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Virginia (Ginny) Dean of Visalia, CA passed in the early hours of February 6, 2022 after an extended illness. She was preceded in death by her parents, Samuel and Carmela Butler (Martellotti), and siblings, Joseph Butler of Sedona, AZ and Elizabeth Stevens (Butler) of Berkeley, CA. She was born in Herkimer, NY and enjoyed an early childhood filled with many cousins in a close-knit Italian family before her parents moved the family to California. Ginny had friends across the country (even before Facebook) due to multiple moves over the years. She was the mother of four children, all born within a five-year span, which kept her solidly on her toes through the 70s and 80s. She was an active member of St. Christopher's Church in Parsippany, NJ and there were few events that took place she didn't play a hand in, including running weekly BINGO for many years.

As her children grew, she returned to the workforce utilizing her accounting and bookkeeping skills at numerous positions including the Afton Restaurant in Florham Park, NJ and eventually worked as Bursar at Farleigh-Dickinson University in Madison, NJ. New opportunities took the family to Atlanta, GA in 1991 where Ginny took the leap into the world of Real Estate and learned her trade at Jenny Pruitt and Associates.

Ginny spent a few years in Scottsdale, AZ before making her final move to Visalia, CA. There she spent 15 happy years with her partner, Jim Scharton.

They enjoyed taking road trips to the coast, watching NASCAR and baseball, her favorite team being the SF Gigantes as she called them. Ginny continued in real estate with Keller Williams and often worked as an assistant to other realtors, helping them stay (or get) organized.

Anyone who knew her would know the following to be true. First, she loved nothing more than being around others and feeling part of a family (blood or chosen). Her love language was food and lots of it. She loved to cook and would have happily fed the world if it were possible. She was also a self-described lifelong learner. With more books and subscriptions than she could possibly ever read, her family would often joke about just how well read she was. She was connected to so many that she met along the way, either in person or virtually through Facebook. To her, the platform became her way of creating a new, non-traditional family that brought her so much joy and support.

She is survived by her loving partner, Jim Scharon of Visalia, CA; her four children: Michael Dean (Angie) of Atlanta, GA; Tim Dean (Amy) of Minneapolis, MN; Scott Dean of Parsippany, NJ; and Megan Dean Osorio of Raleigh, NC; as well as nine grandchildren: Billy, Kelli, Ellery, Theo, Brielle, Tyler, Angel, Gabriella and Mariana.

She was loved by so many. We hope you're dancing with the angels and reunited with loved ones who have gone before.

In Lieu of Flowers, Please Support Local Educational Programs to install a love of Reading. Donorschoose.org

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com.

Tribute Wall

SC

“ I got to know Virginia when we both worked at Tulare County. I have since followed Virginia on Facebook, will miss her great posts.
Her cooking and sharing her life.
Your mother was a beautiful person.
Til we meet again, Virginia, RIP.
Shiela (Roach) Coffman

Shiela Coffman - February 09, 2022 at 02:20 PM

JS

“ Hi lovebug, this is Jimbo, who loves you very much

jim scharton - February 08, 2022 at 07:54 PM

JS

Hi my love, I know you are feeling no pain. I miss you very much. Bye for now will talk to you later.

jim H scharton - February 14, 2022 at 07:56 AM

EM

“ I am so sorry to hear about your Mom, remember her so well and spending years with her at St.Christopher's including Bingo. Sending condolences and prayers to you all!



Elaine McGowan - February 08, 2022 at 07:50 PM

EF

“ *Eileen & Michael Farrell lit a candle in memory of Virginia Clare Dean*



Eileen & Michael Farrell - February 07, 2022 at 11:08 PM

EG

“ *I am so sorry for your Loss, Your mother was a super nice women I was so Privileged to work with her for a bit at Keller Williams always willing to help for I was so new to Real Estate Agent and she always took the time to answer any questions I had and she knew I worked full time at Save Mart and she said I shop there quite a bit and yes anytime she came shopping she always made sure to come say Hi to me... She was a Special Women RIP Virginia 🙏*

Emily Gonzales - February 07, 2022 at 10:54 PM

EF

“ Dear, Michael, Timmy, Scott and Megan,

We are hoping that the comforting thoughts of friends and family will surround you at this sad time. Losing someone you love, especially your Mom, is like losing a part of yourself. You miss them and you miss who you were with them. Nothing will ever replace that. But hopefully, every time you share a memory, recall a moment of laughter, or find yourself doing something that reminds you of the times you spent together, you'll feel that part of you again. Hoping you will one day find comfort in the remembering.

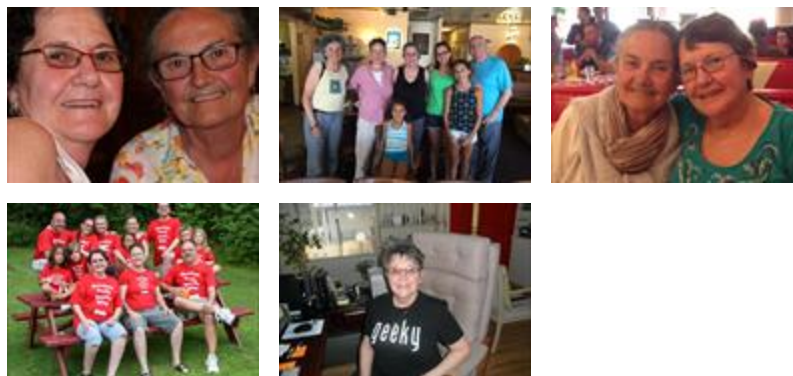
Those we love are as close as a warm memory, as near as a quiet afternoon spent remembering favorite times together. I have so many memories of your mother as our families grew up together in Parsipanny and our days on bingo Wednesday's at St. Christopher's along with other activities and being able to keep in touch via Facebook in later years. May your mother rest in peace.

*Love and prayers,
Eileen & Mike Farrell*

Eileen & Michael Farrell - February 07, 2022 at 10:30 PM

MO

“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



Megan Osorio - February 07, 2022 at 10:03 PM

AR

“ My condolences. I used to tell Virginia she reminded me so much of my Grandma Elda. She told me “I’ll take that anytime”. Such a kind and loving person. She will be missed. Prayers for the family. ❤️❤️
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April Repucci - February 07, 2022 at 09:59 PM

JH

“ You will be greatly missed Virginia, I always remember you would acknowledge me with smiles & complements in the office every time I would see you.. such a beautiful soul inside & out.



Jaclyn Hernandez - February 07, 2022 at 09:47 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I first got to know Ginny in 2012 when I joined KW. I was there early on my first week and needed to use the copier and had no idea how. She came by and stopped, she was so helpful. She later was my transaction coordinator. She will be greatly missed.

Judi Pirstill - February 07, 2022 at 09:44 PM