



Virginia "Ginger" Jurries

June 7, 1942 - January 26, 2019

LIVESTREAM LINK FOR VIDEO OF SERVICE

<https://www.facebook.com/GingerJurriesService/> God's newest angel was ushered away from her earthy home this past weekend. On Saturday, the 26th of January, Virginia (Huizenga) Jurries died in her Naples, FL home following continued cardiovascular issues and a stroke in March of 2018. Her children, Kristin and Steven and son-in-law Dave Allen were with her in Naples. Her husband, Jim had been there until a few days earlier when his obligations drew him back to Michigan. Although the stroke diminished her capacities, never did Ginger stop working to better her memory, learn to write and communicate with those she loved, and understand the will of her Lord. Ginger was born in 1942 to Peter H. and Elizabeth Huizenga, second generation Dutch immigrants, in Oak Park, IL where the family ran a budding garbage collection business. She attended Timothy Christian School in Cicero, IL along with her four siblings; BJ, Peter, Sue, and JC, and after graduating was drawn to Hope College in Holland, MI to major in English. On a beach in Holland during summer break, friends introduced her to her eventual husband, James Jurries. Jim was attending Calvin College at the time, but played it smart and transferred to Hope to be closer to his love. They married in Western Springs in 1964. Ginger taught second and third grade in both Ann Arbor, and later in Naperville to support Jim while he earned his MBA from the University of Michigan and while they got on their feet as a young couple. They moved back to the town of their Alma Mater, Holland, to

raise a family where husband Jim found a niche in the real estate market. In 1970, they welcomed their first child, Kristin and two years later a son named Steven. They raised their children with a love for life, spending vacation time in Colorado and Florida in the winters, and sailing the Great Lakes and riding horses in the summers. Ginger was active in her children's education as well as her church and community, caring for all who were blessed enough to know her. Ginger volunteered at her church as a care elder, taught Bible studies, and comforted the ill and grieving of the congregation, freely giving of her time and love. Ginger enjoyed volunteering at the Lakeshore Pregnancy Center, The Boys and Girls Club of Holland, Resthaven, and Project Charlie. She also served on the board of Northwestern College in Orange City Iowa, attended Western Seminary, and authored three books on faith and caregiving. Ginger had a great gift of hospitality. She was generous with her time and gifts and gave freely to others. She loved to bring her many friends together from far and wide to share in the simple joy of their love for each other and for God. She influenced the lives of all who knew her, whether by her own hands and actions, or through her shining example of how to give selflessly. Ginger valued the unity of family enormously and now orchestrates her last earthly family reunion. She is predeceased by siblings B.J. Buntrock and Peter Huizenga. Left to cherish her memory are her husband of 55 years, Jim; children Kristin (Dave) Allen of Texas and Steve of Costa Rica; Siblings Suzanne (Herman) Kanis of Holland; J.C. (Tammy) of Grand Rapids. Also sisters-in-law Heidi Huizenga of Oak Brook, IL, Marian "Micki" Jurries of Petoskey, and Virginia "Ginny" (Bob) Postma of Ft. Meyers Beach, FL.; many nieces, nephews, and countless close friends. Memorial services will be 11:00 a.m. Friday, February 1, 2019 at Christ Memorial Church, 595 Graafschap Rd. Holland with Rev. Jim Liske and Dr. Tim Brown officiating. Burial will be in Lakewood Cemetery at a later date. Visitation will be 3-7 p.m. Thursday, January 31, at Christ Memorial Church (Please use entrances B &C). Memorial contributions may be given to Lakeshore Pregnancy Center, Boys and Girls Club of Holland, or Hope College Vienna Scholarship Fund. The

family is being served by Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home. For more information and to leave a condolence please visit www.langelandsterenberg.com.

Tribute Wall



“ Virginia "Ginger" Jurries

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"Cindy & I were saddened to learn of the death of our classmate, Virginia Huizena Jurries. I got to know Ginger through our participation in the 1963 Hope College Vienna Summer Dchool. - a group that bonded. At class reunions over the years, Cindy & I appreciated her and Jims hospitality in offering their home for get-togethers. I find it most impressive that she used her talents and resources for the benefit of the community and her faith through her church. May she Rest In Peace.,,,"*

Paul - February 09, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Jim, Judy and I send our sympathy in the loss of Ginger."*

John Steigenga - February 03, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Precious family, I remember the wonderful gourmet, organic meals Auntie Ginger would make, before it was trendy! She entertained with such ease and grace made everyone feel welcome and special! My family still laughs about birthday cards she sent years ago. Aunties passing will leave a huge void in our family, you are much loved! I'll share Aunt Sue with you. XOXO Sally"*

Sally Morris - February 01, 2019 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“*Jim, I am so sorry to hear of Ginger's passing away. I just want you to know my prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. Sorry I am not able to attend the service, I broke my wrist this week. Your cousin, Phyllis*”

Phyllis Jones - February 01, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MK

“*My condolences for your loss. Melanie Kaake*”

Melanie Kaake - February 01, 2019 at 12:00 AM

SM

“*Precious family, Auntie was much loved! I remember her wonderful gourmet meals and her ease with entertaining and making everyone feel so welcome. She did everything, flower arranging, author, and a creative chef, she was a renaissance woman! She was much loved and will leave a void in with her passing.*”

