



Maxine Faye Ginger

April 29, 1929 - June 6, 2020

Maxine Faye Ginger, 91 of Evansville passed away peacefully on Saturday, June 6, 2020 at Bell Oaks Place in Newburgh. Maxine was known to most of her adult friends and co-workers as "Mac", but to us she was Mom, to her grandchildren she was Grandma Ginger, and to her great grandchildren she was "GiGi".

Maxine graduated from Central High School in 1947 and was a wife and a mother of 3 children. She was involved in politics in the Evansville area and held multiple positions in government offices. She worked the Polls at election time and she enjoyed walking the precincts and knocking on doors to generate backing for the candidates. She made life-long friends and was first employed at the Old Courthouse and later the then "new" Downtown Civic Center. One of her last positions prior to her retirement was Chief Deputy of the Knight Township Assessor's Office.

She had a funny tradition that was not planned but she would somehow always end up fixing a grand dinner of beef chow-mein every year when the Wizard of Oz was broadcast and we enjoyed the dinner so much....just so ironic that she always did that when the Wizard was on TV.

Maxine loved to bowl, play bunco, solitaire, watch movies and boat with family and be on the Ohio River (especially for quiet and slow rides after sunset! She

loved playing cards for hours with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Maxine loved her long-time neighbors and the entire family would like to thank all each and every one of you for being such great friends and neighbors!

Maxine is preceded in death by her husband and the love of her life, James Donald Ginger Sr., her parents; Earl Brand and Pet (Miller) Brand and a brother; Earl Brand Jr whom she had never met (until her death).

She is survived by her loving sister; Suzanne Ashley (Riverside, CA), daughter; Linda "Lin" (Ginger) McClain and husband, Dr. Albert W McClain (Evansville), son; Dr James D. Ginger Sr. and wife Laurie Owens (South Carolina) and son; Michael Allen Ginger and wife Sherry (Festus, MO). In addition she is survived by 8 grandchildren; Trevor Helmer, Indiana State Police District Investigative Commander (Tracy) of Newburgh, Wade Helmer (Andrea) of Evansville, Master Corporal Shawn Helmer (Tampa), Jody Ginger (Katy) Texas, Sgt. Amy Ginger (Dallas), Matt Ginger (Amy) of Arnold, MO, Jacob Ginger (Laura of Festus, MO, and Kaitlyn Owens (South Carolina). She is also survived by several great grandchildren; Brandon Helmer (Julia Foster) of Evansville, Dylan Helmer (Sarah Mullis) of Bloomington, Reed Helmer and Rylie Ginger of Evansville, Conor Ginger and Leahana Ginger of Arnold, MO, Levi Ginger and Lila Ginger (Festus). In addition she is survived by nieces and nephews; David Ashley (Jennie)of Riverside, CA, nieces; Cindy Ashley Bosley (Marc) of Owensboro, Elizabeth Ashley Ostoich (Mark) of Palm Springs, Karen Ginger Nelson (John) of Jacksonville, AL, Ken Ginger (Mary) of St. Joseph, Michigan, Rhonda Ginger, Samantha Ginger Groves of Mt. Vernon, IN; a cousin, Jerry and his wife, Phyllis Schreiber (Evansville); great nieces and nephews; Shawn Ashley (Sarah) Mareno Valley, CA, Tyler Bianco (California), and Zachary Bianco (Nashville), and last but not least her dearest love of all times; Sammy (her Bichon who is presently being cared for and adopted by Dylan Helmer and Sarah Mullis).

Funeral services for Maxine will be held at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at Pierre Funeral Home, Rev. Gene Backes officiating. Entombment will follow in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 3:00 until 7:00 PM on Tuesday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street.

Thank you to everyone at Bell Oaks Place that kept Maxine safe during the Covid-19 Virus epidemic and took such great care of her for over a year. Thank you for your loving care and concern. The entire family is so appreciative and it meant so much to us!

Condolences may be made online at www.pierrefuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

2200 Mesker Park Drive
Evansville, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 16. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
2601 West Franklin Street
Evansville, IN

funeral

JUN 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

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2601 West Franklin Street
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Tribute Wall



“ *Maxine Faye Ginger*

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Cindi Ashley Bosley - June 16, 2020 at 08:59 PM



“ *Missing Aunt Mac! I have many great memories of fun with her! From ketchup sandwiches to her telling us to “do it to it” while driving like crazy people while she was in the back navigating! Always so much fun and a joy to be around. What a blessing you were to our family and yours! Sammy will see you in the future! I am convinced of that!*
Cindi

Cindi Ashley Bosley - June 16, 2020 at 08:20 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Maxine Faye Ginger.*



June 16, 2020 at 11:55 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maxine Faye Ginger.*



June 13, 2020 at 03:19 PM



“ *The memory of Maxine will always be a blessing to me. Photos below bring back memories of fun times I and my children, Jody Ginger and Amy Ginger enjoyed with her. She will be missed.*

Carol Ginger



Carol Ginger - June 13, 2020 at 02:36 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maxine Faye Ginger.*



June 13, 2020 at 11:05 AM

TC

“ I had the sweet privilege of taking care of Maxine during her stay at Hamilton Pointe. That woman was so determined to meet all of her goals and I will never forget how excited and how thankful she was whenever her therapy sessions were over. She was one of those patients who made me LOVE my job all over again, even on the tough days.. she was always rewarded with visits from her sweet Sammy. Thankful for all the life lessons and valuable wisdom I learned from her! Prayers for the family. - Taylor Cravens

Taylor Cravens - June 13, 2020 at 11:05 AM

MS

“ Linda, sorry to hear about your mom passing! Moms are the sunshine in our lives, and she will always be..



Mona Saleh - June 12, 2020 at 10:41 AM

LM

Thank you Mona and Richard! Yes, you are right!

Linda McClain - June 18, 2020 at 09:00 AM

AW

“ As a young mother I moved into our home on Hillside Terrace. I actually knew Maxine as her daughter and I were friends in high school and I had spent nights at Maxine’s home. I spent countless hours on her porch talking and laughing and listening to her talk about her children, grand children and great grand children. And her listening to me talk about mine and the trial of being young. Maxine was a second grandmother to my children. Two of my boys were older when I went to work but I had a seven year old. Maxine got him in the house, gave him a snack and stayed with him until the other boys or I got home. I love Maxine with all my heart. Her family are so lucky to have such a loving person to remember and look up to. God bless all of you as Maxine reunites with Don.

Annie Wargel - June 12, 2020 at 08:00 AM

LM

Thank you Annie! I still consider you a great friend! Thanks for the love and care for my Mom!

Linda McClain - June 18, 2020 at 08:59 AM

GR

“ Dear Linda, Jim, and Mike, I am so sorry to hear about Maxine's passing. I will always remember her with a smile on her face - she was a joy for all of us growing up together in the neighborhood. Sending love to you and all the family. Warm hugs, Gail Russell.

Gail Russell - June 11, 2020 at 11:10 PM

GS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of the family. I did not know Maxine personally, but I did know her wonderful daughter-in-law and son Mike and Sherry Ginger. Sherry always spoke highly of her mother-in-law and I know she will be greatly missed by one and all. May you rest in peace Maxine, .

Glenda Smith - June 11, 2020 at 08:18 PM