



Virginia M. Gerber

July 8, 1939 - September 29, 2021

Virginia Margaret (Van Vliet) Gerber, age 82, of Ghent, passed away in her home on September 29th, 2021 surrounded by family. Virginia, or “Ginny,” as she was known by, was born July 8th, 1939 to loving parents LeRoy and Helen (Mawhinney) Van Vliet in Brooklyn, NY. Her family officially moved from Bay Ridge Brooklyn to Ghent in 1953, after spending summers there at her grandmother’s for many years. She attended, and graduated from, Chatham High School in 1957. Ginny married her husband and best friend of 50 plus years, Paul Gerber on September 12th, 1959. Together they built a home in Ghent that was full of love, laughter and four children. She regarded her faith very highly and attended church at Saint Luke’s in Chatham for many years. She had several jobs throughout her life, including as a lab tech in Albany and The Chatham Berry Farm. Her most adored job, though, was being mom. Virginia was an incredible seamstress and had a keen eye for needlework, often depicting portraits of family using nothing but a piece of canvas and some thread. She also loved a good book, a walk on the beach, and listening to some of her favorite musicians like Roy Orbison, Neil Diamond or Jewel. Ginny could most often be found in her screen house with a hot cup of tea and, if you were lucky enough, a cup for you and some good conversation too. Her presence alone was enough to calm even the toughest of nerves. Though there were many adventures and accomplishments in her life, it is clear that her greatest pride and joy was her family. It is through them that her love will continue to shine through these dark times. Ginny was loved by any

and all who had the great privilege of meeting her and is survived by her children, Paul Gerber (Cathy), Jennifer Jennings (Louis), Lee Gerber (Wanda), Vincent Gerber (Theresa), grandchildren, Melissa Sopris (Phil), Matthew Jennings, Tanner Jennings, Brittney Barnes(Anthony), Lance Gerber, Amanda Oldakowski (Nick), and the late Nicholas Gerber, great grandchildren: Andrew and Lily Sopris, and Amelia Barnes. She is also survived by her brother Albert Van Vliet, his wife Donna, her niece and nephew John Van Vliet (Susan) and Wendi Wolfe (David) and great niece Kimberly, and in laws Ronald and Joan Gerber She is predeceased by her parents LeRoy and Helen Van Vliet and husband Paul Gerber.

A private prayer and burial service for friends and family was held Saturday October 2nd, 2021 at Ghent Union Cemetery.

Memorial contributions in Virginia's name may be made to Community Hospice of Columbia/Greene.

“And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.” 1 Corinthians 13:13