



## Virginia Ann Bertrand-Holley

September 6, 1940 - September 16, 2020

Virginia (Ginnie) Ann Bertrand – Holley: Born in Princeton NJ September 6, 1940. Predeceased by Ernie in 1996 and then by Fred Holley in 2012 Ginnie died of natural causes near her daughter Linda in Cary NC September 16, 2020.

She is survived by her four children, Stephen, Dale, Linda and Christopher, all who grew up in Neshanic Station, N J. She is also survived by her grandchildren Nicole, Erin, Emily, Sophia, Jackson, Olivia, Josie, Leo, Logan, Justin, Katherina, Matthew and her great grandson Micah

Virginia was a kind, quiet person who loved animals and children. She studied nursing and became a pediatric LPN after her 4th child entered high school. She enjoyed country living, her vegetable garden, a warm fire in the Franklin stove, a cup of tea with the neighbor up the street.

Her lifelong friends from high school whom she affectionately called the Grannies always brought a smile to her face and gave her something to look forward to every year.

While less frequent in later years, Goeke family picnics brought her brothers and sisters together to enjoy each other's company.

She will be fondly remembered by her older brothers Fred and Bobby, her older sisters Betty and Ronnie, and her younger brother David.

A memorial service in Cary NC will be under the arrangement of Wake Funeral and Cremation Services November 8, 2020, at 2PM at the Wake Memorial Park Mausoleum.

Her remains will be brought back to NJ for a memorial service in Hopewell NJ and internment near her parents. Date to be announced at a later time.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Ginnie's memory may be made to the Disabled American Vets DAV.

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# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

NOV 8. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Wake Memorial Park Cemetery  
7002 Green Hope School Rd  
Cary, NC 27519  
(919) 465-0888  
<https://www.wakememorialpark.com/>

# Tribute Wall

RP

“Ginnie, our little "jitterbug" just couldn't keep still; so Mom and Dad sent her to dance class. Dance she did, until illness caused her to stop. But, I know her heart kept dancing. I have so many memories, some funny, others less. Like the time Mom and Dad found her at 10 o'clock at night, trying to sleep high in the maple tree in front of our house. I don't know how they ever got her down. Then, at three years old, she decided to smell the little green buds from Dad's hedge in front of the house, but stuffed her nose with them. A neighbor helped our mom get them out with a hairpin. She and her big brother, Edward, were buddies. He took her for rides on his beach buggy (an old flatbed pickup). Her last ride was when she fell off and nearly lost her life, but, luckily, only shaved off the hair from the right side of her head. She wasn't always a calamity. As she grew, so did her sense of kindness and love towards family, friends and animals, especially her pet goat, "Snowball." But, her husband and children were the loves of her life, as was Fred, her second husband. God bless you, Ginny. Keep Dancing!

Your sister, Ronnie

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**Ronnie Pettipas** - October 06, 2020 at 12:47 PM

CB

*Love that thanks Aunt Ronnie*

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**Chris Bertrand** - October 06, 2020 at 06:38 PM

KY

“ When I was a child, Aunt Ginnie was a teenager. Blonde ponytail, saddle shoes with bobbie socks, skirt, cardigan sweater. She was giggly and vivacious, a fan of Elvis and the Everly Brothers. As we both aged, she was the first to teach me to be gentle with all animals (especially her calico cat) and compassion for people with disabilities. If she ever said a mean or unkind word, I never heard it. I will miss her.

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**Karen Yates** - October 06, 2020 at 11:28 AM

JP

“ 9 files added to the album Aunt Ginny



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**jennifer pettipas** - October 06, 2020 at 08:10 AM

JP

“ Aunt Ginny was such a sweet and quiet person. She was also very selfless and thoughtful. I remember she and Uncle Ernie taking care of me and my sister when my mom was in the hospital. We went to the Ice Mine with Grandmom and the Bertrands. It's so hard to believe she is gone. We love her very much, and love to her family also.



jennifer pettipas - October 06, 2020 at 08:05 AM

LM

“ Mom had a beautiful smile and a sweet nature, but she was a mean card player! When I think back and remember my childhood, I have images of sunshine, a warm kitchen, and laughter. Its Moms love i remember. She always had time to take a walk and talk and listen. She loved sharing stories of her own childhood growing up with 7 brothers and sisters. Mom made home, home.

Linda Mangino - October 05, 2020 at 11:15 AM

BW

Such a special Mom and a sweet tribute. She had to be great, she helped shape you!

Benjamin Patrick Woods - October 06, 2020 at 03:28 PM