



Virginia "Ginny" Bennert

October 15, 1938 - August 1, 2024

Virginia "Ginny" Bennert, 85 of Elm Creek, passed away Thursday, August 1, 2024 at Kearney Regional Medical Center in Kearney. A Funeral Mass will be held 10:00 a.m. Monday, August 5, 2024 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Elm Creek. Interment will follow at Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery in Elm Creek with military honors provided by the Elm Creek American Legion Post #316 in conjunction with the Offutt Air Force Funeral Honors Team. Visitation will be 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Sunday at the church.

Memorials are suggested to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church or to the Elm American Legion Post #316. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Ginny was born October 15, 1938 in Kearney, NE to Donald L. and Ethel R. (Winslow) Tool. She was raised in Elm Creek and attended Elm Creek High School, graduating with the class of 1956. Ginny attended St. Francis School of Nursing in Grand Island. She proudly served in the United States Air Force serving as a nurse in Texas, Missouri, Greece and Germany. In 1968, Ginny was united in marriage to Raymond T. Bennert. She later earned her Bachelor of Nursing from Avila University in Kansas City, MO in 1977. She was employed as a registered nurse in Med Surgical for 33 years. In 1992, she was honored with Nurse of the Year. Ginny also worked as a home health

nurse for 14 years.

Ginny was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, Altar Society, Elm Creek Garden Club, Red Hat Society, Sassy Senior group, and her morning coffee group. She was also a longtime volunteer at Good Samaritan Hospital.

Left to cherish her memory are her brothers, Dick (Pam) Tool of Elm Creek and Daniel Tool of Kearney; nephews, Trace Tool and significant other Shelia Murphy, Tobian (Heather) Tool and Tanner (Kris) Tool all of Elm Creek; great nieces and great nephews, Trista Tool, Aspen, Emerson and London Tool, Cavan and Carden Tool.

Ginny was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Raymond Bennert; brother, JL Tool.

Cemetery Details

Immaculate Conception Cemetery

900 N Mill
Elm Creek, NE 68836

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
314 N Church St
Elm Creek, NE 68836
(308) 856-4375

Funeral Mass

AUG 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *First of all, how sad to lose her in our midst, but surely joyous that she is in an eternity with Jesus Christ.*

Ginny's husband, Ray, and all the people that loved her, were waiting for her to join them.

Ray's daughter, Barbara, was my wife for 38 years, and Ginny, is with her also, as she passed away 10 years ago.

The red hats will be missing a great friend at their gatherings.

All the patients under her loving care as an outstanding caring nurse, both as a Major in the Air Force, where she met and cared for Ray, as a patient; and too as a civilian.

God bless her loving soul, as she is holding down a place for all who are faithful in Jesus in this foreign place, and home now, with a new body, no more tears, and ALL the love of Christ Jesus her Lord and Savior.

Made a piece of Christ be with you,

Tim Maloney



Tim Maloney - August 15, 2024 at 04:00 AM

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“ *I will always remember Ginny as a great friend after I moved to Elm Creek and we met at our regular coffee meetings every week and stitched away and solved the worlds problems as well as our own. Am so glad I got to visit with her shortly after I returned to Nebraska. What a great friend.*

Glennis Thies - August 10, 2024 at 09:18 PM

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“ Sixty-five years ago I was blessed to have Ginny as a classmate at St. Francis School of Nursing in Grand Island. We made many memories together, so many of them connected to laughter. She was a joy then and in subsequent years as a lifelong friend. I am having trouble believing she is gone from us, but I heard her arrival in heaven. It was wondrous! How lucky we were to know her and count her as friend. -- Kay Ammon

Kay Ammon - August 08, 2024 at 03:41 PM

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“ I'm so sorry to hear about Ginny. She was a LOVELY lady. Not only was she a great daughter, but a wonderful sister. She loved her work too. She was always interested in my children and wanted to know what they were doing. I also got to see her when i was working at the hospital. Again, a wonderful volunteer. She was always giving back to her community and to her friends. Well done, good and faithful servant. ~Rachelle Warner

Rachelle D Warner - August 06, 2024 at 10:00 AM