



Virginia Ruth Geiger

April 18, 1930 - January 12, 2019

Rev. Virginia Ruth Geiger, 88 of Carey, Ohio formerly of Cambridge, went to her eternal Home with the Lord on January 12, 2019 at the home of her daughter, Teresa Clauss. She was born April 18, 1930 daughter of the late Floyd and Ada F. Nichols of the Winterset / Antrim area.

She graduated from Madison High School in 1947. On September 26, 1947 she married Ralph N. Geiger. Virginia donated a kidney to her sister Janet in 1970. She was called into ministry in 1975 and attended Garrett Theological Seminary. She served at Rolling Hills Parish, Olive Branch, Bowerston, Wellsville and Belmont until her retirement in 1995. She served as a chaplain at SEORMC for 14 years. Virginia was a two time cancer survivor. She also volunteered at SEORMC with her husband Ralph.

She served as a visitation pastor at Faith UMC in Cambridge. She joined Christ UMC and was involved in various ministries. She moved to Carey, Ohio in 2016 to live with her daughter, Teresa Clauss and was a member of Tiffin Harmony UMC.

She was preceded in death by: her parents; her husband, Ralph N. Geiger in 2006; a son Todd Geiger; a sister Janet Nichols; and a sister-in-law Sandy Nichols.

Virginia is survived by: her children, Karen (Duane) Lucas, Diane (Don) Wilson, Rhonda (Dick) Hagans, of the Cambridge area, Cheryl Sawyer of Suffolk, VA, Kiristi (David) Whitacre of Hilliard, Teresa (Mike) Clauss of Carey, Ramona Geiger of Coshocton, Ronnie (Laura) Geiger of Grove City and

Theresa (Todd - dec.) Powali of Cleveland area; 22 grandchildren, 32 great grandchildren; two brothers, Raymond (Ruth) Nichols and Ron Nichols; a sister Beverly Luyster; many cousins, nieces and nephews; and an adopted granddaughter Anna Hoppe from Germany.

Visitation will be at Bundy-Law Funeral Home on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 from 4 to 8 pm. Her funeral service will be held at Christ United Methodist Church at 2167 North Avenue Cambridge, on Thursday, January 17 at 11 am. Pastor Matt Wilson will officiate the service with burial to follow in Antrim Community Cemetery. Virginia's online tribute wall may be viewed and signed at www.bundy-lawfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Antrim Community Cemetery

Antrim, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 16. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bundy-Law Funeral Home
120 North 11th Street
Cambridge, OH 43725
(740) 432-5705
info@bundy-lawfuneralhome.com
<https://www.bundy-lawfuneralhome.com>

Service

JAN 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

Christ United Methodist Church
2167 North Avenue
Cambridge, OH 43725
(740) 439-4579

Tribute Wall



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Virginia Ruth Geiger.*



January 25, 2019 at 02:48 PM



“ *Lisa Tracey lit a candle in memory of Virginia Ruth Geiger*



Lisa Tracey - January 16, 2019 at 06:16 PM



“ *Wonderful pastor who officiated at several funerals for my clients that had no kin...I was usually the only one in attendance with her as she said such beautiful, meaningful things...she brought honor and recognition to the forgotten. She will be sorely missed.*
Laura Edwards-Conrad, LSW

Laura Edwards Conrad - January 16, 2019 at 04:28 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Virginia Ruth Geiger.*



January 16, 2019 at 10:51 AM

JW

“ Virginia was my mentor in many ways - as a chaplain at Southeastern Med and as a fellow pastor. She had a huge influence on my life and I will NEVER forget her. Until we meet again, Virginia, on Heaven's shores.

Janice Walsh - January 15, 2019 at 10:43 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Virginia Ruth Geiger.



January 15, 2019 at 09:08 PM

BY

“ One 1961 summer day just before I started first grade, I sat on my neighbor Lou Keene’s porch stoop to witness the unloading of a moving van at the Methodist Parsonage. Few people moved in or out of Somerton, and certainly not by moving van!

Little did I know what a monumental blessing and impact that move would provide my little Belmont County community. The arrival of the Geiger family heralded a new era for the local Methodist congregation. The youth ministry was invigorated, a basement/social hall was added, and the team of Ralph and Virginia actively participated in all aspects of the community from launching a boys’ baseball team, to school activities and many social aspects of our farming community. This all while serving Somerton Charge congregations of Somerton, Malaga, Pleasant Ridge and Zion.

Eight years later, we bid a farewell to this remarkable family when the United Methodist Conference transferred them to Morgan County. That said, the friendships and, yes, Somerton/Barnesville family ties that were forged during the sixties, remain active to this day almost six decades later.

I am confident the same warmth we feel of Reverends Ralph and Virginia are also felt in every community their ministries touched.

My condolences to the family as you reflect upon your mother, your grandmother, and your sister’s well-lived life. May God bless you with the special memories of her love, her smile, and her time with you.

*Bruce Yarnall
Washington, DC*

Bruce Yarnall - January 15, 2019 at 03:27 PM

RH

What kind words Bruce! We had some fun times in that little town, didn't we?

