



Virginia "Ginger" Conard

September 22, 1934 - May 6, 2019

Our beautiful, sweet, fun mother and grandmother, Virginia (Ginger) Conard, age 84, passed away suddenly yet peacefully on May 6, 2019. Ginger was born on September 22, 1934 to the late Robert and Pearl Ralston and grew up in Caldwell, OH. She was the loving wife of Richard Conard for nearly 60 years, whom passed in 2017.

Ginger is survived by her 3 children; Kristi (Tom) Kirkpatrick, Keith (Karen) Conard and Kelly-Smales (Mike) Young along with beloved grandchildren Jena and Alex Kirkpatrick, Adam (Alison) and Tyler Conard and Aubrey, Austin and Anna Smales. She is also survived by her sister-in-law Beverly Ralston of Caldwell, many nieces and nephews of whom she was quite fond of and many dear friends and neighbors over the years. In addition to her husband, Ginger was preceded in death by her sister Barbara (Robert)Radcliff and brother Robert 'Bud' Ralston.

Ginger graduated from Caldwell High School and then Miami University and was a teacher in Columbus City Schools before dedicating herself to raising her family. Later in life she became involved as a pre-school teacher and then founded the Epworth Church Preschool program in Northeast Columbus. Ginger and Richard lived for many years in the wonderful community of Forest Park and later moved to Westerville.

Ginger loved and cherished her family greatly as they did her. She was the greatest mother and was not only our Mom but also our best friend. She was the cool, fun grandma who was absolutely adored by her grandchildren. She

made all family gatherings fun and special and always had her special touches for the various holidays. She enjoyed socializing with her numerous close friends from her bridge clubs, lunch and dinner groups and neighborhood/vacation groups.

Family will receive friends on Saturday, May 11, 2019 from 12:00 pm to 2:00 PM at the RUTHERFORD FUNERAL HOME AT POWELL 450 W. Olentangy Street Powell, Ohio 43065. A memorial service will follow at 2:00 PM at the funeral home with Rev. Vickie Kissel as Celebrant. To send an online condolence, please visit www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

MAY 11. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ Virginia "Ginger" Conard

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ Kristie, Kelly and Keith, Rod and I were so sad to learn of the death of your mom. The three of them had such great memories of their time at O.S.U. They will be missed by so many people. Our prayers go with you all. Rod and Laura Davis.

Laura Davis - May 10, 2019 at 05:44 PM



“ Thanks for leading our class in the always fun, "O-H-I-O" Arm/Hand Sign! You were a joy to have in class and will be missed by everyone! Love, Summer & and the SilverSneakers of Feridean Commons

Summer Fenton - May 10, 2019 at 11:37 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to the families Ginger taught me how to swim at Pine Lake in Noble County

Fred McDonald - May 10, 2019 at 09:20 AM

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“ Great Aunt Ginger was quite the Mom, Aunt and grandmother. She will be missed is an understatement. The opinions, the quick whip and the fun I had in conversations were something I will always remember. Although she was not my blood Aunt she was close to my heart. I am sorry to miss the Celebration of Life. The Myrtle Beach Vcacations in our younger years were much fun. Now she can be with Uncle Bud, Mom and Uncle Dick and Dad and reminisce about the good times. My Prayers are with you Keith and Karen Tom and Kristi and Kelly - take care

Paul Theibert - May 10, 2019 at 08:39 AM

AC

“ A.J., Britta, Jeff, Seth, and Courtney purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Virginia "Ginger" Conard.



A.J., Britta, Jeff, Seth, and Courtney - May 09, 2019 at 02:21 PM

BC

“ Dear Kristi, Keith, Kelly and Family,

I always had so many laughs at Conard Reunions when Ginger was there. Her sense of humor, intelligence, and style always impressed me. I even remember when she and Richard beat Dennis and I at a few hands of bridge.

May each of you recall beautiful memories of your Dear Mother.

Blessings to All,

Brenda and Dennis Conard

Brenda Conard - May 09, 2019 at 08:31 AM

EB

“ *I'm a resident at Springwood Place and wish to send my condolences to all of Gingers family. She and I became acquainted and then friends. We recently learned that our grandchildren new each other in high school and also Young life. She was a lovely person and will be geatly missed here at Springwood. Sincerely Eileen Busch.*

Eileen Busch - May 08, 2019 at 08:47 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Virginia "Ginger" Conard.*



May 08, 2019 at 06:32 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Virginia "Ginger" Conard.



May 08, 2019 at 04:06 PM



“ Kristi, Keith, Kelly, and family,
I am so sorry to hear of Ginger's passing. Although I didn't get to see her much over the last several years, I would still smile whenever I heard her name. Ginger was a very positive influence on me as a child and teenager; always upbeat, always kind, and a lot of fun. Know that all of us are praying for you and thinking of you during this difficult time.

Steve Whitmyer

Steve Whitmyer - May 08, 2019 at 01:07 PM