



Virginia "Ginny" Bender Guy

May 17, 1932 - October 20, 2021

Virginia "Ginny" Bender Guy, age 89, of Grand Haven, Michigan, died on October 20, 2021 following a brief illness. She was born on May 17, 1932 in Grand Rapids, Michigan, to Theodore and Marion (Gavett) Bender.

Ginny graduated from East Grand Rapids High School in 1950 and then attended the University of Michigan, earning a bachelor's degree in Education in 1954.

After college, Ginny worked as a teacher, first at University of Michigan hospital in Ann Arbor, MI, then in the Washington, D.C. area.

In 1961, Ginny married Herbert Guy, a native of Vero Beach, Florida. Ginny and Herb moved to Severna Park, Maryland, where Ginny was an active member of St. Martins in-the-Field Episcopal Church; a volunteer for the Anne Arundel Medical Center Auxiliary; and a teacher of English as a second language at the Anne Arundel County Senior Center, all while raising her two children.

In 1990, Ginny and Herb moved to Michigan - first to Spring Lake and then to Grand Haven. While in Michigan, she was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church and then Grace Episcopal Church in Holland, Michigan; served on the North Ottawa Community Health System Board of Trustees; made excellent use of their season football tickets at Michigan Stadium; and, more than anything, savored every minute spent at her beloved cottage on Lake Michigan.

Ginny was predeceased by her husband of almost 54 years, Herb, her parents, and her brother Charlie. She is survived by her children Martha (John) Gork of Grand Haven and Bill (Cheri) Guy of Severna Park. She is also survived by her grandchildren Katie Parks, James (Bethany) Gork, and Maddie, Jake, and Luke Guy, as well as great-grandchildren Jaxon and Theodora Gork.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, December 20, 2021, at Grace Episcopal Church 555 Michigan Ave., Holland, MI 49423. Arrangements entrusted to The VanZantwick Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 620 Washington Ave, Grand Haven, MI 49417. Share memories with the family at their online guest book at <http://www.sytsemafh.com>.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests a memorial contribution to the Ottawa County Parks Foundation, Inc. at P.O. Box 314, West Olive, Michigan 49460 or Grace Episcopal Church

at 555 Michigan Avenue, Holland, Michigan 49423.

Go Blue!!!

Events

DEC **Memorial Service** 02:00PM
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Grace Episcopal Church
555 Michigan Ave., Holland, MI, US, 49423

Comments



“ My son lives in Grand Haven and whenever I visited him, I included a visit with Ginny, This could be lunch or a chat in the cottage. We enjoyed sharing family news and our activities since the former visit. Ginny always greeted me warmly and invited me to several family events and to join her at church, both in GH and Holland. I shall miss her friendly, wise companionship, I know how much her family will miss her as well.
Fondly,
Judy Ostrow

Judy Ostrow - December 13, 2021 at 11:54 PM



“ It was as if I met Ginny in the hall... It was as if she were spending time at the cottage over looking the lake...
It was as if Ginny and I were laughing about local and personal stories...
It was as if Herb and Ginny were hosting us at their extraordinary condo, at the piano factory...
It was as if... But life brings us to the Ultimate Love.

I send my very deep sympathy, to you who are Ginny's family. I write this with very deep love.

John Hills

Robin - October 28, 2021 at 04:19 PM



“ To Virginia's family, We send out sympathies to her family on her passing. Kieft Insurance

vickie Steiner - October 26, 2021 at 01:41 PM



“ We are grateful to have known Ginny and Herb and feel fortunate to have spent time with them at their cottage on Lake Michigan. They were always happy to share stories and memories, and seeing Ginny every summer was indeed a bright spot for our family. We'll miss her very much. Tom, Sue, Katie and Emily Van Dam

Susan Van Dam - October 25, 2021 at 06:08 PM



“ Ginny welcomed me into the Guy family for all the years we lived next door. In a panic because my wedding dress didn't fit well she made all the alterations. She included me in trips, welcomed me for dessert, and was a wonderful friend and walking companion to my mom. We will miss you Ginny!

Julie Wagner - October 23, 2021 at 12:28 PM



“ We loved 😊 sharing our wedding anniversary Blessing with Herb and Ginny. We also enjoyed our MSU and U of M rivalries. Love and Hugs

doreen wegenger - October 22, 2021 at 08:46 PM



“ I knew Ginny from NOCH where she was very involved with the auxilliary. Always friendly and a smile. Always enjoyed meeting her in hallways etc. May you, her family, find peace and comfort.. She will be missed.

Marilyn Buikema - December 14, 2021 at 08:38 AM