Rhonda Hagans - January 15, 2019 at 08:30 PM

DH

“ *I served with Virginia (and her brother Ron) as a chaplain at SEORMC for several years and thoroughly enjoyed working with her. I think I will always remember her chuckle when she was amused. She was a GOOD God-fearing woman and servant of humanity. She will certainly leave a void. Our sympathy to the family. Cherish the memories.*

Dick Harris - January 14, 2019 at 10:27 PM

GF

“ *Dear Family,*

Sorry to hear of Virginia's passing. Dianne and I remember her as a friend, someone who always offered encouragement, and a great pastor. Her and Ralph were very instrumental and helpful in my entering ministry. She will be missed.

Love and Prayers,

Pastor Gary and Dianne Fitzgerald

Gary Fitzgerald - January 14, 2019 at 07:43 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Virginia Ruth Geiger.*



January 14, 2019 at 01:40 PM

NH

“ *Nola Hayes purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Virginia Ruth Geiger.*



Nola Hayes - January 14, 2019 at 01:35 PM

DH

“ *Your mom was such a wonderful caring person. We had the honor for her to marry us on July 4th 1998. This meant so much to us since Dale knew her and the family, since he was a friend and neighbor of Ron & Laura's. It truly meant the world to us to have her as part of our wedding. We will miss her but know that she is now with God and it peace.*

*Dale & Cara Hounshell
Dublin, Ohio*

Dale & Cara Hounshell - January 14, 2019 at 11:59 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Virginia Ruth Geiger.*



January 14, 2019 at 10:39 AM

IS

“ *Indev Gauging Systems purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Virginia Ruth Geiger.*



Indev Gauging Systems - January 14, 2019 at 10:18 AM

KM

“ *Virginia Geiger was a very special friend. I met she and Ralph when her sister Janet was a patient at Guernsey Memorial Hospital. Soon after Janet's death, she called me about a job in Pastoral Care as a Chaplain. She was hired and we spent many years together and became good friends. It was a good fit in Pastoral Care as she was a very approachable and loving person who knew what seemed like every one in Guernsey, Noble, and Belmont Counties. She and Ralph became part of our family, attending our daughters wedding and our Granddaughters Baptism, as well as the day to day antics of our families and the things happening at work. We laughed a lot, but there was great sadness as many of her loved ones got sick and passed. When she moved from Guernsey County, we could not let a week go by without a phone visit. I will certainly miss her, but our loss is Heaven's gain. Thank you, God, for bringing her into my life.*

Kathy McClure - January 14, 2019 at 09:35 AM



“ *Thoughts and prayers to family and friend of Rev. Virginia Ruth Geiger. †*

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - January 14, 2019 at 07:41 AM

SD

“ We will miss Virginia. Will always remember the blizzard we shared in 78. When we had great revivals. She told me I would have a Child before Christmas of 1980, after a revival. We received our adopted child shortly after. We will miss seeing her at church. Wish we could join you but it is to far at this time. Blessings to all!!Virginia is home!!! From Sandy Detterman

Sandy Detterman - January 13, 2019 at 09:56 PM

PM

“ Sending my condolences to the families of Virginia Geiger I met Virginia and Ralph at members of seormc diabetes support group.
peggy j murgatroyd

peggy j murgatroyd - January 13, 2019 at 09:44 PM

TB

“ Tom and I loved Virginia as part of our family. She was a wonderful friend to us both and a great mentor to me. Although our hearts are broken we had so many good times and we will always have sweet memories of our sweet friend.
Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family.
Tom and a Peggy Brill

Tom and Peggy Brill - January 13, 2019 at 08:35 PM

VW

“ To Raymond, Ron & Beverly, so sorry to hear of Virginia's passing, I have enjoyed her friendship over the years, she always had a big smile & comforting conversation.
Virginia Winget

Virginia Winget - January 13, 2019 at 06:28 PM

JD

“ Dear Diane and Don and Family,

Virginia was a very special woman. I enjoyed being in Bible study with her. She remembered that I had lost a child and would tell me she was praying for me when the holidays came. She will be missed. Keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers.

*Love,
Jim and Faith Dodd*

Jim and Faith Dodd - January 13, 2019 at 06:24 PM

VW

“ *Virginia and Ralph married Arthur Moose and myself on July 7, 1977 at my father's home in Beverly, Ohio. My father was also their daughter Kiristi's father-in-law. There has always been a special connection between the Whitacre Family and the Geiger Family. Art and I are so sorry that the Geiger Family has lost their mother and that we will not be there to celebrate her life with them. We are thinking of you all, Vicki Ann Whitacre, M.D. and Art Moose*

Vicki Whitacre - January 13, 2019 at 06:09 PM

RM

“ *I remember Virginia from Hammondsville United Methodist Church. She was a great minister and friend. We loved her and Ralph. Also knew Todd and loved him too. Our condolences to the family.*

Roger and Linda McLain - January 13, 2019 at 05:51 PM

RH

Thank you for sharing! Rhonda - daughter

rhonda hagans - January 13, 2019 at 05:59 PM

JH

“ *Jerry Harmon purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Virginia Ruth Geiger.*



Jerry Harmon - January 13, 2019 at 05:33 PM