



Virginia "Ginny" Rowe

December 29, 1931 - July 5, 2018

Virginia "Ginny" Bradford Rowe passed away peacefully surrounded by the love of her family on July 5, 2018 at the age of 86 years old. Ginny lived in Storrs, Connecticut for the past 49 years with her husband Donald (Dee) Rowe. She had Pancreatic Cancer and was cared for during her passing by the devoted health care team at John Dempsey Hospital/UConn Health Center in Farmington, Connecticut. Ginny was born in Portland, Maine on December 29, 1931. She studied Fine Arts and received her Bachelors Degree at Middlebury College where she met the love of her life, her best friend and husband Dee Rowe. Together they raised 7 children and became actively involved, loving, supportive grandparents of 17 grandchildren.

Ginny was always full of a deep gratitude for the endless gifts of her life. She knew every important detail about her children's lives, their spouses, and each of her grandchildren. Yet it was her complete devotion and love for her husband Dee, that was the most beautiful thing to bear witness to. Theirs is a true love story. Her kindness and love for her friends, her devoted husband Dee, her children, their spouses and her grandchildren are her eternal legacy.

Ginny was an integral part of the communities of Worcester Academy and the University of Connecticut where she lived with Dee. Ginny's generosity of spirit and graciousness always offered her husband Dee the endless support he needed throughout his career. She was a big UConn Husky fan and became

lifelong friends with many present and former athletes, coaches and their families at UConn and Worcester Academy.

Ginny's favorite place on earth was Cape Cod where she and Dee and their children returned each summer for a season of swimming, daily picnics, long walks on the beach, bike rides, band concerts, and cookouts in Orleans and Chatham. Her family gathered each evening around the dinner table sharing stories and memories that filled the house with endless laughter. Summers and holidays on the Cape in Chatham continued to be Ginny's favorite family tradition.

Ginny was an active volunteer in the community throughout her life and especially treasured her decades of long work and friendships with her fellow members of the P.E.O. (A women's philanthropic organization supporting women in higher education.)

Ginny was full of grace, compassion, endless curiosity, and a generous heart. She found joy in the clouds, a newfound seashell on the beach, a bird's song and especially in the presence of each one of her grandchildren. She had deep love, laughter, family, great faith, immense purpose, meaning and endless joy.

Ginny is survived by: her husband Donald (Dee) Rowe of 64 years, her daughter Donna Rowe-Korn and her husband Bob Korn and their children Tyler and Palmer, her daughter Cindy Rowe Pelletier and her husband Rich Pelletier and their children Jesse and Justin, her daughter Karen Rowe and her husband Jon Heyman and their children Jacob and Leah, her daughter Lisa Shafto and her husband Dennis Shafto and their children Chris and his wife Hilary (expecting their first child), and their daughter Ashton and her husband Brent (expecting their first child), her son Don Rowe and his wife Gail

Rowe and their children George, Brendan, Dillon, and Grace, her daughter Julie Rowe and her sons Aidan and Cormac, and her daughter Jennifer Havlicek and her husband Desmond Havlicek and their children Declan, Cass and Quinn.

Ginny is also survived by her brother David Reynolds and his wife Cathy Reynolds, Dave's former wife Cecily Merman and Dave and Cecily's children Andrea Reynolds and family, Cameron Hardy and family, and Brad Reynolds, her husband Dee's brother M. Richmond Rowe (who is predeceased) and his sons Dean Rowe and family and Brad Rowe.

Services will be held at Storrs Congregational Church on 2 North Eagleville Rd. in Storrs, Connecticut on Wednesday July 11, 2018 at 11:00 AM. The reception will immediately follow the service at the UConn Werth Family Basketball Champions Center on 2158 Jim Calhoun Way in Storrs, Connecticut.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the V Foundation (www.jimmyv.org), the UConn Dee Rowe Athletic Scholarship Fund (<https://uconn.givecorps.com/causes/9134-the-dee-rowe-athletic-scholarship-fund>), and the Worcester Academy Rowe Family Scholarship (www.worcesteracademy.org/rowe). The Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain is assisting the family with arrangements. Please share a memory or note of sympathy with Ginny's family at www.carlsonfuneralhome.com

BUS SERVICE options for your guests attending the service and/or reception. Parking will be available in the garages.

For the church service, we will have 3 buses beginning at 10am, first staged at the North Garage stop (adjacent to Jorgensen Auditorium) that will provide service to the congregational church. Guests can also park in T Lot off of Rte 195 which is adjacent to the Towers Residence Hall and a short walk to the

church.

The 3 shuttle buses will then be staged together on Glenbrook Rd (at approximately 12pm) to transport attendees following the service either back to the North garage (or South) or to the reception at the Werth Family Basketball Champions Center. The after-service shuttles will continue until approximately 1:30pm or until the last pickup is made.

At 1:45pm a single shuttle bus will again be staged on Jim Calhoun Way across from the Werth facility to return those attending the reception back to the North Garage. This service will run approximately every 15 minutes until 3:30pm.

There will be signage located at the various stops/pickup/drop points.

