



Virginia "Ginny" Lee Baker

November 5, 1963 - July 16, 2019

Virginia (Ginny) Lee Baker, of Cheney, WA, died of a sudden heart attack and was taken to Heaven by Angels, on July 16, 2019. Virginia was born to David & Janice Oleson on Nov. 5, 1963, in Tyndall, SD. She was the 2nd of 7 children. The Oleson family lived in Springfield, SD; Wall, SD; Lead, SD and Bison, SD during her formative years. Ginny graduated from Bison High School in 1982. She was active in basketball, track, bowling, cheerleading & much more. Oh, the stories we could tell. The Prairie Bowl and Lounge, in Bison, SD, was managed by Dave & Janice. Ginny and the rest of the family learned to be good workers, to solve problems, and to give selflessly. These were some of Ginny's best traits. Her smile and sense of humor followed close behind. Ginny was full of faith, hope and love...and the greatest of these was LOVE. She married Kelly Baker in 1983. The family traveled throughout the U.S. and even to Germany while he was in the service. Ginny was a life-long bowler and made many friends through bowling. We also believe she might have been McDonald's number one fan of unsweetened iced tea. Ginny had been the main caregiver for her nephew, Carter Lincoln, for the last 14 years. Carter and Ginny shared a special bond and she will be missed. Virginia leaves behind four treasured children and four dear-to-her-heart grandchildren; Julie (Todd) Endy of Butte, MT, children Austin & Addison; Jerome (Tara) Baker, children Alice & Lilly, of Saint Cloud, FL; Jake Baker and his fiancé Heidi Hartzell of Lake Placid, FL; and Josh Baker of Cheney, WA. Others she loved: her parents David & Janice Oleson, Rapid City, SD;

Siblings; Debbie (Jeff) Kribell, Brandon, SD; Annie (George) Cloudy, Sugarland, TX; David Oleson Jr., Sheridan, WY; Charles Oleson, Worthington, MN; Violet (Dirk) Lincoln, Cheney, WA; Lori (Dean) Jennings, Bonners Ferry, ID and lots of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. Ginny was welcomed to eternity by her grandson Courtland Endy, her maternal and paternal grandparents as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. A Celebration of Ginny's well-lived & well-loved life will be held on Saturday, July 20th at 11 am at Cheney Funeral Chapel followed by a reception at the United Methodist Church in Cheney. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to one of the charities Ginny supported. Free Rein Therapeutic Riding, Spokane, WA, Special Olympics Bowling, New Hope Clinic, Butte, MT.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 20. 11:00 AM (PT)

Cheney Funeral Chapel
1632 W 1st St.
Cheney, WA 99004
(509) 235-2992
<https://www.cheneyfuneral.com/>

Tribute Wall

DK

“ Ginny was the best helper with my brother Paul, at bowling. Paul needed a ramp and I could never get it right. She showed me how to get the ramp just right.

Deb Kinnie - July 21, 2019 at 11:09 PM



Samuel
Gonzales

“ We love Ginny! She was always so full of LIGHT and LOVE! She brightened up the room when she walked into it. We will miss her.

Samuel Gonzales - July 21, 2019 at 12:50 AM

RM

“ I met Virginia at Curves about 12 years ago. What a great gal. We hit it off immediately. Since I worked in the health room at the middle school I got to talk to her from time to time regarding one of the boys. We shared a love for our "special" guys who were part of our lives. It was always a treat to bump into her some place in town and catch up on what was happening in our lives. You will be missed my friend. I am sorry to not be able to be at the service tomorrow. My heart goes out to you children, your momma leaves a great legacy of love and service.

Robin Miller - July 20, 2019 at 12:20 AM

MS

“ Ginny's smile always made you feel welcome. She always had a kind word to say to everyone that she met. She always had a positive outlook on every situation in life. We were blessed to have her as part of our family. I (Mike) am glad you got to hear me sing however you will now hear the most beautiful songs in heaven. Isaiah 41:10- Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be dismayed for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you ; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Mike, Lucynda, Tyrone, Saul Sanders - July 19, 2019 at 11:32 PM

 Kelley Cullen

“ When our family moved to Cheney, we joined a bowling league to help make new friends and immediately Ginny welcomed and enveloped us with her kindness. Not only was she an amazing bowler, but she made sure to involve everyone and make sure everyone was having fun. Cullen Clan will immensely miss her positive, sweet, generous presence.

Kelley Cullen - July 19, 2019 at 07:27 PM

BS

“ My heart and prayers go out to Ginny's family. My memories include and go beyond the treasured memories of bowling,, Winnebago trips, cheerleading, working at the Bowling Alley, and our friendship as neighbors. Your kindness, positive attitude, and endless faith enriched growing up with you in my life. You will be missed and remembered with love. Lizabeth (Cooper) Sutherland

Beth Sutherland - July 19, 2019 at 06:01 PM

MN

“ There are no words that can capture the wonderful person you were. You were one of the first people I met when we moved to Bison because of the bowling alley. You were so kind and always willing to help everyone. You were an amazing athlete and you were always willing to teach everyone new techniques to better their skills. You will be missed by many. I wish we would have stayed in contact after you left Bison. My thoughts and prayers to your family. Heaven is very lucky to have you.

