

BAYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH
OF
VIRGINIA SOUDERS HANNA
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Virginia Souders Hanna grew up in Baltimore, Maryland. Her parents were Alice Beatty and John Alexander Souders. She graduated from St. Joseph's School of Nursing and immediately started using her training. Although she retired from the profession in 1982, she remains on call when her replacement is on vacation or is away on business.

Virginia married William Melvin Hanna and traveled with him as he served his Country as a pharmacist with the U. S. Public Health Service. He is a retired Captain. They have two children and four grandchildren.

The Hannas had several tours of duty in and around Hampton Roads. In 1954 they joined Royster Presbyterian Church in Norfolk and though they were transferred around the country, they came back on later tours and continued to be active in the Presbyterian Church.

On December 21, 1980, they joined Bayside Presbyterian Church. Virginia became a member of Circle One and was very active. She is an excellent Moderator, a very good leader and a hard worker. In 1982 she became President-Elect for the W.O.C. She served as President in 1984 and 1985. Dick Keever, our pastor, saw to it that everyone had a job and worked at it. Virginia and Dick kept the women busy. We had socials for the college students. During Lent we had catered dinners for the congregation once a week. The Women of the Church made the salads and desserts. That prompted the W.O.C. to publish a cook book with their recipes. The proceeds were donated to the Food Pantry. While Virginia was president, we grew from six circles to ten.

If and when Virginia and Mel have time on their hands now, they thoroughly enjoy entertaining and playing with the grandchildren.

Dorcas Lowery