



Virginia E. Woodhouse

April 11, 1935 - May 5, 2023

Virginia (Ginny) Elizabeth Woodhouse, age 88, passed away on Friday, May 5, 2023 at Lutheran Hillside Village in Peoria. She was born on April 11, 1935 in Muskegon, MI to the late Martin and Marjorie (David) Miller.

Ginny is survived by her devoted husband, Thomas Woodhouse, with whom she recently celebrated 67 years of marriage (March 17, 1956). She is also survived by her children, Jeff (Ginny) Woodhouse of Everett, WA and Marjorie "Margie" (Roger) Finley of Rosenberg, TX, grandchildren, Alex (Julie) Woodhouse, Eric (Bree) Woodhouse, Sarah (Peter) Burt, and Thomas (Tylan) Finley, and great-grandchildren, Jackson, Milo, Sawyer, Charlie, Edwin, and Harvey.

Ginny grew up on a farm in western Michigan. Always responsible and dependable, she helped her father with a variety of farm chores and helped her mother care for her three younger sisters, who also survive her, Beverly (Pete) Roberts, Janet Barlow, and Barbara Wolvin. Additionally surviving are many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Special thanks to Mike Woodhouse and his wife, Charlotte, for their ongoing love and support.

Tom and Ginny moved early in their marriage to Peoria where she lived the rest of her life. They started and raised their family here. She enjoyed her role as a dedicated wife and mother.

Ginny had many outside interests and hobbies that included a variety of crafts. She knitted sweaters for her children and grandchildren. Tom and Ginny had a huge social group with whom they enjoyed playing bridge, tennis, and ongoing potluck dinners.

Ginny volunteered numerous hours in the community including several years at Proctor Hospital Gift Shop and as a deacon and member of First Federated Church. She enjoyed traveling, both to far away places such as China, Australia and Europe, as well as around the country to visit or meet up with her children and grandchildren.

Ginny was always dressed for the occasion and had a lovely sense of classic style. She will be remembered by family and friends as a thoughtful, caring, fun and generous woman.

In celebration of the life of Virginia (Ginny) Woodhouse, there will be a Visitation in the Memorial Lounge and a Reception in the Commons at First Federated Church, 3601 N Sheridan Rd, Peoria, IL 61604. The event is scheduled for Saturday, July 8, 2023 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.. Please contact Margie (Woodhouse) Finley (281-382-9875) for additional information. Cremation rites have been accorded. Burial will take place in Shelby, MI at a later date.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Midwest Affiliate or Southside Mission.

Schmidt-Haller Burial and Cremation Services is assisting the family with arrangements and condolences may be left at www.Schmidt-Haller.com

Cemetery Details

Mennonite Cemetery
Shelby, MI

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL 8. 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First Federated Church

3601 N. Sheridan Rd

Peoria, IL 61604

Visitation in Memorial Lounge and Reception in the Commons

Tribute Wall

SS

“ *Virginia E. Woodhouse*

Schmidt Haller Burial and Cremation Services - August 13, 2024 at 01:18 PM

MF

“ *Margie, Sarah & Sawyer, Ginny 4 generations
Ginny, Margie, Grandma Miller, Sarah 4 generations*

Marjorie Finley - May 15, 2023 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Thank you, Mom. Thank you you for the memories our family created growing up in the 60s and 70s. Thank you for leading by example; showing love of family, friends, community, travel and just plain fun. Thank you for building extra special relationships with your grandchildren and the memories they cherish. Thank you for the countless FaceTime calls with your great grands. Most of all, thank you for sharing your life with me! Your sweet, caring spirit lives on in those you loved! Love, Margie*

Marjorie Finley - May 14, 2023 at 12:00 AM

WL

“ Dear Tom, It's been a number of years since you and Ginny left Michigan, however, I would recognize both of you at first glance - you both aged well! The family pictures do bring back memories and I'm happy you chose to introduce you family this way. I'm saddened to hear of Ginny's passing. I believe that she and my sister, Carol (Jan. 9, 1936 - Apr 24, 2023) kept in touch in the early years of raising their families. I agree that Ginny was a beautiful and stylish woman. She was my inspiration for how to dress my paper dolls for all occasions courtesy of the Sears Catalog! She graciously tolerated my frequent presence at the farm house to play with the cousins. Her upstairs bedroom always appealed to me and was lovingly decorated. Tom, I think your mother helped settle my decision to become a nurse. Whenever my parents and I visited the Shelby Hospital, she would sneak me down halls and around corners to visit the nursery because I loved seeing the babies. She also took care of me after an appendectomy (age 14). She offered me medicine to lessen my coughing after surgery. It didn't take much pain to make me cry!! A dear and kind hearted Lady. Janet and I keep the phone line open between WI and CA especially on our birthdays to remind each other how old we're getting. Neither one of us travel well anymore and will miss visits with our "big" sisters. “

Willa Miller Lloyd - May 12, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ There are many memories of Ginny through the years with her family. “

Jeff Woodhouse - May 10, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ 9 files added to the tribute wall “

Jeff Woodhouse - May 10, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *More pictures of Mom.* ”

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“ *Pictures of Mom through the years.* ”

Jeff Woodhouse - May 10, 2023 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Mom spent many hours ironing and singing show tunes in the basement. We were always well pressed!* ”

Marjorie Finley - May 10, 2023 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall* ”

Ginny Woodhouse - May 09, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall* ”

Jeff Wiodhouse - May 09, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ My Mom was a devoted wife and mother. She was always a part of my life, always there when needed. She was a Cub Scout den mother, she typed papers for me when I was in high school, she helped me refinish an old drawing table, and she sewed a down vest for me when I took my first ski trip in college. When I moved west to Washington state in 1981 she wrote weekly letters for years until cell phones came along and we spoke weekly. She never missed a birthday. Mom and Dad traveled out west every year to visit my family until age and health made that too difficult. She was there for highs and lows. She traveled west to watch my 1st son the week my 2nd son was born. She and Dad traveled west when my boys got married and we met up numerous times at various places for vacations. She also traveled west to help out during the most difficult time of my life after I had major surgery. Her actions and loving support throughout her life showed me how to be a great parent. I love you Mom. I will forever miss you. -Jeff

Jeff Woodhouse - May 09, 2023 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ I'm Margie's sister in law. There was a Christmas family photo in the 90's I think, and Ginny insisted that my suit needed pressed so she pulled out the iron and pressed me out. Not sure if she did the same to the boys, but that photo is on my top list of family photos. Thank you Ginny for that ironing job. Love you, love to all. Gail

Gail Finley Steele - May 08, 2023 at 12:00 AM