Guests can park in the North garage for the service at no charge and can then drive over to the South garage for the reception at Werth. Again no charge in the south garage between 9:30am-3:30pm. The gates in both the North Garage and South Garage will be locked in their up positions beginning ~9:30AM and continuing until 3:30PM to accommodate no-charge entry for service attendees.

An AVS Van will be staged in front of the South Garage to accommodate those who need accessible transport back to the North Garage following the memorial gathering.

Those needing AVS service on the day of the event can make those arrangements by calling 860-486-4991.

Tribute Wall

JG

“ *Coach Rowe and family - I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Jan (Griffin) Gentry*

Jan (Griffin) Gentry - July 23, 2018 at 12:22 PM

BM

“ *...I feel so sad with you in the passing of Ginny. Although we did not see each other often thru the years,it was always special to chat with her...My Rowe's, my daughter,Lisa and Dean, and Allie,Stephie and Dave have been blessed to have Uncle Dee and Aunt Ginny embracing them in their lives, offering unwavering support,love,interest..
.....Beverlee Merrill and family*

beverlee Merrill - July 13, 2018 at 10:47 AM

LW

“ *To all the Rowe and Reynolds family - my deepest sympathies. Mr. Rowe, I can still hear you saying "She's my rock. My Gibraltar." In my thoughts and prayers.
Lenny Washko*

Lenny Washko - July 12, 2018 at 03:00 PM

BO

“ *Dee Rowe and Family - On behalf of the O'Connor and Washko families we offer our deepest condolences on Ginny's passing. Please know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Bill & Trish O'Connor

Bill O'Connor - July 12, 2018 at 08:52 AM

LA

“ Dee,

My deepest deepest sympathy to you and and your family on the loss of your wife.

Linda (Gorczynski) Atkocius

Linda Atkocius - July 11, 2018 at 07:38 PM

BG

“ *Dee Rowe and Family: With deep sadness we extend our sympathies for your loss of Ginny. She has always been so sweet and sincere in her interactions with Alyce and me, and I am sure has been so with everyone she has ever had contact with. You are so fortunate to have had her in your life and we hope your warm memories are strong and will stay with you forever.*

Bob and Alyce Goldberg

Bob Goldberg - July 10, 2018 at 06:20 PM

LM

“ *Dear Coach and family,*

We are so sorry to hear of Ginny's passing. She will always be remembered as a wonderful, caring, loving individual who always had a smile on her face and a warm hug whenever we saw her. We remember fondly the first time meeting you, Ginny and the family when you first came to UConn and Louise was your secretary. So many wonderful memories come to mind of you and Ginny throughout the years. Sending our love and prayers to you and the family during this most difficult time.

Bryan & Leigh (Mandak) Maxa

Leigh Mandak Maxa - July 10, 2018 at 03:27 PM

JS

“ *Dee; My deepest sympathy goes to you and your family at this time of the loss of your lovely lady "Ginny".*

May God Bless You my friend.

Jim Stewart

JAMES G STEWART - July 10, 2018 at 08:43 AM

JT

“ *Dee,
You are in our thoughts at this difficult time.
Janice and Jerry Trecker*

Jerry Trecker - July 10, 2018 at 06:03 AM

RF

“ *Coach Dee,
I'm so sorry to here of Ginny's passing. I will never forget her and the girls at our Basketball Games. Being part of the team WAS being part of the family. My prayers and love to you and your family.
Love to all,
Rick Furbush, (Furby)*

Richard Furbush - July 09, 2018 at 01:41 PM

BR

“ *Ginny was always so kind to my parents, and all of us in the Dunnigan family. She was a beautiful lady inside and out. Her memory will live on in the lives of her family for many, many years.*

Barbara Ruggiero - July 09, 2018 at 12:19 PM

MH

“ Dee -

Sorry to hear about Ginny's passing. You and Ginny shared a wonderful and loving life together. She was a great lady and will be missed by all. Our prayers are with you and your family.

Mike Healey

Mike Healey - July 09, 2018 at 04:46 AM

HU

“ *I will miss the happiness that Dee always had on his face while talking about his wife Ginny and the first time he saw her. I feel so sorry for my buddy and long time customer. My heart hurts for him and family. And yes she was the matriarch. Thank god Dee has a large, tight supportive family behind him. Ginny was a very sophisticated lady! RIP my friend Ginny.*

Holly Upton - July 08, 2018 at 11:46 PM

CN

“ *Dee,
Our thoughts are with you and your family.*

*Best,
John Norris
Carolann Norris*

Carolann Norris - July 08, 2018 at 06:41 PM

MB

“ Dear Dee and all your family. I am so sad to hear about Ginny’s passing. I have the most warm and enduring memories of her as one of the sweetest people that I know.
My thoughts are with you in this most difficult time. Take care.
Martin Beatty, Middlebury College

Martin Beatty - July 08, 2018 at 03:49 PM

MB

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My thoughts are with you in this most difficult time. Take care.
Martin Beatty, Middlebury College

Martin Beatty - July 08, 2018 at 03:46 PM

AM

“ Dee, and your most wonderful family,
Our sincere condolences to each of you. You and your family have been blessed with a fabulous life together and have contributed so much to so many. Our prayers are with you. Al and Maggy Maykel

