



Virginia "Ginger" Lee Wilson

September 30, 1946 - April 8, 2014

Virginia Lee "Ginger" Wilson, 67, of Traverse City, passed away unexpectedly Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at her home.

Ginger was born on Monday, September 30, 1946 to Thomas and Cora (Prewitt) Pfahler in Cincinnati, OH. She married Roger Wilson on Aug. 9, 1984 in Traverse City.

Her greatest joys were her grandchildren, Ray and Jamie, spending time and many memories with them, as well as spending time with her husband and children.

Ginger had been the owner and proprietor of Courtade's Trading Center on High Lake Road for many years and then was employed as a secretary, having been employed by Bill Marsh, Grand Traverse Auto and Grand Traverse Refrigeration over her working years. She always liked to hop in the car and "go" and to visit online with her many Facebook friends, especially her dear Facebook friend, Faye. Ginger really enjoyed working on photos of family and friends long before it was the thing to do and made many photo calendars for family and friends.

She is survived by her husband Roger; her children Mark Hoffmeister of Traverse City, Cindy Hoffmeister of Kalkaska; her grandchildren, Raymon Kuerth and Jamie Trommater; her brother Thomas Pfahler of Cincinnati and sister Terri Rapp of Plano, Texas. Also surviving are her loving companions, her dogs, Sandy and Emma.

Ginger will be remembered in a private family service. Memorial contributions may be directed to The Cherryland Humane Society.

Comments



“ Hi,

In response to all of your condolences and heartfelt messages and cards, flowers, pies, hams and everything THANK YOU! and "LIKE" to all posts... I regret I cannot respond to everyone that I have been contacted by on Facebook and in person, online in blogs and chats, and by mail, but please know we are grateful for your friendship and love for my mom. I know Roger Wilson (My Moms Husband of 30 years, this year) feels the same way as does my Sister Cindy Hoffmeister.

For those of you who I have not seen it, the official obituary is online at the Record Eagle here: <http://shar.es/Th4Z3> and the Reynolds Jonkhoff memorial link is here: <http://goo.gl/ZjnpH9> (I have shortened the links, they are safe to visit).

Also I have included my own note explaining things in as much detail as needed and to let you know about the forthcoming memorial (below).

In closing, I have to say, I do not think my mom expected such a show of appreciation and love from all corners of her life; the past, online, her current family and friends, I am myself shocked at the numbers. Don't get me wrong she felt loved, that is for sure - but I really think she is looking down from heaven saying something like "holy shit!". I say this to remind you to tell people in your life you love them and appreciate them often, that you only go around once, and that this life is worth living in the company of, and with appreciation for others. Tell 'em how you feel!!

My obit and further info:

My mom passed at home, with Roger and her dogs by her side; officially she died of a heart attack and lung cancer – which no one new had returned except (we suspect) her and the doctor. She did not suffer daily or have any problems or pain at all and was doing very well, especially the last month as she actually quit smoking during that time and was excited for spring, as we all are!

There were no services, her body was cremated - these were both by her request. There will be a memorial commemoration and separate gathering (I'm gonna call it a spade and say party) early this summer at her old house (where I am renting) on Brown Bridge Rd, which she loved, and we will (privately) spread her ashes on the ground at. I will let you know when I have more details on the gathering as anyone who knew and loved my mom is welcome to attend.

Love, Mark



Mark Hoffmeister - April 17, 2014 at 12:01 PM



“ `<div id="fb-root"></div> <script>(function(d, s, id) { var js, fjs = d.getElementsByTagName(s)[0]; if (d.getElementById(id)) return; js = d.createElement(s); js.id = id; js.src = "///connect.facebook.net/en_US/all.js#xfbml=1"; fjs.parentNode.insertBefore(js, fjs); }(document, 'script', 'facebook-jssdk'));</script>
<div class="fb-post" data-href="https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10202564898617443&type=1"; data-width="466"><div class="fb-xfbml-parse-ignore"><a href="https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?`

fbid=10202564898617443&type=1">Post;
by Mark Hoffmeister.</div></div>

Mark Hoffmeister - April 17, 2014 at 11:55 AM



“ That didn't work - lets try this: <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10202564898617443&l=3346957df7>

Mark Hoffmeister - April 17, 2014 at 11:58 AM



“ Please remove these two posts unless you can make them work as embedded posts I will add another.

