



Virginia A. Berger

May 11, 1940 - March 8, 2014

Virginia Berger, 73 of Carroll, died Saturday evening, March 8, 2014 at St. Anthony Nursing Home in Carroll.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Carroll. The Celebrant will be Fr. Timothy Schott, assisted by Deacon Bob Lenz. Con-Celebrants will be: Fr. Richard Remmes and Fr. Timothy Johnson. Mass Servers will be Virginia's grandchildren: Peter Lenz, Lily Del Chiaro, and Josh Wordekemper. Music will be by Marcy Anderson and the St. Lawrence Choir. Lector for the funeral mass will be Virginia's son-in-law, Garrett Hill. Gift Bearers will be Virginia's granddaughters. Honorary Casket Bearers will be Virginia's grandsons', Roger Hill and Johnny Lenz. Casket Bearers will be Virginia's grandsons': Darren Berger, Jeremy Riesselman, Eric Riesselman, Jacob Wordekemper, Lucca Del Chiaro, Danny Wordekemper, and Tommy Lenz. Burial will be at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Carroll.

Friends may call at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll after 5 p.m. on Tuesday where there will be a rosary at 5:30 p.m. and a Christian Wake Service at 7 p.m.

The casket will be moved to St. Lawrence Church at 9 a.m. on Wednesday where visitation will resume until time of the funeral mass.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll and online condolences may be left for Virginia's family at www.sharpfuneral.com.

Born on May 11, 1940, near Viola Center, Virginia Arlene was the daughter of George and Ruth (Morlan) Carpenter. She attended Viola Consolidated Schools and later graduated from Coon Rapids High School with the Class of 1958.

On July 26, 1958 she married Raymond Berger at Annunciation Catholic Church in Coon Rapids, Iowa. Virginia was a devoted housewife while her husband farmed in the Coon Rapids, Glidden, Lidderdale and Vail areas. In 1994, Ray and Virginia moved to Carroll. In addition to raising their twelve children, Virginia worked at St. Anthony Hospital and Kuemper Catholic Schools.

She loved baking, cooking, and hosting gatherings at her home; whether for her family, her many friends, or several of the priests in the area. Virginia also enjoyed golfing, trips to the casino, rooting for the Notre Dame Fighting Irish, and the boys; her dogs Max and Raymie. Virginia was a member of St. Lawrence Parish in Carroll.

Survivors include her children: Dale (Cindy) Berger of Humboldt, Mary (John) Riesselman of Halbur, Don Berger of Carroll, Lisa (Dean) Wordekemper of Carroll, Ann (Doug) Lenz of Omaha, NE, David Berger of Costa Rica, Deb (Dr. Steve) Del Chiaro of Burlingame, CA, Sara (Jerry) Wordekemper of West Point, NE, Dan (Erin) Berger of Minburn, Monica Berger of Thornton, CO, Joan (Dr. Michael) Christensen of Bridgeport, NE, and Emily (Garrett) Hill of West Des Moines; 23 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; her siblings: Marie (Denis) Leiting of Carroll, Bill (Rosie) Carpenter of Chariton, Carol Richards of

Coon Rapids, and Sandra (Bob) Burns of Vancouver, WA; her sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law: Marilyn Carpenter of Coon Rapids, Bernice Bluml of Carroll, Frances (Albert "Elvis") Meiners of Coon Rapids, Edmund "Butch" (LaVonne) Berger of Lidderdale, and Dorothy Berger of Lohrville; and Marianne (Rick) Post of Algona; as well as many nieces, nephews, and other extended relatives.

Virginia was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Raymond in July 2008; her grandson, Adam Andrew Riesselman; and her brother, Gary Carpenter.