Sally Morris - February 01, 2019 at 12:00 AM

GG

“*Jim, Sending you my deepest sympathy. Ginger's sudden passing has been a shock to all of us who knew and admired her, but may God's loving arms surround you and your family at this time of such great sadness.*”

Ginny Gearhart - January 31, 2019 at 12:00 AM

NA

“*Our condolences to the Jurries family - our prayers are with you as you celebrate the life of this remarkable woman and mother. Lots of love, Nancy & David Chamness*”

Nancy - January 31, 2019 at 12:00 AM

PV

“Ginger was truly a loving, generous, creative woman of faith who inspired me for many years. Her flower arrangements, her books on preserving the holidays, hospitality and Chicago history showed her value for family and relationships. Jim and her children have also been a blessing in my life. May God bring peace and comfort to their hearts. So sorry that we will miss the service due to being out of town.”

Pam VanPutten - January 31, 2019 at 12:00 AM

HD

“Kristin, my deepest sympathies to you and your family. It was a joy seeing Ginger at the studio and her strength in mind, body, and spirit was infectious! You're in my thoughts and prayers.”

Heather Dibkey Dibkey - January 31, 2019 at 12:00 AM

LF

“Gary and I were so sorry to hear of Ginger's illness and passing. We were the recipient of that wonderful hospitality at many Christmas dinners for the aunts and uncles of Jim.”

Lisa Folkring - January 30, 2019 at 12:00 AM

HK

“Jim--I was very sorry to hear about Ginger's passing. My thoughts are with you @ this time. Haig Kassouni”

Haig Kassouni - January 30, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DD

“We are saddened by your loss of a caring and generous wife and mother. You have a legacy of paying your community rent. Blessings to all Dennis and Mary DeWitt”

Dennis DeWitt - January 30, 2019 at 12:00 AM

SD

“Ginger made me feel so welcome each time my friend, Holly, and I visited from Detroit. She was so vibrant and always ready to make her time with us a special one. From the lively conversations, to the shopping adventures and gourmet meals whipped up in a flash, Ginger, never missed a beat. Her dedication and love of God always radiated from her as she spent time with us. Ginger was an amazing woman and she would only want us to celebrate her love of life and her God.”

Sandy Debicki - January 30, 2019 at 12:00 AM

TE

“Jim and family, We are so sad and sorry to hear of Gingers passing. Our prayers are with you during this difficult time. We are traveling and regret we cannot be at the funeral. Ted and Barb Etheridge”

Ted Etheridge - January 30, 2019 at 12:00 AM

LM

“Jim, My deepest condolences to you and your family during this very difficult time. Laurie Menken”

Laurie Menken - January 30, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BO

“Ginger was a friend to all of us in the Hope College Class of 1964. She loved the college and enjoyed hosting us at reunions at the lovely home on the lake. Spera in Deo, Ginger, and Psalm 33:22. You will be missed.”

Barbara Freggens O - January 30, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DM

“Jim: Sorry for your loss. We want to wish our warmest thoughts and prayers to you and your family. Dan Moore”

Dan Moore - January 30, 2019 at 12:00 AM

GD

“Jim and family, So shocked to read about Ginger this morning. As you grieve and celebrate her life please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. Memories of days at Hope College, sailing days when kids were young and Naples. Blessings Graham and Sylvia”

Graham Duryee - January 29, 2019 at 12:00 AM

LS

“Sympathy and prayers to Jim and the family.”

Les and Coral Swieringa - January 29, 2019 at 12:00 AM

TF

“I am saddened to hear of Ginger's death. I was pleased to see them a few weeks ago in a restaurant in Holland. I have many happy memories of being their house-sitter/baby-sitter in the 80's. Ginger always made me feel welcomed and loved. She was a kind person. I will always remember her fondly. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.”

Thomas Folkert - January 29, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MD

“*Condolences, love, and prayers to Jim and the entire family. Our hope is in Jesus. Matt & Julie Davidson*”

Matt Davidson - January 29, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JR

“*I am in shock at the news. I shared it with my family, who our sending our deepest sympathy to Jim and the family. She will be missed.*”

Jan Rutgers - January 29, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MW

“*Jim Steven Kristen and Dave my prayers are with you during this difficult time. I asked Gods peace to cover all of you. I am so thankful to have been part of your family and most especially in your home and around your table . Your graciousness and generosity are very heartfelt and I feel fortunate to have been with you. Once again thank you for the influence in the Christian example You have been in my life and work. God bless Melissa.*”

Melissa Williams - January 29, 2019 at 12:00 AM

CO

“*Ginger was one of the kindest women I have ever know...we will miss her here...Carol Oudersluys*”

Carol Oudersluys - January 29, 2019 at 12:00 AM

CO

“*Our deepest sympathy and our thoughts and prayers remain with you Jim and family. May God bless you with His peace at this difficult time. --*”

Cork - January 28, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RL

“*Our deepest sympathy to Jim and his family! This Angel touched countless lives! Wonderful person! R.I.P.*”

Richard Looman - January 28, 2019 at 12:00 AM