



## Virginia Lewis

November 4, 2019

Virginia (Ginny) Elizabeth Aitken Lewis, a friend to many, passed away November 4, 2019. Ginny, age 76, was born in Detroit, Michigan on November 10, 1942. Ginny's upbringing was highly influenced by her grandmother, Mable King. She was raised in Detroit and Walled Lake, graduating from Walled Lake High School in 1960. Following high school she attended Ferris State University, graduating in 1962 with a degree in Court Reporting. Before marrying Thomas Andrew Aitken on April 4, 1964, Virginia worked for the Federal Bankruptcy courts in Grand Rapids, Lansing, and Kalamazoo. After they married, Ginny and Tom resided in Charlotte, Michigan, for 27 years where they raised their three children and she was an active stay-at-home mom, helping her children in every way she could. She loved traveling and showing her children the world. In spite of her allergies, she enjoyed gardening, as well as any time she could spend on the golf course and happily passed on her love of golf to her children.

Over the years, Ginny was active in her community in many ways, including: treasurer of St. John's Episcopal Church, member of the altar guild and the choir, president of the Charlotte Women's Club (GFWC), and an active member of the Charlotte Country Club. In 1994 she moved to and enjoyed life on Gun Lake, especially on the deck with a glass of wine, family and friends. After losing her first husband of 33 years in 1997, she married Fritz Lewis in 2000. Ginny particularly enjoyed singing in the choir at Emmanuel Episcopal Church for many years, and was an avid bridge player.

Ginny is survived by her son, Brian (Dianne) Aitken of Livonia; daughters, Marguerite (Carl) Falkenstern of Ada, and Melissa Aitken of West Bloomfield; grandchildren, Erik Aitken, Emily Aitken, Chloe Falkenstern, and William Falkenstern. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Thomas Aitken in 1997, and her second husband, Fritz Lewis.

Visitation will be held at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte on Friday, November 8, 2019, 2-4:00 PM and 6-8:00 PM. Funeral service will be at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Hastings on Saturday, November 9 at 1:30 PM with visitation in the Parish House beginning at 12:00 noon. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Alzheimer's Association research fund. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Ginny on her tribute page at [www.PrayFuneral.com](http://www.PrayFuneral.com). The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 8. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home  
401 W. Seminary St.  
Charlotte, MI 48813

## Visitation

NOV 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home  
401 W. Seminary St.  
Charlotte, MI 48813

## Visitation

NOV 9. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Emmanuel Episcopal Church  
315 W Center St  
Hastings , MI 49058

## Funeral Ceremony

NOV 9. 1:30 PM (ET)

Emmanuel Episcopal Church  
315 W Center St  
Hastings , MI 49058

## Graveside Service

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AUG **29**. 11:00 AM.

Croswell Cemetery  
Croswell, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Virginia Lewis*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - November 07, 2019 at 05:52 PM

JP

*Thanks for doing this. Beautiful memories and a beautiful family. With love and healing prayers, Julie Parmegiani*

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**Julie Parmegiani** - November 08, 2019 at 12:36 PM

JH

“ *Ginny and I started at Ferris Institute when we were both 17 and kept in touch until 2018. Her smile always made you feel welcome and loved. She enjoyed her blessed life to the fullest and she will be missed. Beautiful tribute to her life. Judy Hoult*

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**Judy Hoult** - December 21, 2019 at 02:58 PM

KK

“ Margie, Melissa and Brian - I am so sorry for your loss. I have fond memories of your mom during our Capital Club days when the parents essentially parented all of us kids: helping get our ski gear together, a 'look' when we got too rowdy, and making sure we had our dinner ticket at the Grand. I loved her big laugh too. She was a great friend to my parents for 45+ years. My parents were always delighted when their Ocean Pointe weeks overlapped in more recent years. Hugs to you all.

