



Virginia "Gini" Haas Clarke Sherman

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Florist Note - Please deliver all floral arrangements to the funeral home on Wednesday March 29, 2017 by 3 PM.

Virginia "Gini" Haas Clarke Sherman, age 88, of Lewes, DE since 2006, formerly of Camden, DE went home to be with her Lord on Thursday, March 23, 2017 at Beebe Healthcare. Born in Wilmington, DE to the late Harry Haas and Florence Lillian Spoerl, she shared her birthday of Nov. 18, 1928 with Mickey Mouse.

Gini was a graduate of Wilmington High School, Class of 1946, and then moved to the Dover/Camden area. It was at this time she became an active member of Whatcoat United Methodist Church. Throughout her early years and having been born during the Depression Era, she learned the value of hard work and saving for the future. Constantly striving to be the best role model for her daughters, she earned a position as an Executive Secretary for International Playtex/Rapid American Corporation and the Dover Air Force Base Aerial Port.

Following retirement, she became a devoted volunteer, giving back to others by participating with the RSVP Advisory Council, Dover Modern Maturity Center, Kent and Sussex Delaware Hospice, Milford Senior Center Library, Prime Hook Refuge, Beebe Medical Center, the Encore Thrift Store and by serving as a docent at the Governor's Mansion. She was very proud of her accomplishments including receiving the President's Volunteer Service Award from President George W. Bush at the White House.

She was also a long term member of the Eastern Star and in more recent years was affiliated with the Unity Chapter # 16 OES, Lewes, DE. As a member of the Bethel United Methodist Church in Lewes, DE since 2006, she thoroughly enjoyed her church family and the many good times shared in the Elizabeth Circle.

In her spare time she enjoyed ceramics, adult coloring, working in her garden and venturing out and about as a "Social Butterfly."



Obituary

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In addition to her parents, Virginia was preceded in death by her husband, George "Ben" Sherman (2014) and her brother, H. James Haas (2014).

She is survived by daughters, Judi Heritage (Charlie) of Camden, DE, Alison Parsell (Keith) of Lewes, DE, Linda Moore of Wilmington, DE; grandchildren, Steve Jones (Liz), Todd Heritage (Sarah), Amy Heritage, Amanda Boyer, Christina Lopez (Alex), Johnathan Parsell (Dani), Andrew Parsell, Brett Henry (Wendy), Joelle Patterson (Ken) and 13 great grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Thursday, March 30, 2017 at 11:00 AM at the Parsell Funeral Homes and Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE where a viewing will be held one hour prior to services. A viewing will also be held at the funeral home on Wednesday evening from 6-8 PM with Eastern Star Services beginning at 7:30 PM.

Graveside services will be held at Gracelawn Memorial Park, N. DuPont Highway, New Castle, DE on Thursday, March 30, 2017 at 3 PM.

In lieu of flowers contributions are suggested to the Bethel United Methodist Church Bldg. Fund, 129 W. 4th Street, Lewes, DE.

Please sign the online guest registry at this site.




Events

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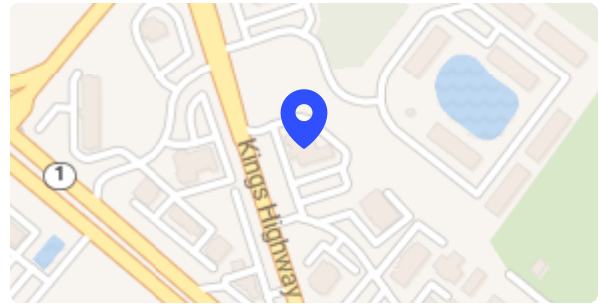
Viewing

