tennis court
trying to improve my tennis skills. Background words I
always heard when racing our speaking:
Always dress the part. It's how you feel about yourself.
Close it out! The match or race is never over until you
cross the finish line.
Winning is a habit. Use that as your motivator."
Diane van Deren