



## Virginia Karen "Ginger" DeSalvo

July 11, 1970 - July 20, 2024

Virginia Karen DeSalvo "Ginger", age 54, passed away Saturday, July 20th, 2024. She was born July 11th, 1970 to Thomas P. and Ida Wenger DeSalvo of Center Ridge. She was a 1990 graduate of the Arkansas School for the Deaf and had fond memories of her time there. Ginger cherished the friendships she made with faculty and students while living on campus from the early age of four years old to her graduation. She was also a lifelong member of Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Center Ridge. Ginger enjoyed working on jigsaw puzzles, crossword puzzles, and helping shell peas from the garden. She enjoyed watching the March Madness Basketball Tournament and Shark Week. Ginger thoroughly enjoyed being celebrated for her birthdays, but she also gained much joy from shopping for and giving gifts for her family for their special occasions. Affectionately referred to as "Gigi" by her nieces and nephews, she held a great love for each of them and enjoyed playing card games with them. Despite her disabilities, she brought a ray of joy and love to any room. Communication through American Sign Language was one of the many blessings God worked through her with her family. Due to the loving care of her parents, especially her mother, she was able to live at home until just a few months prior to her passing. The DeSalvo family would like to extend their thanks to the Ozark Health Nursing and Rehab Center who took great care of Ginger during her time there.

Survivors include her parents, sister Evelyn (Mitch) Garner of Springfield, and brothers Raymond (Wendy) DeSalvo of Philadelphia P.A., Andy DeSalvo of

Center Ridge, Danny (Samantha) DeSalvo of North Little Rock, Donny (Misty) DeSalvo of Little Rock, Louis (Kim) DeSalvo of Plumerville, and Hank (Erica) DeSalvo of Center Ridge. She is preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Terrence P. and Amelia Wenger, her paternal grandparents, Tony L. and Frances DeSalvo, an infant brother John Thomas DeSalvo and brother Joey DeSalvo.

The funeral mass will be at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, July 24, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Center Ridge, with Father Jack Harris and Father TJ Hart officiating. Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery. Rosary will be at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, in the Harris Chapel with visitation following. Memorials may be made to St. Joseph Cemetery or St. Joseph Church Center Ridge.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph Cemetery

Center Ridge, AR

# Previous Events

## Rosary

JUL 24. 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

Harris Funeral Homes - Morrilton  
1325 Oak St  
Morrilton, AR 72110  
(501) 354-4575

## Visitation

JUL 24. 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Harris Funeral Homes - Morrilton  
1325 Oak St  
Morrilton, AR 72110  
(501) 354-4575

## Funeral Mass

JUL 25. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
343 Catholic Point Rd.  
Center Ridge, AR 72027  
(501) 893-2889



# Tribute Wall

LS

“ We offer prayers and sympathy to the family as we consider that all of heaven is rejoicing with her new unique joy.

Lewis and Brenda Hardaway, Sr. - July 27, 2024 at 09:54 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Virginia Karen "Ginger" DeSalvo.



July 24, 2024 at 11:16 AM

SO

“ Somers, Ross, Lily, Stephen, Sam, Olivia purchased the White Standing Spray for the family of Virginia Karen "Ginger" DeSalvo.



Somers, Ross, Lily, Stephen, Sam, Olivia - July 24, 2024 at 09:42 AM

HS

“ Helen Damron, Jill, Chris & Colin Solis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Virginia Karen "Ginger" DeSalvo.

Helen Damron, Jill, Chris & Colin Solis - July 23, 2024 at 10:27 PM



“ *Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Virginia Karen "Ginger" DeSalvo.*



July 23, 2024 at 10:27 PM



“ *Bob & Lou Wenger and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Virginia Karen "Ginger" DeSalvo.*

**Bob & Lou Wenger and Family** - July 23, 2024 at 10:11 PM



“ *Sympathy Arrangement In Basket (Large) - Multicolor Pastel Mixed Flowers was purchased for the family of Virginia Karen "Ginger" DeSalvo.*



July 23, 2024 at 10:11 PM



“ *Josh, Allison, Lydia, and Clara Hart planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Virginia Karen "Ginger" DeSalvo.*

**Josh, Allison, Lydia, and Clara Hart** - July 23, 2024 at 01:00 PM



“ *Plants-A-Plenty was purchased for the family of Virginia Karen "Ginger" DeSalvo.*



---

July 23, 2024 at 01:00 PM



“ *Ginger was a precious & kind soul. Always with a smile on her face. Praying God's comfort and peace to surround all of you today and in the day's ahead. Love & Prayers - Rick & Dee Dee Hill*

---

**Dee Dee Hill** - July 23, 2024 at 12:39 PM



“ *Ginger was one of a kind and I know how much she will be missed by everyone who knew her. She had such a kind beautiful heart and spirit, was stubborn and heart headed, and was funny even when she wasn't trying to be. My heart breaks for the family suffering such a big loss, but I'm also happy because I know the pure joy and peace that she is experiencing now in heaven with Jesus and loved ones that were there to welcome her with open arms! Love and prayers for you all!*  
*Tonya Rahn*

---

**Tonya Rahn** - July 23, 2024 at 10:02 AM