 **Wednesday**, March 29, 2017

 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET


 **Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-Atkins-Lodge Chapel**

16961 Kings Highway, Lewes DE 19958



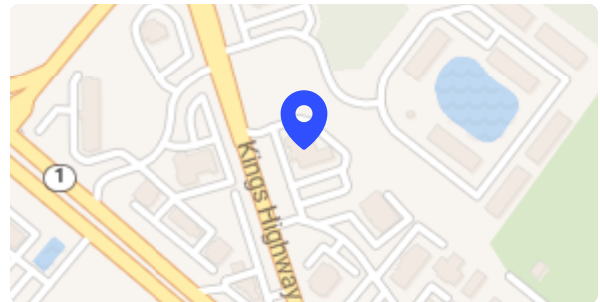
Eastern Star Services

 **Wednesday**, March 29, 2017

 7:30 PM ET


 **Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-Atkins-Lodge Chapel**


16961 Kings Highway, Lewes DE 19958



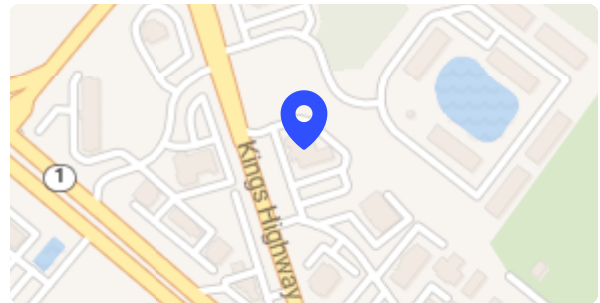
Celebration of life

 **Thursday**, March 30, 2017

 11:00 AM ET

 **Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-Atkins-Lodge Chapel**

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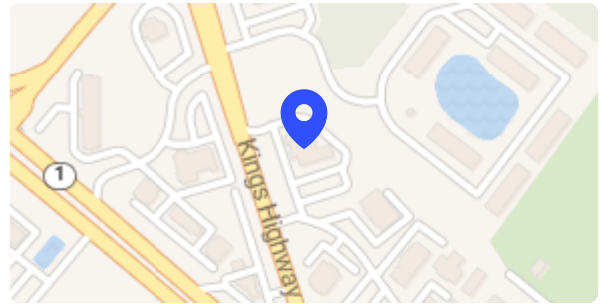
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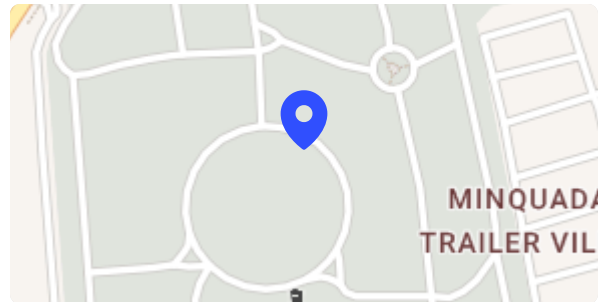
Friends May Also Visit

-  **Thursday**, March 30, 2017
-  10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET
-  **Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-Atkins-Lodge Chapel**
16961 Kings Highway, Lewes DE 19958




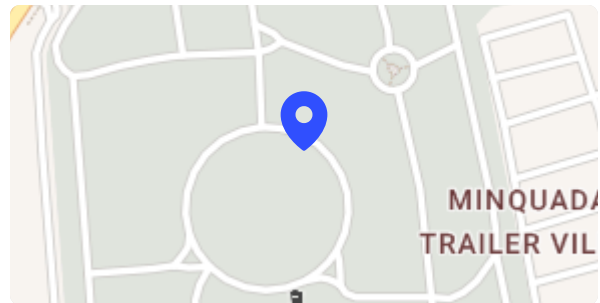
Graveside Service

-  **Thursday**, March 30, 2017
-  3:00 PM ET
-  **Gracelawn Memorial Park Cemetery**
2220 North Dupont Highway, New Castle DE



Cemetery Details

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Tribute Wall

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Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium shared a **Tribute Video**.



March 31 at 3:36 AM



Sturges Dodge posted:

To Gini's family and loved ones I want to share that I loved her. We got to know one another years ago when I worked at Catholic Charities and trained and supervised her as a senior peer counselor at the Milford Senior Center. I was surprised and pleased to see her again at Brandywine after she moved in. I spoke with her often, as I make biweekly friendly visits to two residents there. I was so saddened to learn of her passing today, having returned to Brandywine after being out of town for several weeks. I loved her special spirit, energy, and outspokenness and looked forward to every encounter I had with her. My most sincere condolences to her family and friends. Sturges Dodge

April 7 at 11:27 AM



Scott B & Scott E lit a candle in honor of Virginia "Gini".

Alison, Judi and Family, Please accept our deepest condolences. We were fortunate enough to see Gini from time to time when she and Ben lived on 3rd Street, or while she was volunteering at the Encore Thrift Store. It was always so good to chat with her. Gini was one of a kind and she will be missed by many. When you're feeling blue just remember she is a part of you and she will always and forever be in your hearts. God Bless. Scott B & Scott E



March 31 at 10:18 AM



Tom Dawson posted:

Sorry for your loss. We will keep the Heritage family in our thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Tom Dawson & Family

March 31 at 4:09 AM



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RB

Ruth Ann Baker lit a candle in honor of Virginia "Gini".



