



Virginia "Ginny" Reiser

September 26, 1942 - December 7, 2018

Ginny passed away peacefully at 12:19 A.M., Friday, December 7th at Sunny Acres Nursing Home in Petersburg. She was born on September 26, 1942 to Malcolm and Helen (Myrmel) Trombley in Mount Clemens, Michigan.

Virginia left Michigan to attend St. Mary's College in Notre Dame, Indiana. It was there, in April of 1961, she met her future husband, Thomas, a student at The University of Notre Dame. Virginia graduated from St. Mary's College on June 6th of 1964, with a degree in Home Economics. After announcing their engagement to their families on graduation weekend, she married Thomas Reiser on August 8, 1964 at St. Peters Catholic Church in Mount Clemens, Michigan.

Ginny spent the first 16 years of her married life lovingly and playfully raising their 4 children along with volunteering for favorite causes and keeping busy as a room mom year after year. In 1980 when her youngest started full day school she enrolled at Sangamon State University (now UIS) and earned a Masters Degree in Legal Studies. During her career, she worked for Menard County Elder Services assisting those in need. She also worked as a paralegal for attorney Nolan Lipsky both in his private practice and in his capacity as Menard County States Attorney. She then served as Chief Probation Officer in Menard County for 13 years, retiring in 2005.

Ginny was a parishioner of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Petersburg, and a member of the Town and Country Women's Club during the era of the Fall Craft Festival and Gingerbread Preschool. An avid reader, she was an active member of various book clubs, she nurtured and shared her love of books with her children and grandchildren. As a Girl Scout, in 1958 Ginny had earned her Gold Award, the highest achievement in Girl Scouting. As an adult, she was always a strong supporter of Scouting, spending time as a leader in Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts. She served our community as a member of the AAUW, Menard County Home Extension, and The Care Center.

Ginny enjoyed a good book, Notre Dame Football, road trips with Tom, her dog, Maggie, bodies of water of all types, ice cream, Theatre in The Park, a good museum, lunch with girlfriends, and hanging out with the grandkids. Ginny lived a life full of kindness and service to others, and she will be greatly missed by her family and all those whom she loved as if they were family. In the hope of helping others afflicted with Alzheimer's disease, Ginny instructed that her brain be donated to SIU as her final gift for Alzheimer's research.

Virginia is survived by her husband of 54 years, Thomas, and four children; David (Teresa) Reiser of Petersburg, John (Mary Helen) Reiser of Dania Beach, Florida, Martha L. Reiser of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Paul (Missy) Reiser of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She is also survived by seven grandchildren; Hannah, Eli, Maureen, Liam, Noah, Ian, Luke, and numerous nieces and nephews, as well as her sister; Judy (Peter) Theut of Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Services will be held at St. Peters Catholic Church in Petersburg on Friday, December 21st. The Family will receive friends from 2:00-4:45, with a Funeral

Mass to follow at 5:00pm. Friends are encouraged to attend the funeral dinner after Mass at St. Peter's Parish Center.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, designated to the SIU School of Medicine Alzheimer Projects, Menard County Food Pantry, or St. Peter's Catholic Church in Petersburg.

Please visit Virginia's online obituary at hurleyfh.com to leave condolences and share memories. Cremation rites accorded by Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC **21**. 2:00 PM - 4:45 PM (CT)

St. Peter Catholic Church

711 S. 6th

Petersburg, IL 62675

(217) 632-7118

Tribute Wall



“ *Virginia "Ginny" Reiser*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Sincere condolences.*

Dick and Ginger Rush

richard rush - December 23, 2018 at 09:53 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Ginny's passing. She was a wonderful lady with a fantastic family. Blessings to all!*

Judy Hurdle - December 21, 2018 at 04:36 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to the Reiser Family. Rest in peace Ginny.*

Linda Lynn - December 20, 2018 at 11:14 PM



“ *So glad Bob and I got to meet Ginny and Tom last year at the support group meetings. We send our condolences and prayers to you Tom and all. God bless you and bring you peace. Bob and Barb Wilmert. Lincoln Il*

Bob and Barb Wilmert - December 20, 2018 at 02:39 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Virginia "Ginny" Reiser.*



December 20, 2018 at 11:42 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Virginia "Ginny" Reiser.*



December 20, 2018 at 10:36 AM



“ *So sorry to hear if Ginny passing, she was a wonderful lady and will be greatly missed. Sending thoughts and prsyers for the family.
Patty and Charlie White*

Patty and Charlie White - December 20, 2018 at 10:00 AM



“ *Tom and family;*

I'm so sorry to learn of Ginny's passing. She was always so kind and friendly to me at all the Notre Dame Club functions. I pray that your memories help you through this time.

Susan Stitt

Susan Stitt - December 20, 2018 at 09:27 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Virginia "Ginny" Reiser.*



December 19, 2018 at 12:12 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Virginia "Ginny" Reiser.*



December 15, 2018 at 02:37 PM



“ *Reiser Families:*

Please accept our sincere condolences on the passing of Ginny. She was a very gracious lady.

Our thoughts and prayers are for all of you.

Mary Jo & Bob Morlee



Mary Jo Morlee - December 14, 2018 at 04:03 PM

CM

“ Ginny was always so bubbly with joy, inviting me into her home as if I was another of her children. I will never forget her laughter, smile, and spirit. My heart goes out to my friend Paul, my scoutmaster Mr. Reiser, and all of the Reiser family.

Craig Miller - December 14, 2018 at 11:58 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Virginia "Ginny" Reiser.



December 13, 2018 at 07:28 PM

MB

“ I remember Ginny's generosity, warmth, and intelligence with great fondness and gratitude. My thoughts are with the wonderful Reiser family in their time of loss. —Matthew Battles

Matthew Richard Battles - December 13, 2018 at 10:01 AM



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December 12, 2018 at 03:48 PM

DR

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



David Reiser - December 12, 2018 at 03:18 PM

LH

“ Larry And Mary Hundt lit a candle in memory of Virginia "Ginny" Reiser



Larry and Mary Hundt - December 12, 2018 at 08:20 AM