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**Karen (Northrup) Kissinger** - November 09, 2019 at 05:49 PM

WD

“ Brian, Marguerite & Melissa: My deepest sympathy to you and your families in the passing of your mother. i can certainly understand your pain and sorrow at this difficult time because, as you may not know, my wife of 62 years, Linda, passed away Feb. 3 of this year. We always enjoyed seeing and being with Ginny at the many Capitol Club events we attended together. She was fun to be with and a very good golfer on the various resort courses we visited with the club,

Sincerely,

Bill Dansby

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**William D. Dansby** - November 09, 2019 at 02:46 PM

CB

“ I had known Ginny for only a brief time as she attended St. Mark's with Margy and grandchildren and then to see her at the recent Anniversary Dinner. Her award winning smile was warm and generous, and I am sure that God was in her heart and in her understanding. She rests in God's loving arms and is at peace. May Margy and family be comforted and wrapped in the arms of prayer from the good people at St. Mark's in Grand Rapids. ~ The Rev. Dr. Christian Brocato, Rector

Christian Brocato - November 09, 2019 at 11:05 AM



“ 17 files added to the album LifeTributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - November 08, 2019 at 11:07 AM

MM

“ Ginny was The first person I met at Ocean Pointe and we spent many good times laughing, chatting (in the pool) and just enjoying each other company. We both were “newlyweds” and had many things in common. Ginny’s St Patrick Day party was always a big hit and who could resist the corned Beef and cabbage!  
May the lord shine down on her- perhaps she will be in the greatest choir of all.

*Lovingly, Madeleine Marbach*

madeleine marbach - November 08, 2019 at 10:59 AM



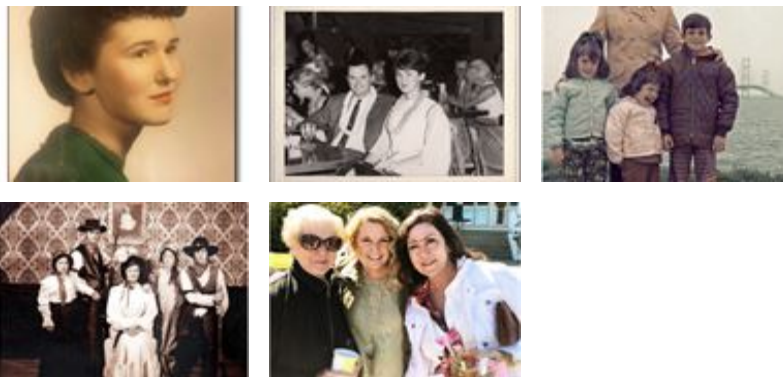
“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Virginia Lewis.



November 07, 2019 at 06:50 PM



“ 35 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - November 07, 2019 at 05:52 PM

DL

“ *Very sorry for the loss of your mother. She lived in the neighborhood and we were probably the first boyfriend and girl friend. A very sweet lady and wonderful classmate. She was a valuable alumna of the Walled Lake Central class of 1960!*

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**Dick Look** - November 07, 2019 at 12:05 PM

JG

“ *Ginny was a great role model parent and family friend, as we shared both Tom and Fritz in our mutual activities with the Capitol Club as fellow Association Executives. She was always gracious, classy and positive, plus extremely proud of her immediate family. We've lost a real gem.*  
*John and Pat Greenslit*  
*Lansing*

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**john greenslit** - November 07, 2019 at 11:00 AM

MC

“ *Ginny, my classmate, my locker partner, my friend; I will miss your smile, your laugh, your presence and warm hugs. You will be dearly missed by all who knew you.*  
*Mike Cosgrove*

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**Mike Cosgrove** - November 07, 2019 at 08:39 AM

PL

“ God bless Ginny for bringing her very own chuckling smile like no other whenever we met at Ocean Pointe. It usually led us into conversation that touched many shades of humor no matter what the subject but kept it real with her down to earth approach to life. Pal and I will miss Ginny but remember her well. We became kindred spirits sharing Bailey's Irish Crème over vanilla ice cream on St. Pat's one year and that is forever!

*Pal and I send our deepest sympathy to Ginny's children and the entire family. We send prayers and hopes that all dementias will be eradicated soon!.*

*With heartfelt sympathy,  
Pauline Littleton*

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**PAULINE LITTLETON** - November 06, 2019 at 06:32 PM

JM

“ Melissa and family, I am so sadden by the news of Ginny. she was a wonderful women and I love her dearly. she would always be at my aquafit class at Ocean Pointe in the corner towards our turtle nest with the group of ladies. She would tell me at the end of class that she is not ignoring me, lol, but catching up with the ladies and she will give me her full attention the next class. I missed Fritz and I will miss her as well. I know she is smiling down on us. My condolences to the entire family and you are all in my thoughts and prayer.

