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Virginia "Ginny" Lee Zibell passed away on Friday, November 27, 2020. Ginny was 77. She is survived by her loving husband, Jack, and two children, Dave and Anne.

Born in 1943 of John & Kathryn Carpenter in Royal Oak, Michigan along with her siblings: Sue, Karen, and Nancy. Ginny married Jack, the love of her life, in 1975. They raised their children in Novi, Michigan.

Ginny was a light in so many people's lives, living her life to the fullest and showering friends and family with love and support. As a gifted conversationalist, Ginny was always available to lend an ear, provide advice, and discuss a book. She had a rare gift of making everyone she met feel special. Her laughter, stories and cheerful attitude made every chat effortless. To be in her presence and receive her love and attention was a gift in itself.

An avid reader, card-sender, bridge player, traveler, hug-giver and lover of wine, lemon drop candies, and molasses cookies. Ginny was also a talented knitter and many babies and loved ones enjoy the warmth of her blankets and hats.

Ginny passed in peace surrounded by her husband and children at University of Michigan hospital from a 5-year battle with cardiac issues. Due to COVID-19 no additional funeral plans are scheduled. A celebration of her life will be planned for sometime in 2021.

Donations are appreciated in her name in support of these organizations:

- [Novi Public Library]www.novilibrary.org
- Frankel Cardiovascular Center, [University of Michigan Medicine]www.umcvc.org/frankel-giving

Comments



“ The Zibell Family was one of my favorite families while traveling in Up With People! I am so sorry to hear about Ginny! She was an amazing host Mom! Her energy was contagious. I will never forget those amazing adventures and great memories! May the memories keep you strong during this time! Love to you all Jack, Dave, and Anne. Thank you for being a part of my life always.

Andrea Clements - December 08, 2020 at 09:42 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Ginny. She was and always will be my most wonderful host mom while traveling in Up With People. Ginny shined brighter than sunshine! She was full of so much love and was constantly giving that love away. It was obvious how much she adored and treasured her family! It was a true honor to see her in action in her home setting. I loved that she and Jack made it to my wedding in Illinois, this made my special day complete having them there. This world will never be the same with her gone, but her love lives on from all she gave us. I am so sad to not see her here on earth, heaven got a beautiful angel. I look forward to see her again, hanging out with her in heaven someday! I will be praying for you, Jack, Anne and Dave. Much love, Ann Harton

Ann - December 05, 2020 at 08:15 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss Jack and family. I have known Ginny since High School she was a happy go lucky girl. Class of " 61"/ I just saw this tonight on my computer i don't go on all the time. You will be greatly missed. Rhea (Thomas) Carver

Rhea F Carver - December 04, 2020 at 08:56 PM



“ Jack I'm so sorry for your loss. Ginny and I go back to junior high school, she was one of my best friends and we had more fun than the normal kid at that age. We continued our friendship through high school and beyond. I always kept track of her on Facebook and loved all the things that you guys would do together. I was so glad that we were able to see you both a few years ago at the summer class for union. Keeping you and your family in my prayers for strength, peace and love.

Janice McCormack - December 04, 2020 at 12:08 PM



“ From: Lorna Stone class of "61" going to miss your smiling pictures on FB always busy and surrounded by people that loved you so. Rest precious girl.

Lorna Stone/Hammond - December 01, 2020 at 07:18 PM



“ Ginny is my definition of the perfect cousin. She was a major part of my childhood and all the laughter and happiness associated with the very best family ties. One of our favorite times was when we were 10 and went to Florida together. We did it all: matching bathing suits so we could practice our water ballet in the surf(neither of us was able to swim at the time, but that didn't matter); visits to the alligator farm and direct contact with some rather exotic animals; endless hours of shell seeking on the beach; and having a wonderful time together as only two really good girlfriends can do. Years later we could still laugh and reminisce about all the fun we've had through the years.

Love from Tia

Tia - December 01, 2020 at 06:57 PM



“ Ginny was a great friend, listener and always looked on the brighter side of things. I will miss her so much, and remember her forever.

Shannon Ross - December 01, 2020 at 04:07 PM



“ We were very sorry to hear of Ginny's passing. We will always remember her with her quick smile; always ready to lift your spirits with words of encouragement. She will be missed greatly here on earth by all who knew and loved her. She is now in the arms of God and all who went before her. We are sending our sympathies and love especially to Dave, Anne & Jack as well as her many close friends.

Dick & Linda Wickert

Linda Wickert - December 01, 2020 at 01:52 PM



“ I am very sorry for the loss of Ginny in your lives. What a wonderful picture of her! She looks the same as when we were Brownies together so many years ago. We shared lots of laughs and fun through our school years.

Peggy Schnaidt Moulder - December 01, 2020 at 12:14 PM



“ When my son was born, Ginny and Jack called to ask if they could come by and meet the new human:) As the mother of a newborn, I was happy to see them but also mortified because I don't think I'd showered and our house definitely wasn't fit for company. Ginny moved me to tears throughout our visit with her sweet words of love and encouragement to this new mom. She was wonderful to me when I needed it most. Cheers Ginny!!!

Sue Hudanick Dzyacky - December 01, 2020 at 11:54 AM



“ Our hearts are broken, life will never be the same without our Ginny. She was selfless and giving of her time, energy and love. I will always remember and miss her quick smile, big bear hugs and the love she had for her family. The last text I received from her was on Wednesday, November 18th and it was a heart emoji, that was our Ginny.

Jack, David and Annie (elf) may you find comfort in knowing she fought the battle to the very end because she loved you all so much. Now she is in Gods hands and at peace. Godspeed, love you, Angie and Duane Szumlinski

angie szumlinski - December 01, 2020 at 09:38 AM



“ Ginny was a joy to know...always smiling and fun to be with. She was a dear friend to my sister, Angie and will be missed terribly by all who were lucky enough to know her. Love to Jack, Dave and Anne. Thinking of you, Jim and Marie Mitchell

Marie Mitchell - November 30, 2020 at 10:40 PM



“ Ginny kept a positive attitude during her years long battle with breathing issues. After her second to last trip to UofM hospital, I asked her if she was afraid. She said no, and that she'd been lucky each episode to be in the right places. She was a good friend & will be missed

Paul Chirgwin - November 30, 2020 at 05:19 PM



“ Ginny is a gift that will keep on giving to the entire Vanderhoff family - so much joy, support, thoughtfulness and laughter in one special lady who kept all of us going through the years. I cherished our hours together at breakfast, yoga or a knit shop - and those hours are even more precious to me now. She lives on in Vanderhoff hearts - along with the love we hold for Jack, Dave and Anne. We'll always picture her with a smile, and thank her for loving us.
Rest in peace, dearest girlfriend. Barbara, David and Family

Barbara Vanderhoff - November 30, 2020 at 05:13 PM