March 29 at 6:34 PM

RB

Ruth Ann Baker March 29 at 6:41 PM

Gini was such a lovely lady. I will miss seeing her at Bethel Church and Elizabeth Circle. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family Allison. Ruth Ann and Ron Baker

BE

Beatty posted:

"I don't have words to describe how broken my heart is hearing this news. I just lost my Mom, Iris, just a few short weeks ago. She and Miss Gini were dear friends at Brandywine and soon too Miss Gini became my friend and found a place in my heart. We had many talks and I loved our visits together. Her kind words and gracious ways gave me such strength and inspiration while I sat with Mom in hospice. My heart is sad but just knowing these two ladies have found new homes in Heaven just weeks apart makes me smile....my sympathy to the family and a great big Angel Hug to my dear dear friend.....Miss Gini ~ May You Find Peace and Happiness !!!!

March 29 at 12:11 PM



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Ruth Beideman posted:

Words are so empty at a time such as this but it be of comfort to know that others care and are holding you close in thought and prayer. Gini was a special person who touched many lives and a true friend of mine who will surely be missed. I met Gini when we both signed up for a training class being held at Modern Maturity in Dover to teach us to lead Peer Sharing groups in senior centers. These groups were developed to encourage seniors to interact as they shared memories and experiences with one another from their life's journey. for some reason the instructor often asked Gini and me to work together in class as we worked on assignments. When the class ended she asked Gini and me if we would be willing to lead a Peer Sharing group at the Milford Senior Center which was the beginning of a great friendship. We spent many hours planning topics to encourage our group to share. We led this group until Gini gave up driving. However, even after the group had disbanded, Gini and I stayed in touch often spending time talking about the group and topics we had discussed among other things. Also, even before the Peer Sharing group disbanded, Gini took on the responsibility of being librarian for the Milford Senior Center library until she no longer drove. One could often find her organizing and straightening up the library. She always wanted to make a difference. I was sure Gini would enjoy the Milford New Century Club to which I belonged so I invited her to a meeting. She did indeed enjoy herself and joined the club to which she belonged until she no longer drove to Milford. Again, we spent time together at meetings and activities. Not to mention the time we spent talking about the club after she could no longer attend. Alison and Judi, there is one thing for sure though Gini will live on through you because she has instilled in both of you the same caring and compassionate spirit she had as she reached out and touched other's lives Love and Prayers, Ruth Ann Beideman

March 24 at 8:39 AM



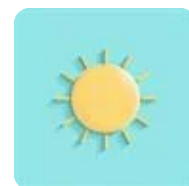
Bill And Penny Mccrery And Children sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Sherman family.



March 29 at 9:08 AM



Rachel Cowart sent a virtual gift in honor of Virginia "Gini".



March 29 at 5:31 AM

RC Rachel Cowart March 29 at 5:33 AM

Alison and Judi, my mother, Louise Burton, will greatly miss Gini. She was a dear friend and her presence will be missed by her family at Brandywine.



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TW

Terry Warrington posted:

I only had the opportunity to know Mrs. Sherman a short time, mostly while Alison and her sisters were working to move their mother to a care facility. In the short time I knew her she was a true joy, always had a smile and kind loving words for anyone she met. I saw her volunteering a few times and as soon as I spoke to her and told her who I was she would light up. I'm so sorry for your loss and I send prayers for strength to all of you. Share those memories and keep them going, each time you need one to lift you up the light will be there. Hugs to all My thoughts are with you. Terry Warrington

March 27 at 10:32 AM

JS

Janet Englehart Schrader posted:

Dearest Judi and Alison, I was so saddened to hear of your mother's passing. What a full and amazing life she had and shared with others. Surely God has gathered another angel into His arms. Please know that I will be keeping you both and your families in my prayers as you journey through the days and weeks ahead. What lovely and wonderful daughters you both are. I know God will be wrapping His loving arms around you as say your temporary goodbyes to your dear mother...for you will most certainly be together again in a much better place of joy and love. With much love and sympathy, Janet Englehart Schrader

March 27 at 7:59 AM

DG

Doriann & Jeff Geller posted:

We are saddened to hear of Mrs. Sherman's passing. I was impressed with her wit and joviality from the first time I met her — on her 80th birthday — and learned what a fun gal she was. Most recently, I had the opportunity to visit with her at lunch, where she shared stories from her life. I was impressed with her tenacity, hard work, joie de vivre, and her volunteerism. Most of all, we were grateful for her kindness in warmly welcoming our daughter to her family. We extend our condolences to Mrs. Sherman's family and friends on the loss of this delightful lady.

March 26 at 12:18 PM

SS

Sherry, Court, Doug, Bill, And Steph sent a Love's Tapestry to the Sherman family.



