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Virginia Ruth Russell Small passed away peacefully on Friday, October 16, 2020, three weeks shy of her 91st birthday. Ginny was born on November 8, 1929 in Philadelphia, PA, daughter of the late Samuel C. and Dorothy Russell. She was raised in Lewes, where she spent the vast majority of her life.

Ginny had a kind and generous soul and had the most positive outlook imaginable. She lived her life gracefully through triumph and tragedy and leaned on her profound faith as inspiration.

After graduating from Lewes High School in 1946, Ginny set off to be independent, taking a job as an administrative assistant for Dr. James Beebe, who also delivered her children. Throughout her life she stayed active. She was active in the Kelly Class at Lewes Presbyterian Church throughout most of her adult life. She taught Sunday school at the church, was a substitute teacher for the Cape Henlopen school district, and after her youngest went to high school, re-entered the workforce as an administrative assistant for the city of Lewes.

Ginny's life was one of devotion. Devotion to her loving husband, devotion to her children, her community and her church. She was active in her children's lives, never missing a game or a recital. She loved to bake, and she was good at it! She loved to draw and paint, and she was good at that as well. Most of all she will be remembered for her kindness and her positive outlook on life, truly believing in the power of positive thinking and prayer.

In addition to her parents, Ginny was preceded in death by the love of her life, Frank Bennett Small; her daughter, Stephanie; and her brother, Sam Russell Jr. She is survived by her grateful children: Laurie Reese (Andy) of Salisbury, MD, Steven Small (Colleen) of Lewes, DE, and Russell Small (Kim) of Lewes, DE; her grandchildren, to whom she was Mom-Mom Ginny: Amber Bailey of Chesapeake, VA, Samuel Russell (Danielle) of Lewes, DE, Mason Small (Kristyn) of Lancaster, PA, and Conor Small of Wilmington, DE; and her glorious great-grandchildren: Mckenzie, Grady, Garrett, Evelyn, and Samuel.



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Services will be private, with a celebration of life to be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Kelly Class, C/O Lewes Presbyterian Church, 133 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE 19958.

Please sign the online guestbook located on the tribute page.



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JJ

Jody Johnston posted:

Ken and I met Ginny and Frank in Jamaica back in the 90's. We spent a lot of time and many evenings together playing cards and taking day trips. They were a special couple. We enjoyed spending time with them. Enjoyed our visit to Lewes and visiting them when in Florida. Frank and Ginny will never be forgotten.❤️

March 16 at 6:05 PM

BB

Bill Bennett posted:

Sorry to learn of Virginia's passing and only know of the family, through genealogy research. My Grand Aunt, Rebecca Bennett, married Robert Martin Small and Frank Bennett Sr. was one of their sons. I have a picture of the four sons and looking for pictures of the following generations. Bill Bennett London, Ontario Canada

December 15 at 6:26 PM

BS

Bill Skelton posted:

Sorry to hear of Mrs. Small's passing. "Ginny" and Frank were good people that made Lewes a better place. Heaven is a better place now. Peace and love, Bill Skelton

October 26 at 10:11 AM

BB

Bob Bryan posted:

So much of what I have come to believe constitutes a Christian life, I learned from how Ginny and her family lived their lives. She, Frank, Sam, Dorothy, Laurie, Steve and Russell have all been inspirational to me

October 23 at 4:49 AM

DS

D. Sheing posted:

My sincere condolences are offered for the passing of your Mom. I enjoyed her sweet disposition and kindness. Her family was the most important part of her life. What great memories I know you have. Debbie Sheing

October 22 at 5:00 PM



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AL

Amanda Lucks posted:

Ginny was one of the kindest people I have ever met in my life. We never missed an opportunity to stop what we were doing to have a chat. My deepest condolences to Ginny's family. May she rest in peace. Very truly, Amanda Lucks Neafie Lewes, DE

October 21 at 8:27 AM

KS

Khalil Saliba posted:

Hi Laurie, Steve, and Russell, Please accept my condolences as your Mom was a truly special person. She was always positive, loving, and VERY patient! When you're young, playing for the Phillies, and Frank is giving you the business, it's nice to have someone balance that with words of encouragement! We need more Ginny Small's in the world. Again, my sincere condolences. Karl Saliba

October 21 at 5:09 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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