Michelle (Schell) Novak - July 19, 2019 at 12:58 PM

IC

“ Ginny I'll always remember working in the library together. The year you and I decided to read all the books in the library got halfway through but we decided that some were very boring. But most of all I will remember a sweet, caring and loving friend. I will really miss you ❤️

Iva Carter - July 19, 2019 at 11:06 AM

TG

“ “Aunt Ginny” as my son Krystjin introduced me to her for the first time while at Betz Elementary school, was the kindest and sweetest soul. My son has loved her throughout the years and dedicated his love for cooking to Her. Aunt Ginny, Krystjin says he’s going to make a special dish named after you one day when he become a culinary Chef. Thank you for giving my son a reason to love coming to school. You’ll forever be missed ❤️

Tina Gonzalez - July 19, 2019 at 10:03 AM

CM

“ I am so very sorry for your loss...I remember Ginny babysitting my kids...she was always a very special girl...I hope you will find comfort in knowing that she now walks streets of pure gold with Jesus in a more perfect world...Bless you all

Colleen McKinstry

Colleen McKinstry - July 19, 2019 at 08:52 AM

SB

“ I did not know Ginny well, but I was always impressed by the love and devotion she showered upon Carter. She has truly been a blessing to him and, of course, her family as well. Prayers go out to all those who shall miss her terribly. God bless you all, Sonia Bertsch

Sonia Bertsch - July 19, 2019 at 12:17 AM

 Beth Carrieri

“ I can easily echo the comments by Trish and Maria. The bowling, the Winnebago, the sleepovers, the basketball games, track, cheerleading, that beautiful smile...but what I remember most is a soft quiet kindness. Growing up as teenagers, I cannot remember a single time that she spoke in anger toward someone or ever said anything bad about anyone. Ginny carried a special kind of light that if you were lucky enough to know her, you understand that light.

Beth Carrieri - July 19, 2019 at 12:14 AM

M(

“ Virginia I always remember your smile, bowling, the rides in the camper on bowling trips. You would light up a room and will be missed by many! Prayers and strength to your family may you dance with the Angels!

maria Miracle (Hanson) - July 18, 2019 at 11:53 PM

TP

“ Oh, Ginny! Endless childhood memories - sleepovers, bowling, bike rides, tree climbing, roller skating, banana pancakes, Winnebago and station wagon trips (with 3 to 35 kids piled in 🚗) cheerleading, bus rides, Homecoming week, proms, productions orchestrated by Debbie 🤩, standing watch at the window when your folks brought Lori home from the hospital... you're so woven into the fabric of my life. You will be missed and remembered. Peace to all who love you.
Trish

Trish Peck - July 18, 2019 at 11:22 PM

JS

“ The things I remember most about Virginia was her endless smile, always kind, honest (she never let me cheat from her I school),an athlete that never quit, We are so Sorry for your loss.

James Sandgren - July 18, 2019 at 10:30 PM

RH

Lowell and I are so very sorry to hear of Virginia's passing. We are never ready to lose the ones we love and when it is so sudden it turns our world upside down. Lowell said he remembers being on the same bowling team as her. Always bright happy !! I remember her being always very smiley and pleasant!! A hard worker!! May God give you all strength peace and comfort at this most difficult time. With deepest sympathy, Lowell and Renee Haggart

Renee Haggart - July 19, 2019 at 08:20 PM

GC

“ I have the fondest memories of Virginia from high school. She was always smiling, an outstanding athlete and a friend to everyone. My condolences to the entire family.
Greg Crow

Greg Crow - July 18, 2019 at 09:57 PM

DK

“ I had the pleasure of participating in special Olympic bowling for many years with Ginny and the years Carter was at Bets. Ginny was the greatest and I will miss her very much.

Deb Kinnie - July 18, 2019 at 05:42 PM

DO

I have loved Ginny since she was born. Such a little cutie with red hair, full of life & always fun. Carter was blessed to have Ginny as his nurse for so many years. God must have needed her in Heaven. Bob Voyage, Ginny. Uncle Dale

Dale Oleson - July 19, 2019 at 02:35 AM

MV

Slo sorry to hear. Virginia went to school with my kids. Remember her as a cheerleader, also working at the bowling alley for her folks. I taught her in CCD class on Wed nights. Such a special person

Marg Veal - July 20, 2019 at 05:07 PM

JR

Dear Ginny - Thanks for bringing JOY into our lives. I will never forget your contagious smile and enthusiasm. You were an inspiration of how to live life to the fullest. Condolences to your family and loved ones!

Jane Biegler Reisenauer - July 21, 2019 at 11:02 PM

HZ

We will always remember Ginny with her welcoming smile. She was generous in heart and spirit. She was such a part of so many lives that she leaves a big hole. We were so sorry to hear the news. Wishing the family peace and comfort.

Harvey and Penny Zacher - August 02, 2019 at 12:32 PM