



## Virginia Ellen Carrola

April 2, 1943 - April 22, 2015

Virginia Ellen “Ginnie” Carrola, of Rolla, Missouri passed away on Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at the age of 72. She was born on April 2, 1943 in Trenton, New Jersey to the late Ross Carolla and Alice (Parker) Carrola. After the death of her mother in 1955, she went to live with her grandparents Earl and Sabra Parker, in Rolla, Missouri; she and her grandparents became charter members of the Ridgeview Christian Church in 1955. Ginnie graduated from Rolla High School and then move to Joplin to attend Ozark Christian College where she graduated with her teaching degree; she took her first teaching job in Hays, Kansas. her heart was always in Rolla and she knew it was time to move back home, so she took a job with the Rolla Public Schools in 1969 and spent 28 years teaching elementary children until she retired in 1997; she also worked at the Phelps County Regional Medical Center as a ward secretary during her teaching years. Ginnie has such a giving heart and touched so many lives, she volunteered her entire life for various organizations, and served many years on the Board of the Christian Campus Fellowship and hosted the students in her home each week for their weekly Bible studies; she was also fortunate to be able to go on several mission trips and retreats. Ginnie volunteered at the Russell House, G.R.A.C.E for Christmas, Rolla Public Schools, and the Rolla Public Library;; she was an election judge, and served on the Board for the Christianson Native Craft Workshop. It was there at the Craft Workshop that Ginnie not only taught many crafts, but learned to do basket weaving and chair caning... in

fact, there were not many crafts that she did not try to master; when she wasn't crafting she was making a mean breakfast cinnamon rolls for the campers. Her latest project was making pillowcases for the military, she was able to make and mail over 1000 colorful pillowcases. Ginnie was devoted to her faith, her family, and her friends; she was always ready to help others with weddings, showers, funerals, and family gatherings, and gifted generations with her lovingly created quilts and gifts.

Ginniw Carrola is survived by her brother Timothy Jones and wife April, of VA; sister Susi LaVassuer, of CA; nephew Anthony LaVassuer and wife Elicia, of CA; aunt Sabra Earline Cunningham, of Rolla; great –niece Cameron Grace; great-nephew Tanner; special cousins, and many dear friends.

Funeral services for Virginia Carrola will be held Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at the Ridgeview Christian Church in Rolla, Missouri at 1:00PM. Interment will be in the Rolla City Cemetery. Visitation for family and friends will be held at the Church prior to the service from 11:00AM until service time. Memorials are suggested to the Christian Campus Fellowship, cards are available at all James & Gahr locations.

# Cemetery Details

**Rolla City Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

APR 28. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Ridgeview Christian Church  
Rolla, MO 65401

### Service

APR 28. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Virginia Ellen Carroll*

January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM



“ *Virginia Ellen Carroll*

January 30, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *I just learned of Ginnie's passing into Glory. What a blessing and splendid treat to have known her, heard her mischievous laugh, and witness her most genuine expression of Christ-likeness. Thoughts and prayers for her family.*

Denny Lewis - May 03, 2015 at 10:11 AM



“ *I am 42 years old, and still recall many great memories from class when she was my 3rd grade teacher. She always remained one of my most influential and favorite teachers. I even thought so highly of her to ask her to "pig-sit" my beloved guinea pig when we went on vacation the following summer, which she, of course, readily agreed to do. She will be missed.*

Karen Read - April 28, 2015 at 01:26 PM



“ *Ginnie's family is in my thoughts and prayers. I will always remember her witty personality and her caring attitude toward everyone when we worked together in Rolla CTA matters. I loved her laugh. She will be sadly missed by so many.*

Georgia White - April 27, 2015 at 10:27 PM

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“ *The Christianson Native Craft Workshop will never be the same. Ginnie served the workshop as a teacher, director, board member, treasurer and student. She will leave a huge gap.....*

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**Barbara Johnson** - April 26, 2015 at 07:35 AM

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“ *I started teaching at Rolla High School in 1955 and Virginia was my student. Part of my assignment was to visit students in their homes and I remember visiting her aunt's home. In later years I saw her often around town and usually talked to her a bit. Rolla will miss this lovely lady as will I. Joan H.*

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**Joan Hansen** - April 25, 2015 at 02:21 PM

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“ *I met Ginnie at the Christianson Native Craft Workshop many years ago. Workshop will never be the same. You will be missed dear lady, you will be missed.....*

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**Julie** - April 25, 2015 at 08:33 AM

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“ *There are simply too many memories to write about, but all of them are filled with love. Ginnie invested herself in my life and the lives of my children and grandchildren. For that I will be forever thankful. Ginnie, I'll see you again someday.*

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**Darla Noble** - April 24, 2015 at 06:05 PM