



## CLAN MACCALLUM - MALCOLM SOCIETY

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### Virginia Flaugher (1923-2008)

Argent Castle Newsletter Editor, Convener, Order of Merit Recipient

Virginia Mae McCollum Flaugher (pronounced 'Flower') is remembered for her dedication and devotion to The Clan MacCallum/Malcolm Society. Virginia, with her warm smile, and the support of her husband Jim, served as Clan tent hosts at Alma and Kalamazoo, Michigan, where they brought many MacCallums and Malcolm's into the Clan Society. After they moved to Texas, Virginia and Jim hosted the Clan tent at the Salado games. She was especially responsive to youngsters who showed interest in things Scottish. Her knowledge of Scottish and Clan history, keen mind, and fantastic memory served to bring together Clan members who had common ancestry in Scotland, but who did not know they were related. The Clan also benefited from Virginia's meticulous attention to detail as she served many years as editor of the Argent Castle.



Clan Chief Robin Malcolm & Virginia, 2005

Clan chief Robin Malcolm nominated Virginia for the Award of Merit in appreciation of her many years of dedicated service to the Clan. The award was presented to her via a telephone conference call from the Grandfather Mountain Games in 2007. Virginia reported that she was thrilled and honored to meet in person with Clan chief Robin at the Grandfather Mountain games in 2005.

Virginia was born in Louisville, Illinois, to Parla and Gertrude McCollum. She graduated from Southern Illinois University in 1944 and began working for the Air Force in the middle of World War II. Several years passed before she was able to turn to her chosen field of teaching. She taught high school English and French then switched to public relations and served as Director of Public Relations in Evanston, Illinois, and for The Chicago Symphony Orchestra. She married James Flaugher in 1951. They lived in the Chicago area until the mid-seventies when they moved to Michigan, and relocated to Salado, Texas in 1998.

The Clan MacCallum-Malcolm Society was fortunate to have had Virginia Flaugher as a loyal and dedicated member.

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