



Virginia Leach Winger

April 22, 1927 - July 3, 2013

Virginia Norwood Leach Winger, 86, of Conway, formerly of Morrilton, passed away on July 3, 2013. Virginia was born on April 22, 1927, in Springfield, Arkansas, to Cora and Roy Norwood. She was preceded in death by her parents and her first husband, James E. Leach, and five of her six her siblings, Orvie Metz, Presley Norwood, Nadine Robinson, Mary Lee Wray, and Robert Norwood.

She is survived by her husband, Jim Winger, her four children, Mike Leach of Conway, Keith (Bernie) Leach of Morrilton, Wayne Leach of Conway, and Martha (Tommy) Vaughan of Little Rock, a sister, Marie Seper of St. Louis, eleven grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. She also leaves behind many extended family members including Shelli Maso, Cheri Gassaway, Teresa Guillot, Tammi Neely, and Fawn Hood, as well as a wealth of good friends and her hang out and walking buddies. She will be remembered lovingly by all.

Virginia retired from Kroger in Morrilton after 28 years and enjoyed visiting with the many people she would come in contact with each day. She and Jim moved to Conway in 2003 where she worked part time with two of her sons at Shorty's Restaurant. Virginia loved her family dearly and her most treasured times were when she was surrounded by her family and friends. Virginia had the wonderful gift of being able to recall in detail the fun and funny episodes she experienced with each of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was an excellent cook (never by a recipe) and she always made sure she

baked everyone's favorite dessert for family gatherings. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Morrilton and attended Second Baptist Church while in Conway.

Funeral services will be held Friday, July 5, at 2:00 p.m. at Harris Funeral Home, 118 S. Moose, Morrilton, Arkansas with Bro. Coy Sample officiating. The family will receive friends from 12:30 to 2:00 before the service. Burial will be at Wolfe Cemetery in Oppelo, Arkansas. Memorials may be sent to: Immanuel Baptist Church, Acts 1:8 fund, 501 N. Shackleford Rd., Little Rock, Arkansas 72211.

Tribute Wall



“ *Virginia Leach Winger*

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ *MY deepest sympathy to all the family. Jim, Virginia introduced me to you just 2 short years ago when I stopped at Shorty's. I am so sorry! Mike, Keith, Wayne and Martha, you were blessed with such a great person God chose to be your Mother. When I worked at Leach's Drive Inn, back in 1964-65 for her and James, they as well as all of you, treated me like family. Martha was little young to remember me probably. I loved visiting your home in Oppelo when I had time and I will always remember taking Keith squirrel hunting down by the river. Virginia and James trusted me! (ha!). I spent a lot of evenings working at the Drive Inn with not only James but Virginia too. I remember Fridays was Virginia's day to get her hair done. She was a pretty woman. Friday night was when everyone would stop by the Drive Inn after the football game. Her kids were her life. I am so glad to have known Virginia (she once took me shopping with her and Sue Cox to Little Rock in that Maroon Pontiac she loved driving). I loved your mom and I know it's hard to lose your Mom. She was a lighthouse for lots of folks. You will always have chin quivering days over her but you will also have a permanent smile remembering her and telling others about her. God Bless all of you!!!*

Bobby Rainbolt - June 29, 2018 at 08:53 PM

SC

“ I loved this classy, beautiful lady. She was always with a smile, and a kind spirit. I know she loved her family and extended family. I admired Virginia very much. May God bless each and everyone of you of your precious Mother, grandmother, mother in law.... You are in my prayers. Sandy Clay

Sandy Clay - June 29, 2018 at 08:53 PM

LW

“ Keith and siblings,

I am so sorry about the loss of your mother. You can be assured that she is resting in the arms of God and suffers no more. Prayers for you and all of your family.

Linda Wiedower - June 29, 2018 at 08:53 PM

SN

“ Virginia was such a sweet lady and a fun loving person. She brought smiles everywhere she went. My prayers and condolences are with the family and especially my friend Bernie Leach.

Sue Nutt - June 29, 2018 at 08:53 PM

LH

“ Keith and Wayne,

I am so sorry to hear the news of your mother's passing. She was a wonderful, wonderful woman. I loved working with her at the restaurant. She always had a sweet smile to share. May God bless you all during this difficult time. You are all in my thoughts and prayers!!

Lynlee Wiedower Holland - June 29, 2018 at 08:53 PM

EB

“ Keith, you and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers. Your mom was a sweet lady.

Euna

Euna Wood Beavers - June 29, 2018 at 08:53 PM

ME

“ We were so sorry to learn of your mother's death and want you to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Molsie Osborne, Missy and Jan Ellis

missy ellis - June 29, 2018 at 08:53 PM

LN

“ Martha and family - I am very sorry about the loss of your mother. May all of the love from friends and family comfort you. Lisa McKuin Neihouse

Lisa McKuin Neihouse - June 29, 2018 at 08:53 PM

RJ

“ So sorry to hear of Aunt Virginia passing away. Many great memories. We will have you all in our thoughts and prayers, Rosemary

Rosemary James - June 29, 2018 at 08:53 PM

EW

“ We knew Virginia from the Conway Sports Center. She was our walking buddy and a great friend. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Emma Wharton, Sam & Bertha Reynolds

Emma Wharton - June 29, 2018 at 08:53 PM

BJ

“ Just wanted to express condolences from a second cousin. I am the grandson of Ella Norwood Pate who was a sister to Uncle Roy. My mother, Blanche Pate Jones, spoke often of Uncle Roy and Aunt Cora and her cousins.

I had the opportunity to meet Virginia several times, once when my Uncle Aubrey Pate and I attended the Norwood Reunion. She was a great and beautiful lady. Thinking of all of you today, and wish I could be there with you. Bryan Jones.

Bryan Jones - June 29, 2018 at 08:53 PM

JD

“ Martha and Family,

I am so very sorry for your loss. You will be in my thoughts and prayers!

Joe Donovan - June 29, 2018 at 08:53 PM

SL

“ I never saw Ginny when she wasn't smiling. Wonderful neighbor and friend. I pray for peace and blessings for your family.

Stan Long - June 29, 2018 at 08:53 PM

TA

“ Mike, Keith, Wayne, Martha, & families,
I am truly sorry about Virginia. She will always hold a special place in my heart for welcoming me into the family with opened arms & always a warm heart. She was such an amazing lady. I know she will be greatly missed, but what a glorious angel God now has! I know James was standing at those golden gates to welcome her home with opened arms! I am praying for all of you during this difficult time. God bless you.

Tammy Andrews - June 29, 2018 at 08:53 PM

BS

“ Marie, I read your sister's obituary in the Log Cabin. I send my sympathy. If I read it correctly, you are the only surviving child of you parents. My prayers and thought are with you today. Betty

Betty Zellner Stevens - March 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM