



Virginia L. Shepherd

April 6, 1938 - January 13, 2019

Ashby: Virginia L. "Ginny" (Chace) Shepherd, 80, of Ashby died unexpectedly Sunday, January 13, 2019 at her home.

Her husband, Elwin C. Shepherd Jr., died in 2008.

Ginny was born in Groton, April 6, 1938, one of thirteen children born to Emerson and Eva (Maxwell) Chace and grew up in Townsend. She was a 1956 graduate of Spaulding Memorial School in Townsend. She has resided in Ashby for over 60 years.

For seventeen years, Ginny worked as a Gerontology Assistant at Burbank Hospital, Fitchburg retiring in 2003. Following her retirement she continued to work well into her seventies as a caregiver to elderly residents in the area.

She enjoyed knitting, birdwatching and spending time with her grandchildren.

She leaves two sons, Elwin C. "Butch" Shepherd, III of Ashby, John S. Shepherd of New Ipswich, NH; four daughters, Corey A. Papa of Rindge, NH, Denise I. Jordan of Antrim, NH, Dawn C. Calderara of Frankestown, NH, Diana E. Stuart of Ashby; a brother, Dennis W. Chace of Fitchburg; a sister, Beverly Lorman of Nashua, NH; seventeen grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren.

She was the sister of the late Stephen A. Chace, Robert Chace, Richard E. Chace, Guy F. Chace, George Chace, Roland Chace, Pauline C. Knox, Florence Goyette, Ann Hall and Carolyn English.

Funeral Services will be held 11 AM Saturday, January 19th at the Ashby Congregational Church, New Ipswich Rd. Ashby. Spring burial will be in Glenwood Cemetery, Ashby.

Calling hours are 3-6PM Friday, January 18th at the Anderson Funeral Home, 250 Main Street (Rte 119) Townsend Center. Please see www.andersonfuneral.com for additional information or to leave an on line condolence.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JAN 18. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Townsend
250 Main Street ~ Route 119
Townsend, MA 01469
(978) 597-2692

Funeral Service

JAN 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

Ashby Congregational Church
New Ipswich Rd
Ashby, MA

Tribute Wall

BS

“ Aunt Ginny with you, what saw was what you got, making you not only my Dad's favorite, but my Mom's favorite too. Thanks for the wonderful memories of growing up with you and yours as family. You and your laughter will be forever missed.

Barbara Struck - January 19, 2019 at 08:47 AM

LA

“ Ginny was a great woman. She always treated me like family when I was around. My condolences to your family.

Leannette Allen - January 17, 2019 at 04:25 PM

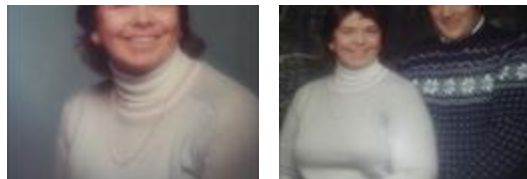
AH

“ Our thoughts and prayers for Aunt Ginny and her family. It was nice to see her again at my mother's service. Ann Marie (Hall) and Les Heisler

Ann Heisler - January 17, 2019 at 01:12 PM

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Dawn Calderara - January 16, 2019 at 10:11 AM

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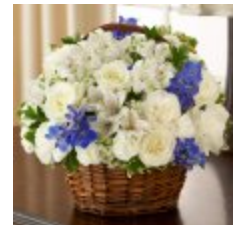
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Dawn Calderara - January 16, 2019 at 09:32 AM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Virginia L. Shepherd.



January 16, 2019 at 09:26 AM

DD

“ Ginny, my sister in law & friend, I will miss the phone calls & visits when we would make our trips home to “Ashby” every few years, I still have the rocks you gave us from your front yard as a little touch of home. You left us way to soon, I will miss you my friend. Your sister in law Dottie, Toledo, Ohio

Dottie Dail - January 15, 2019 at 12:45 PM

DC

“ My mother, my friend. The very soul who made me who I am today. You taught me to love and care for everyone as you did. I see the compassion throughout the entire family, that came from you. I will miss you for ever, and always love and respect you. You had a great sense of humor, and were never afraid to say what was on your mind. You were the strongest women I ever knew. I have a big hole in my heart right now because you left us way to soon. I know your with dad, and the rest of your family. I take comfort in knowing that you are surrounded by all who loved you. Until we meet again mom, remember we all love you with all our hearts. Dawnie

Dawn Calderara - January 15, 2019 at 11:11 AM

AM

“ Ma, we will all miss you so tremendously. Your impact on Joe's life, my life, and the lives of Hazen and Emerson will never fade. Your memory will shine in our hearts in and in our lives forever. Godspeed.



Aimee Mullahy - January 15, 2019 at 09:44 AM

DC

“ David And Lisa Chisholm lit a candle in memory of Virginia L. Shepherd



David and Lisa Chisholm - January 14, 2019 at 09:09 PM

DC

Ginny we will miss you very much. Such a wonderful caring and thoughtful person. May you be an Angel on your children's shoulders and look after them. We will miss seeing you across the street and the calls you gave us to let us know of the wildlife in the field. RIP my friend.

David and Lisa Chisholm - January 14, 2019 at 09:12 PM

GV

Always loved you and am very glad that you are with Sonny now and all of your other family members ~~ Before I got married ~~ my name was "Ginny Shepherd" ~~ so there were "two of us" with the same name because you married my brother `~ I thought that was so special ~~ then about two months after you all got married `~ I got married and my last name became "Vickers" and I thought that was also very special ~~ we had a long friendship while we were growing up and then began our own lives as adults ! Lots of prayers are coming from us to all your family and we will miss you very much `~~ Love, your sister - in - law - Ginny Shepherd Vickers from Decatur, Alabama.

Ginny Shepherd Vickers - January 15, 2019 at 01:19 PM