Mark Hoffmeister - April 17, 2014 at 12:00 PM



“ We were sorry to hear about your loss. With our deepest sympathy, Konrad, Diana, Franciska and Christopher Visser

Diana Visser - April 14, 2014 at 04:17 PM



“ Not having met Ginger in person, I feel as if I had known her all my life (via FB). She never complained, always had something positive to say and loved her family. I felt she was a dear friend, with a "sweet dreams sweetie" at the end of the day. As I look at her picture here, I am seeing the inspirational message that her son sent out starting with You can shed tears that she is gone..... and am trying to adjust that into my brain, however will miss her and remember her as very special to me. May God bless her family during this time of sorrow.

corrine niemi - April 10, 2014 at 06:00 PM



“ ELSIE THORP lit a candle in memory of Virginia "Ginger" Lee Wilson



ELSIE THORP - April 10, 2014 at 05:44 PM



“ LOVE YOU GINGER BREAD

ELSIE THORP - April 10, 2014 at 05:46 PM



“ Your family is in my thoughts an prayers. No words I have can take away this pain. A wonderful woman graced us with her wisdom, laughter,an just being the Ginger. We all will miss her in many different ways. Most of all she gave us friendship and love unconditionally. Watch over us my friend love you. Two peas in a pod we are! That is what she would always say to me. You will never be forgotten. Luv an Peace Sherri.

Sherri Sorley Spahr - April 10, 2014 at 05:44 PM



“ I am so sorry for the loss of a Dear sweet friend. I am going to miss you with all my heart. I will never forget you. You will always be in my heart. Roger and family please keep in touch with me? Some may not know but Ginger and my mom where friends for 9 years and got to meet each other but my mom was real sick at the time. Mom ask Gin. to keep in touch with me when she passed. Ginger did just that. She helped me when I was down and out and didnt know which way to go. Oh, how I miss you Gingerbread. My mama passed away on 02-13-2014. Ginger went home on 04-08-2014

Joyce Frady - April 17, 2014 at 10:04 PM



“ GINGER WAS A PERSON THAT TOUCHED A LOT OF PEOPLE .I ONLY KNEW HER FOR A LITTLE WHILE MY SELF BUT I HAD HEARD ALOT ABOUT HER FROM FAYE GREENE THEY CARED ON ALL THE TIME AND NOW THEY ARE IN HEAVEN TOGETHER CARRER ON WITH ONE ANOTHER AGAIN .. THEY BOTH ARE MISSED EVERY DAY THAT GOES BY .LOVE YOU BOTH UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN .LOVE ELSIE THORP CHOCOWINITY NC

ELSIE THORP - April 10, 2014 at 05:42 PM



“ To Roger and your family. Sorry to here about your wife You are in our prayer's

Rosie Ockert

Rosalinda Ockert - April 10, 2014 at 11:55 AM



“ To Roger and all of Gin's family and friends. Ginger became such an amazing part of our lives through my granny, Faye Greene. She and Granny were the best of friends and such a blessing to our family during our most difficult time. Ginger was such an amazing friend to Granny throughout their entire friendship up until the day we lost Granny this past February. Now, they have a relationship like no other! They are laughing and having such a great time in the presence of the Lord. She and Roger blessed us so much and quickly became a part of our family and she will be greatly missed. During difficult times like these, even though we will mourn, we must remain positive and celebrate in the faith that she is no longer in pain and feeling no hardships at all. Our loss is Heaven's gain, because she definitely was a beautiful angel. May she rest in peace for all eternity and may we all see her again one day! Love you Ginger and please let us know if any of you guys need anything! All the way from NC... Ginger's family! (Amy Joyner, Diane Melton, and Rhonda Tant)

Amy Joyner - April 10, 2014 at 10:41 AM