



## Virginia "Ginger" Van Gelder

February 23, 1949 - February 23, 2019

Virginia Van Gelder, of Holland, passed away peacefully on her 70th birthday, Saturday, February 23, 2019.

Virginia was born February 23, 1949, to Lewis and Ann (Geurkink) Brummels, in Baldwin, Wisconsin. She graduated from Baldwin-Woodville High School where she met Rodney Van Gelder. Rod served his country in the Army while Ginger went to nursing school in Grand Rapids. In 1969, Ginger graduated, Rodney was discharged from the Army and then they married. Ginger and Rod raised their three children in Holland. They were longtime members of Ebenezer Reformed Church where Ginger served as the parish nurse for 13 years. In 2011 they joined Ridge Point Community Church. Ginger was a registered nurse and worked for 43 years at Holland Hospital, primarily in the Boven Birth Center. She was preceded in death by her sister Sharon Dewar.

Ginger enjoyed both work and having fun. She and Rod went on several international medical mission trips, and took annual trips with their children and grandchildren. Ginger equally enjoyed working hard on their hobby farm, gardening, sewing, baking, as well as riding quads with her grandchildren. Ginger was strong in her faith, loved her family, enjoyed an adventure, and she will be dearly missed by many.

She is survived by her husband of 49 years, Rod, their children and

grandchildren: Joni and Bob Bertrand (Blake, Nick, Amelia) of Ann Arbor, Kurt and Becki Van Gelder (Alex, Lucas) of Holland, Tony and Jennifer Van Gelder (Julia, Olivia) of Holland; brothers: Brent Brummels, Gene and Robbie Brummels; her 94 year old father-in-law Dick Van Gelder, in-laws: Dar and Lanor Van Gelder, Jean and Wayne Tjarks, Terry Van Gelder, Paul and Leesa Van Gelder, Chuck and Rachelle Van Gelder; and many extended family and friends.

A funeral service to honor the faith and life of Virginia Van Gelder will be held at 11:30 am, Thursday, February 28, 2019, at Ridge Point Community Church, 340 104th Ave., Holland MI 49423. Visitation will be taking place between 2-4pm and 6:30-9pm on Wednesday, February 27, at Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home, 315 E. 16th Street, Holland MI 49423. Interment will be in East Holland Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Ridge Point Community Church-Honduras Fund, or [Pancan.org](http://Pancan.org).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Virginia "Ginger" Van Gelder*



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**Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes** - February 23, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *Virginia "Ginger" Van Gelder*

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August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *""Rod, and family...so very sorry to hear about the loss of Ginger. I just heard the sad news today. Just wanted you to know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers. I will always remember her happy smile.  
Whenever I would run into both of you (Rod and Ginger) you always had the biggest smiles.  
Thinking of you!"*

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**Ginny Tatarchuk** - March 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Our deepest sympathy to you, Rod, and your family."*

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**Helen** - March 04, 2019 at 12:00 AM

TK

“Rod. I am so sorry for your loss.”

TODD KUIPER - February 26, 2019 at 12:00 AM

CD

“Our condolences on your loss. Ginger was a fantastic caring women who will be greatly missed in our world. Wish we could be there to lend support but please know that you are in our thoughts.”

Chuck and Joan DeBerry - February 26, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JD

“My sincere sympathy to you Rod and your whole family. Will surely miss her smile, contagious happiness and laughter. She loved people and her God. RIP couple a pair”

Jan DeJonge - February 26, 2019 at 12:00 AM

CM

“I worked with Ginger at the Birth Center for years! She loved to help new parents care for their precious babies, and her knowledge of the newborn was extensive. Her laugh was contagious, and she was very organized!!! Rod, Joni, Kurt, and Tony: your wife/mom was a wonderful and fun person. While I know this is very hard for you, I also know that you have many great stories of happier times with her. May God give you strength and peace.”

Claudia Milburn - February 26, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MP

“Dear Rod and family, We are so sorry to hear of your loss of Ginger. I remember her being a fun-loving and caring person. She always had a smile for people. Our prayers and love are with you during this time of sorrow. May God comfort you and I know the many memories of Ginger you will cherish and treasure, as they bring comfort to you! Love, Doug and Marlin Prins”

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**Marlin Prins** - February 25, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RN

“Rod and family, so sorry to hear of Ginger's passing. I've known you since high school, when I babysat the kids! You two were such a special, fun loving couple and celebrated with our family on quite a few occasions. Ginger was my nurse when our kids were born (two in less than a year....so we had quite a laugh about that one)! God bless you all in saying goodbye for now, but we'll meet again someday. May your memories and stories bring a smile to your faces....”

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**Robin Nyland** - February 25, 2019 at 12:00 AM

LP

“Rod... I am SO sorry that Tom and I are out of state, but wanted you to know that we send our deepest love and sympathy. Our hearts break for your tremendous loss but her gain, of course. To think her beautiful faith is now sight!! KNOW that we are praying that you will experience all that the Lord has promised during times like this! He's walking with you every step of the way. Tom and Lynnelle”

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**Lynnelle Pierce** - February 25, 2019 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ *"After barely having contact until recently, this doesn't seem fair. I enjoyed seeing you last year and our many text "conversations."*

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**Greg Brummels** - February 24, 2019 at 12:00 AM