*Love,*

*Jennieve Mcfarlane*

*Marriott Ocean Pointe*

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**Jennieve Mcfarlane** - November 06, 2019 at 03:22 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Virginia Lewis.*



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November 06, 2019 at 01:29 PM



“ *Melissa and family. We are so sorry to hear of the loss of your mom. She was a sweet lady. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

*Much Love  
Mike and Pam Parrott*

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**Mike and Pam Parrott** - November 06, 2019 at 01:22 PM



“ *We were so sorry and shocked to hear of Ginny's passing. She seemed so lively and happy last February at Ocean Pointe, when we saw her in the hot tub. We will always remember her as a very outgoing, positive, and happy person, who never had a bad thing to say about anyone. We will miss seeing her at Ocean Pointe every February, Our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this difficult time.*

*Sincerely,  
Brian and Hope McRedmond*

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**Brian & Hope McRedmond** - November 06, 2019 at 12:59 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Virginia Lewis.*



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November 06, 2019 at 12:37 PM



“ *Melissa I will remember your mother fondly when you used to stop to visit us in NC on your trips to and from FL. She was a wonderful conversationalist and I always enjoyed listening and learning from her. You and your family are in my thoughts. With love, Karen Walden*

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**Walden Karen** - November 06, 2019 at 12:36 PM

JP

“ To Ginny's family,  
*Bob and I have such wonderful memories of Fritz and Ginny, both in FL, at our home on Long Island, with the Pedemontis in VT, our OP Niagra Falls summer reunion, and summers with them on the lake -- fishing, jet skiing, gardening, eating and socializing. Then there were the many times in Florida at Ocean Pointe where the staff cherished both of them.....as did so many guests and owners. One of my very fondest memories was when they took us to the Grand Hotel for a few days. They (and we too!) were treated like royalty as they WERE royalty there! I loved shopping with Ginny, especially buying my crazy hats. Her St Patrick Day dinners were THE event of our winters in Florida. Oh, the memories go on and on. Happy, happy times. Ginny will be missed by so many. Please know, as I am sure you do, that your mother/grandmother was someone VERY special to MANY people. I will miss her more than I can express. May she find peace with the angels.*  
*With a grateful heart for all the wonderful memories,*  
*Julie Parmegiani*

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**Julie Parmegiani** - November 06, 2019 at 11:56 AM

SM

“ *Melissa, Margie and family.. Ginny was a great friend that I became acquainted with at Gun Lake.. i have to remember all the drink stations you had for the 4th of July parades...Such welcome drinks so close to the start.. I also have to thank her for letting Stuart and Ian fish off her dock each summer.. It was the only place they really caught fish.. Thanks Ginny.. you will be remembered.*



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**Susan Mackie-Smith** - November 06, 2019 at 11:40 AM

MH


“ First of all, I send my families' love and condolences to Brian, Margie and Melissa. My mother and I, in particular, want you to know we are thinking about you and stand ready to help you in any way. For much of my life, Ginny was like an aunt to me, a highly spirited, kick you in the ass if you mess up kind of aunt. She and Tom were my families' best friends. I loved Ginny and Tom and they both helped my mom and I through many tragedies. Ginny was smart, intense and loving, but not to be crossed. I learned that early in my life and we got along just fine because I respected her a great deal.

*My thoughts go out to her wonderful kids and their families'. I hope you will each remember how fortunate you are to have had a larger than life mother!*

*Mark Haskins*

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**mark haskins** - November 06, 2019 at 08:48 AM

 Sarah Hall

“ I loved knowing Ginny so much. She was a wonderful person, always sweet and happy. I will miss her smile and her hugs forever.

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**Sarah Hall** - November 06, 2019 at 08:10 AM

LM

“ Many memories for Gail and me many times involved Ginny. One i I remember fondly is on the golf course at Walnut Hills Country Club. She and I were in the same Cart and we were traversing the course from far side to far side always looking for me golf ball, (she was mostly in the fairway) on the 12th fairway, she say. “Do you ever worry about running out of electricity.” I’ll never forget that line. So many more, RIP.Imeyer

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**Larry Meyer** - November 06, 2019 at 07:46 AM

MM

“ *Margaret McClanahan lit a candle in memory of Virginia Lewis*



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**Margaret McClanahan** - November 06, 2019 at 06:54 AM