



## Mrs. Virginia (Ginny) Bergant

February 8, 1944 - February 3, 2023

Mrs. Virginia (Ginny) Bergant  
Saginaw Twp., Michigan

Our loving Lord has called Ginny to her Heavenly home on Friday, February 3, 2023, with her family at her side. She was 78 years old. Virginia Ann (Albers) Bergant was born on February 8, 1944, in Lakewood, OH, to the late Norman and Helen (Krone) Albers. Ginny was married to David F. Bergant on July 30, 1966, in Westlake, OH. After 36 years of marriage, our Lord called Dave to his Heavenly home on March 9, 2002. Ginny is survived by her daughter, Melissa Kay; her granddaughters, Clarissa, Cammi (fiancée Andrew Earns) and Cassandra; her great-grandson, Wesley Kai Robert, all of Saginaw; her sister, Kathy Grischow, Youngstown, OH; her sisters-in-law, Linda Crawford, Grand Junction, CO and Kathy Vescova, Kenosha, WI; her niece, Anne Crawford, Grand Junction, CO and her nephew, Warren (Victoria) Basquez, Burlington, WI; her two great-nieces, Hannah and Myah; Melissa's brother, David McCray; Uncle Bob Krone; very close cousins; also several extended family members, an abundance of bonus grandchildren and dear friends, including, Shirley Pagenkopf, Marie Buetow, Chuck and Janice Jones, Evelyn Wittig, Mr. and Mrs. James Zehnder, and George Frank. Ginny was also predeceased by her brother-in-law, Robert (Bob) Grischow.

Ginny attended West Shore Lutheran School, Cleveland Lutheran High

School West, Concordia Teacher's College in River Forest, IL. Ginny did her student teaching at Immanuel Elmhurst in Illinois, then graduated from Concordia in 1966, with her bachelor's degree in elementary education. Ginny and Dave were then married and began their lives together in Saginaw, MI. Ginny began her teaching career at Redeemer Lutheran School. She then started teaching at Bethlehem Lutheran School in 1968, retiring from Bethlehem after 45 years of teaching. During her years of teaching, she taught 2nd, 3rd, some 6th grade subjects, but she was mainly known as the 5th grade teacher at Bethlehem. While at Bethlehem, Ginny and Dave served as Youth Leaders for many years. She served on many school and church boards, was a Stephen Minister, editor of the yearbook, cheerleading coach, Sunday School superintendent, MOPS, sang in the adult choir, bible study leader, on the Lutheran School Accreditation Board and teams, she was the Saginaw County Lutheran School Spelling Bee's Spell Master for many years. After her retirement, she continued volunteering by leading the church's funeral luncheons, along with volunteering at Wescourt, where she lead a weekly bible study, Travelogs and Christmas programs. Ginny was known for her ability to write beautiful Children's Christmas programs for Bethlehem. Ginny was an intricate part of Bethlehem and was always available to help with any labour of love. Ginny loved to travel with family and friends and visit new places. Ginny was a shining light for Jesus, dedicating her life to her Lord and Savior.

Ginny's Celebration of Life will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 808 Weiss, Saginaw, MI, with visitation on Friday, February 17, 2023, from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. and then from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Visitation will continue at Church on Saturday, February 18, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Rev. Michael R. Korte and The Rev. Charles F. Buckhahn will officiate Ginny's funeral service at 2:00 p.m. Ginny will be laid to rest, next to her husband, Dave, in Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery with a private family committal.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to express their sympathies are asked to consider memorial contributions to Bethlehem Lutheran Church and School or to Valley Lutheran High School. Memories and sympathies of Ginny may be shared with the family on her memorial website at [WakemanFuneralHome.com](http://WakemanFuneralHome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery

3356 Hermansau Road  
Saginaw, MI 48603

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 17. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
808 Weiss St.  
Saginaw, MI 48602

## Visitation

FEB 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Visitation

FEB 18. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
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Saginaw, MI 48602

## Celebration of Life

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FEB 18. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

CK

“ Chuck Kersten purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Virginia (Ginny) Bergant.