March 26 at 11:19 AM



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Brett Henry posted:

Every Time we would see Gini (due to distance not often enough) she would always give each one of us something. Some times it was a bar of bath soap, maybe a tee candle a pair of grandpa's socks. Or a couch throw. Most are gone but that couch throw will never leave the couch unless to be cleaned. Gone but never forgotten and always with us in our hearts. All our love and prayers to the immediate family. Love The Henry Hoard: Brett Wendy Shelby Ashlyn Trace and Jackson.

March 25 at 1:55 PM



John W. Dean II posted:

Alison, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. The Dean family will keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. John W. Dean II Milton, Delaware

March 25 at 12:55 PM



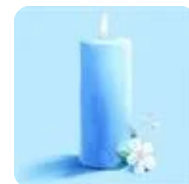
Carol & Bob Wright posted:

What a beautiful Lady inside and out! I treasure all my Sunday morning greetings with Gini and am blessed to have known such a lovely person. Alison and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you as you mourn the loss of your mother. May you all find comfort in God's unfailing love. Love, Bob and Carol Wright

March 24 at 4:25 PM



Denise Romano lit a candle in honor of Virginia "Gini".



March 24 at 2:22 PM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Sherman family.



March 24 at 8:39 AM



Media

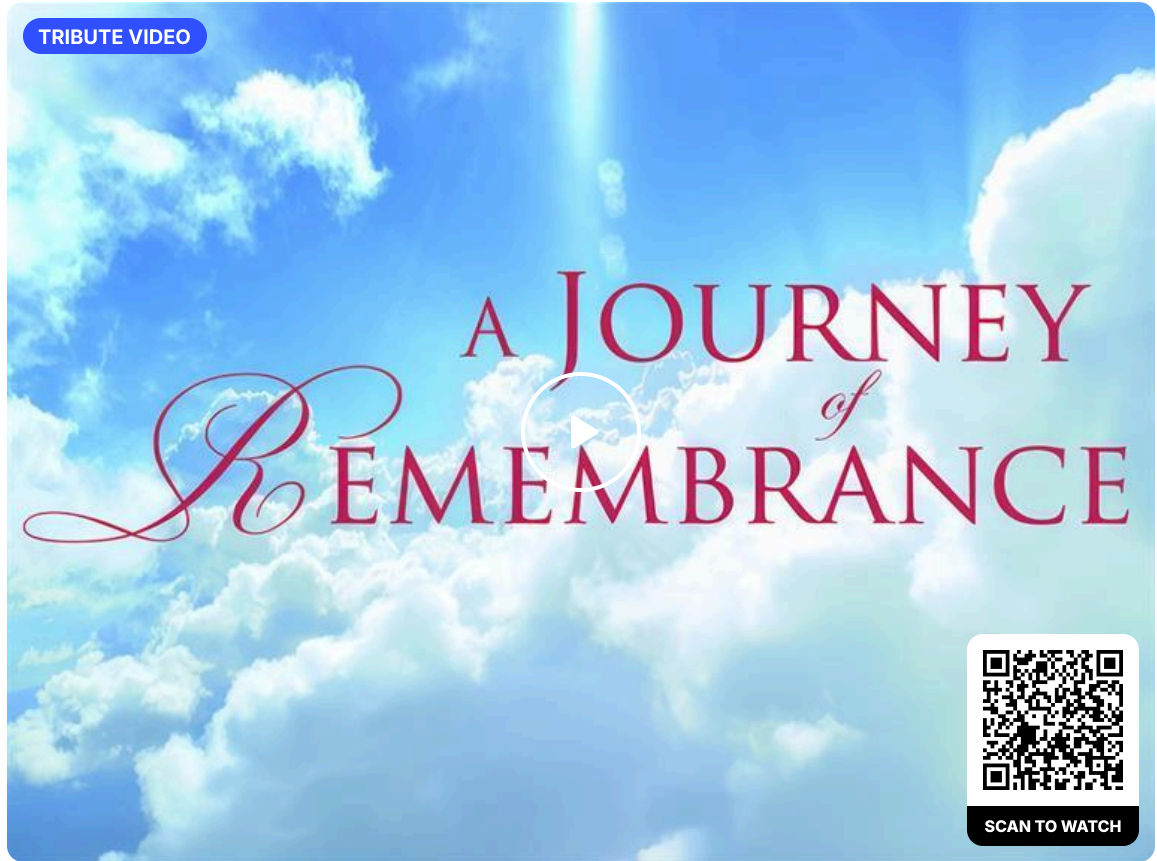
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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Virginia "Gini" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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