Al Maykel - July 07, 2018 at 07:29 PM

RR

“ Coach Rowe and family,I am extremely sorry for your loss.You are in my thoughts and prayers.Ray Reid

ray Reid - July 07, 2018 at 04:30 PM

SC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Stephen Chapman - July 07, 2018 at 02:26 PM

SK

“ The world is a dimmer place without Ginny, one of its brightest stars, but our memories of her over the many years in Chatham — me, since the early 1950s and my wife, Susan, since 1989 — will stay fresh in our minds forever. We feel truly blessed to have been her summer neighbors and will continue to see her, Dee, and their children walking to and from the shore past our house. Our deepest sympathies to her family.

Stephen Chapman & Susan Kitsoulis - July 07, 2018 at 02:23 PM

SA

“ Ginny was always there for my family and I. One of the greatest gifts she gave was her sharing Dee with all of us.
Love,
Steve and Cynthia Adelman

Steve Adelman - July 07, 2018 at 11:41 AM

DL

“ Dee: Sincere sympathy and condolences on the loss of your lovely wife, Ginny. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Daniel and Maryanne Leone, Norwich CT

Daniel C. Leone - July 06, 2018 at 05:09 PM

WO

“ Today was a day of mixed emotions for me .Our Ginny is with her devoted God and Dee knows that to be true. Dee’s love for his Ginny will live on forever. My wife Charlotte loved the lunch and wonderful talk she had over fine literature /lunch we shared in Chatham a few summers ago so much at a time when she herself was ill and passed away a year ago. Dee, your Ginny was on top of my list of wonderful women that I knew in my lifetime.My heart and soul share the feelings of your Loss as I am sure you know . I hope we will keep up our ties at Cape Cod. You are always in my heart as well as my family especially my.son Sean, our mutual friends in the UConn family,and in the memory of your great friend and admirer who in passing we also remember Wes Bialosuknia - another UConn great and his loving ,devoted wife Maureen and their family both of whom loved you both so dearly. Sincerely, Bill O’Connor class of 1967.

William O’Connor - July 06, 2018 at 03:58 PM

PS

“ Dee and Family,
So sorry to hear of Ginny's passing. She was a wonderful, classy lady. May she rest in peace.

Peter Sieurin

Peter Sieurin - July 06, 2018 at 01:45 PM

MF

“ I'm so sad to hear of your passing I remember you so clearly as a wonderful mother and always so sweet to me as I was dear friends with your daughter Cindy in the 4th 5th and 6th grade when you lived on Oak Street in Grafton. I will always remember you with the kindest sweetest heart thank you for being so nice to me... I know you've been an incredible mother and wife ...rest in peace... you have raised a beautiful Legacy...Mary Flynn

Mary Flynn - July 06, 2018 at 01:36 PM

RM

“ Dear Dee and Family, What sad news! Lucy and I send you our sincere sympathy at Ginny's passing. I was so looking forward to seeing you at the Worcester Academy golf event on 6/18 in Barrington, RI and instead got the sad news that you would not be there because of Ginny's condition. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Peace, Ron & Lucy Meoni

Ronald J. Meoni - July 06, 2018 at 12:39 PM

FQ

“ Dee: Sorry to hear about Ginny's death. She certainly was a lovely wife and mother. My prayers go out to you and your family.

Fran Quinn, UCONN Basketball(1953-57)

fran quinn - July 06, 2018 at 11:17 AM

JR

“ 16 files added to the album *Ginny Rowe family memories*



julie rowe - July 06, 2018 at 11:14 AM

JR

“ 30 files added to the album *Ginny Rowe family memories*



julie rowe - July 06, 2018 at 09:59 AM

RM

So very sorry to hear about your lost Coach. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Ron Milko

Ron Milko - July 06, 2018 at 10:10 AM

TW

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you in the loss of your dear Virginia.*

Tom Welch. Ashford Connecticut

Tom Welch - July 06, 2018 at 08:25 AM

DC

*Dee and Family,
Ginny was one of the classiest woman T have ever met, always gracious, supportive and positive. She will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your whole family.
Dick Cooke*

Dick Cooke - July 06, 2018 at 09:51 AM

LL

*Our deepest sympathy.
Sincerely, Ken and Linda Palermo LaFleche
Oxford,MA*

Linda Palermo LaFleche - July 07, 2018 at 07:10 AM

JG

*So sorry to hear of Mrs. Rowe's passing! Everyone of your players loved her so much. Such a tremendous, person, wife, mother, grandmother and co-coach! Susan's and my thoughts and prayers are with you forever!!!
Jim Gleason*

James Gleason - July 07, 2018 at 10:09 AM

BD

Mrs. Rowe made MaryAnne and I feel an important part of UConn extended family. She always asked about our children and was quick to share about her family, that we had seen grow up over the years. To Coach and the Rowe family we extend our thoughts and Prayers.

*Bill and MaryAnne DeGrazia
UConn 71'*

Bill DeGrazia - July 09, 2018 at 11:43 PM