Tribute Wall

DB

“ *Ann, - I am so sorry to read about your Mom passing. May God's blessings rain down upon you and provide you comfort and strength in the days ahead. Your mother and your entire family are in my prayers. God bless you . Denise Bierma*

Denise Bierma - March 12, 2014 at 01:43 PM

CT

“ *Ann, Doug & family - I am so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. We know by our Catholic faith God has chosen Mary to lead us to Jesus, her Son. May Mary, our Mother comfort you at this time in your sorrow. Sending you a picture of Our Lady of Grace, the patroness of our Women's Christian's Encounter Christ (CEC) Spring weekend. You are in our prayers and will continue to be. Via Cristo with Love and Hugs! Your sister in Christ through Mary (YSICTM), Cora Thelen*



Cora Thelen - March 12, 2014 at 01:18 PM

TE

“ *I remember as a kid going to the Berger house almost every Sun. afternoon. Ginnie always had fresh potato bread and something sweet. She was always laughing and grinning ear to ear. She never seemed concerned about the noise going on around her. She was amazing woman. Marty and Tammy Van Erdewyk*

Tammy Van Erdewyk - March 12, 2014 at 11:57 AM

MU

“ *Mary, John and family. I am so sorry for your loss. Peace and Serenity to all.*

Marilyn & Spike Underberg - March 12, 2014 at 08:18 AM

RR

“ *Thinking of you all and wishing I could be with you tomorrow but work prevents that. Know that your mom was an important part of the larger Berger family. Growing up she wasn't just an aunt She was "cool" and fun! May she know now how much her life touched so many.*

Rosemary Riesberg - March 11, 2014 at 08:19 PM

DE

“ *Sara, Jerbear, Dan, Josh, sure wanted to come tomorrow and thought I could then saw the schedule for work...Anyway I had plans to drive over and bring Deb K. and Linda, crap the job has to come first. My love to you all. Help give mom a send off for me and remember the Notre Dame fight song. lol debbie*

Debra Ell - March 11, 2014 at 03:22 PM

CA

“ *CRHP Team 31 - Saint Francis of Assisi purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Virginia A. Berger.*



CRHP Team 31 - Saint Francis of Assisi - March 11, 2014 at 01:16 PM

DE

“ To all the Berger family, Deb and Steve. Our sympathy on the loss of your mother. Though we never had the pleasure to meet her we remember how fondly Deb spoke of her and of all your family. Hugs, Deb and Tony Wilhelm

Deb - March 11, 2014 at 12:39 PM

LS

“ Ann and Doug Jackie and I are sorry for your loss and our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. Your brother in Christ Lyle Simmons

lyle simmons - March 11, 2014 at 08:42 AM

JR

“ Virginia was a wonderful lady! She was the best neighbor one could have. We really missed her as our neighbor when we moved. She will be missed! Our sympathy to the family.

Joe and Deb Roetker - March 10, 2014 at 08:26 PM

JB

“ Mary, John and family:
Sorry to hear about your mothers passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time.
God's Blessings.



Jerry Boger - March 10, 2014 at 06:16 PM



“ Beautiful Whisper was purchased for the family of Virginia A. Berger.



March 10, 2014 at 12:33 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Virginia A. Berger.



March 10, 2014 at 10:31 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Virginia A. Berger.



March 10, 2014 at 09:24 AM



“ Virginia was such a dear friend. We feel so blessed to have had her as part of our Regency Park Family. Her giggle and smile were contagious! She was always so proud of her family and loved to share stories about all of you. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. May God always keep her as a bird in the hollow of his hands.



Kristi Schroeder/Regency Park - March 10, 2014 at 08:21 AM

KO

“ *I would like to let Ann Lenz know she and her family are in my thoughts and prayers. Love you Karen O'Connor*

Karen OConnor - March 09, 2014 at 10:21 PM

MB

Ginnie was very special to me and our family through many years of friendship. We knew we could "drop in" to see her and Ray and all the family any time. We had a great time sharing the Lord and all he's done in our lives, personally and over the phone. I'll miss her very much. All my love and prayers to all her family.

Marilyn Boulware - March 10, 2014 at 02:32 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Virginia A. Berger.*



March 09, 2014 at 07:12 PM