



## Virginia F. Welch

October 8, 1925 - August 9, 2024

Townsend - Virginia F. (Freeman) Welch, 98, of Townsend passed away on Friday evening, August 9, 2024, in the Highlands in Fitchburg.

Ginny was born on October 8, 1925, in Lunenburg and raised by her adoptive parents Franklin A. and Lillian (Bosworth) Freeman. She graduated from Lunenburg High School with the class of 1943.

She was Executive Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools of the Union # 24, which included Ashby, Lunenburg and Townsend school systems. In 1954 she became the Executive Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools in the Lunenburg Public School system and worked there for 42 years before her retirement in 1986.

She enjoyed music, movies, scrapbooking, gardening, crocheting, craft fairs, and last, but not least, loved all the cats in her life as well as her three Newfoundland's.

She is predeceased by her husband, Robert A. Welch, who passed away in 2002. She leaves a sister Barbara A. Garvey of Lunenburg and several nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews as well as her loyal caregiver, Christine. In Addition to her husband, she is predeceased by her many brothers and sisters.

Her funeral service will be held on Friday, August 16 at 1PM in the T.J. Anderson & Son Funeral Home, 250 Main St., Townsend, followed by a burial in the Hillside Cemetery in Townsend. A calling hour will be held prior to the service in the funeral home on Friday from 12PM to 1PM.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Pat Brody's Shelter for Cats, 499 Northfield Rd, Lunenburg, MA 01462.

# Cemetery Details

## Hillside Cemetery

Highland Street  
Townsend, MA

# Previous Events

## Calling Hour

AUG 16. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

AUG 16. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Ginny and her husband Bob were long time and wonderful customers at Tony's restaurant in Ayer, where i worked for many yrs- How they loved to sing, dance and gather at the piano bar of Friday & Sat nights- rest in peace to a sweet lady

sherri silvestre - October 09, 2024 at 09:07 AM

BS

“ I was a starting young teacher in Lunenburg and remember her kindness and patience with all new teachers. She had a winning personality and so gracious. Going into the front office was always made easier with her to greet you, Rest in peace Mrs. Welch.

Bob Salvatelli - August 17, 2024 at 07:04 AM

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“ Ginny was a neighbor and friend. She and her husband, Bob, always had the most beautiful flower and vegetable gardens. When they had too much, they would leave their surplus on a little stand out in front of their house with a box to pay-- the "honor system". Many times, I would send one of my children to get some vegetables for dinner or flowers for the table. For many years, Ginny set up a table at our church fair where she sold her jams and handmade items. She was always so friendly and lively when I visited her. I admired her strength and independence and even though she lived a long life, I am saddened by her passing and will treasure my memories of her.

Nancy Lee - August 16, 2024 at 02:35 PM

JE

“ Ginny was a sweetheart 

jessica e - August 15, 2024 at 11:27 PM

BR

“ *My condolences to the family during this difficult time.*



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**Brenda Rodgers** - August 14, 2024 at 11:13 PM

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“ *Met this lady through Linda Lagoy about an organ. We immediately clicked. I am unable to drive at the moment. I played a baby grand and she and Christine liked it. At 1pm this Friday I will play her organ in her memory. Anyone wishing to hear it may call me. Christine has my no. So glad I had the honor of meeting her. Sandy Hudson*

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**Sandy Hudson** - August 13, 2024 at 10:06 PM

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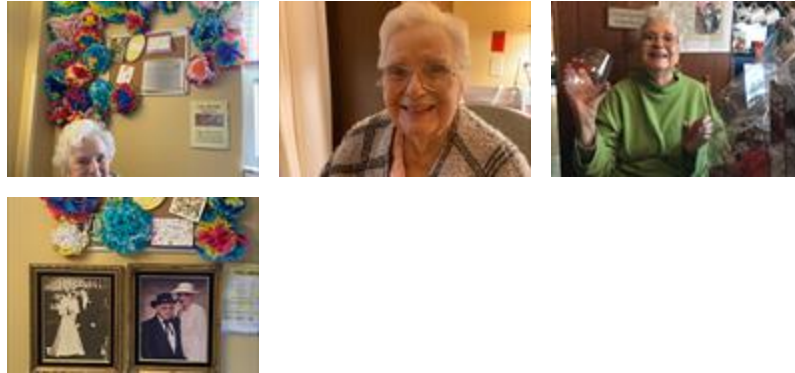
“ *Ginni was such a favorite of mine from the Townsend Women's Club. She was very blessed with a long life and anyone who got to know her and spend time with her was blessed to have done so. My prayers and thoughts go out to her family and know that she is remembered fondly.*

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**Laura Shifrin** - August 13, 2024 at 05:50 PM

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“ 4 files added to the album pictures of Aunt Ginny



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Linda Laboy - August 12, 2024 at 09:35 PM

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“ I hope you are singing and in the arms of Uncle Robert. I also hope you are no longer in pain and reunited with all those that went before you. Give a special hug to my Dad. ❤️❤️

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Linda Laboy - August 12, 2024 at 09:23 PM