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**Chuck Kersten** - February 17, 2023 at 01:50 PM

EM

“ Bothe Ginny and Dave taught all of our 3 children, when we were members of Bethlehem. Both were wonderful educators and role models. And now they are together again! What a wonderful reunion! Gene & Yoko Mossner

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**Eugene Mossner** - February 15, 2023 at 09:53 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Virginia (Ginny) Bergant.



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February 14, 2023 at 07:52 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Virginia (Ginny) Bergant.



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February 14, 2023 at 05:56 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Virginia (Ginny) Bergant.*



February 07, 2023 at 12:19 PM



“ *She was a great pinochle lady! Well done great and faithful servant! Always was nice and helped everyone! She will be missed.*

**Lisa Sue Stanley** - February 06, 2023 at 03:23 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Virginia (Ginny) Bergant.*



February 06, 2023 at 10:07 AM



“ *Grandma. I can Cammi and I saying as we are trying build a puzzle with you in the dimly lit room. Grandma please I can hear us begging you to take us the dollar store just because. We love you so much and are so blessed to have been apart of the beautiful life you had.*

**Abbie Harper** - February 05, 2023 at 10:03 PM



*i remember this so clearly, abbie. she must've been so tired of the dollar store 😂*

**cam funnell** - February 06, 2023 at 06:10 AM

JJ

“ I always enjoyed going shopping with Ginny right before Christmas and right after Christmas to get some good sales and deals. Both me and my husband, Chuck, would take a couple of road trips with her and explore her state of Ohio visiting her relatives (Chuck and I were the long lost cousins!), visiting Amish country with her sister, Kathy, and finding different restaurants and stores to go to that we didn't have here in Saginaw. You didn't need a GPS to get around when you had Ginny in the car as she was YOUR GPS. We NEVER got lost, although, we did have to take some detours at times but we got where we were going. I am sure Ginny is right now directing people where to go if they get lost in Heaven. We have cherished the Christian friendship of both Ginny and Dave who were very influential in leading Chuck to Christ. We'll miss you, Ginny, and we will have to keep having garage sales in your memory! :) Say HI to Dave for us!

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**Janice Jones** - February 05, 2023 at 06:28 PM

CA

“ i love you grandma. my best friend forever & ever.



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**cam** - February 05, 2023 at 12:59 PM

CC

*Mrs. Bergant left an indelible mark on countless children over her illustrious career including our two daughters. We will forever be indebted to her and the other outstanding teachers that helped mold our children into the upstanding citizens they have become. Rest easy.*

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**Carlos Cisneros** - February 05, 2023 at 07:15 PM

SF

*So many fond and fun memories of Mr. and Mrs. Bergant. (Ginny and Dave as we were honored to call them as we matured into adulthood.) I met these two special people the day they entered the world of Bethlehem Lutheran Walther League in 1966. They were the "coolest" leaders of our wild and crazy group and were willing to try anything or go anywhere that we would promote as "learning" experiences. And, those two had a few tricks of their own with "suggestions" for week long road trips, camping adventures, talent shows, sports events, and anything that would keep us busy and on the right path in life. I thank you, Ginny and Dave for all your support and guidance in my formative years and later in life as I became a Recreation Therapist and used a few of your group control activities in my 45 year career. God Bless you both and we will meet again someday.*  
*Susan (Schulz) Radey-Forgette*

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**Susan Forgette** - February 06, 2023 at 11:06 AM

LT

*Ginny had a knack for "being there" and "stepping up" when needed. She was an amazing friend. When my husband, Steve, passed away suddenly, She sat with me for an entire afternoon. I don't remember what we talked about, but her presence was such a comfort. She was also a wonderful traveling companion, easy-going and flexible. And, yes, her navigational prowess was always appreciated. I especially remember one morning in Savannah when Ginny's good old-fashioned map skills got us to the airport for an early morning flight when the GPS in our rental car failed to kick in. Ginny, I will always treasure our friendship. It was a true blessing to me.*

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**Lori Tucker** - February 06, 2023 at 08:47 PM