



Virginia H. Link

July 23, 1934 - August 13, 2013

In loving memory

Virginia Helen Link Vogel Shields

Ray Township, Michigan

Age 79

Born July 23, 1934

Deceased August 13, 2013 Arrangements:

William A. Sullivan and Son 8459 Hall Road, Utica MI

Viewing: Saturday August 17 1:00 pm-8:00 pm

Service: Sunday August 18 2:00 pm Virginia "Ginny" Link of Ray Township

died peacefully on August 13, 2013. Her 79 years were filled with optimism and love. A teacher for more than 30 years in Utica Community Schools, Ginny taught hundreds of children some of life's most important skills. Some went with the job, such as reading and counting. Others were purely her moral compass, such as acceptance and generosity. Although teaching was important to her, Ginny's family was her life. Two devoted husbands preceded her in death, both smart enough to know a good thing when they saw it. Despite numerous and innovative attempts, her children only found futility in their efforts to test her patience, optimism and loyalty. Her grandchildren adored her and she cherished them. She enjoyed gardening and reading. She was an excellent bridge player and a terrible golfer. She recycled. Ginny Link nee Vogel was born on July 23, 1934 in Muskegon, Michigan. She graduated from Saginaw Arthur Hill in 1952 and Albion College in 1956. In 1957 she

married Dale Shields of Saginaw who predeceased her in 1990. Together they had four children. Matt wife Cindy, daughters Amanda and Emily, Elizabeth husband Don, daughters Leigh Matt Addison, Kristen and Mariah Bauman, Douglas wife Laura, sons Dallas, Dylan and Jeremy. Martin wife Kristi Mahrt, daughters Alison, Maya and Serena. In 1994 she married widower Ernest Link of Shelby Township. They soon moved to Fairhope, Alabama. Ernest died in 2007 and they are survived by his children Pam LeMay, Nancy John Zurawski, John Karen, Jim Judy, Ron Jessica and Richard Kelly Link, and many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Ginny returned to Michigan in 2009 to be closer to family. She was preceded in death by her mother, Helen Crandall Vogel and her father Alfred Vogel. Three younger and loving sisters survive her, Janet Marsh, Alice Don Thompson and Susie Carl Trepagnier. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Paws for Life, Albion College, or Spinal Muscular Atrophy Foundation.

Tribute Wall

MH

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy for your loss of your dear Sister and mother Virginia. Please find comfort in God's promise in Revelation 21:4 "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away.â? As the weeks pass please reflect On the fact that â??Jehovah is near to those that are broken at heart; And those who are crushed in spirit he saves.â? Psalms 34:18. I pray this helps your family as it has mine during loss.

Mrs. Houston - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GQ

“ Dear Liz,I am so sorry about your mom. I know your mom must've been a wonderful woman...she raised you right? Hold tight to all of the great memories of her and all of the love she gave you. If there is anything I can do please let me know. I am making a donation in lieu of flowers. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Genny Quick - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DV

“ Ginny, you were a woman with a great deal of class, much patience, and a sharp wit that sometimes came out of nowhere. Godspeed.

Diane Vanasupa - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ Mrs. Shields was my kindergarten teacher at Crissman Elementary School in 1972-73. She has been and always will be remembered. Thank You!! May God Bless her and her Family.

Tom Drobek - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ I played both golf and bridge with Ginny. She was a good friend and has been missed since she went to MI. Sincerely, Pat Judd

Patricia Judd - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ We will miss Ginny so much and her fun golf game and her serious face with her mouth and tongue hanging. We enjoyed our trips to Fairhope and the hospitality they showed. I will remember her roses and sitting on the patio with coffee. Her cranberry sauce was great at thanksgiving. Our time in Ann Arbor where her kindness to my brother with cancer will not be forgotten. We are so sorry we could not be there in person. She was a good egg, feisty and mischievous. My granddaughter called her grandma Chinny as it sounded like Ginny. A blue star shone bright for grandma Chinny today. Goodbye dear friend

Judy and Jim link - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ Ginny was more than a cousin. We had great times growing up. She lived far away, but occasionally we enjoyed each other's company and I will miss her. She is in God's house now. We are with in our thoughts and prayers. JeanVogel Perkowitz & Bob

Bob Perkowitz - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ To all of Ginny's family,I am so sorry for your loss. You have wonderful memories and I hope this helps you through the sad times.LoveBetty and Loy Barker

Betty Barker - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CQ

“ Well you tested her patience, she was a rock. May you have your memories as solace in your time of loss. Charles Quinn

Charles Quinn - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Dear Don, Liz, Leigh, Matt, Mariah, and , Kristen, We are so sorry for the passing of your Mom/Grandma. She was a beautiful lady, always wearing her sweet smile. Ginny was blessed to have such a wonderful family who took such good care of her. You are all in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Love, Dave, Julie, Jessica, Eric, and Meghan Stange

Julie Stange - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ We will all miss Grandma Scratches so much, but have so many wonderful memories of our time together.

Leigh - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM