



## Virginia "Ginny" Kerr Lindsley

June 2, 1947 - June 11, 2018

Our beloved Virginia "Ginny" Kerr Lindsley, born June 2, 1947, died suddenly on June 11, 2018, at her home in Ft. Collins, Colo. She is survived by a large, loving family including her best friend and husband of 46 years, Joe Lindsley; her six children and their spouses, Andrea Lindsley and John Thorne of Naperville, Ill.; Katy Jo and Dave Fordyce of Southlake, Tex.; Suzanne Lindsley and Lynn Wilsey of Centennial, Colo.; Mary Lindsley and Montek Singh of Chapel Hill, N.C.; Sarah and Corbin West of Denver, Colo.; and Michael and Jessica Lindsley of Denver, Colo.

Her grandchildren and most favorite people include Ruth and Jack Thorne; Meg, Andy and Abbie Fordyce; Andrew and Taylor Wilsey; Laali and Akaal Lindsley; Jack, George and Henry West; and Hazel and Ruby Lindsley.

She is also survived by her siblings Nancy Bolitho, Diane Pritchard, Susan Kerr, and Tom Kerr, and a wonderful extended family of in-laws, cousins, nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service will be held at St. Luke's Episcopal Church located at 2000 Stover Street, Fort Collins, Colo., 80525 on Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. A Celebration of Life for all family and friends will follow the service at the family home.

Ginny led a vibrant, happy life until her unexpected passing. She and Joe travelled extensively and had just returned from a family celebration in Illinois where they saw many of their kids and grandkids. Just two weeks prior they had finished a long road trip visiting many dear friends around the state of California.

Ginny was born in Denver, Colorado to Chauncey and Mary (Macartney) Kerr. She graduated from George Washington High School in 1965.

She attended Christian College in Columbia, Mo., as well as the University of Colorado at Boulder. She spent summers in San Francisco and in Hawaii before moving back to Denver. She worked at Standard Oil, her dad's Overhead Door Company, and United Bank where she met Joe Lindsley.

On July 10, 1971, she married Joe. Over the course of their marriage, they raised six kids and lived happily in the following communities: Denver, Stillwater, Okla., Billings, Mont., Plymouth and Duluth, Minn., Sarasota, Fla., and Fort Collins.

Ginny was a world traveler, yogi, avid reader, Episcopalian, Mah Jongg maven, golfer, and triathlete, among other things. The focus of her life above all else was to be a loving and supportive wife, mother, and grandmother in which she succeeded beyond measure.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Ginny's memory to Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains or the Rocky Mountain Rett Association who she has supported over the past few years. They are close to finding a cure for Rett Syndrome.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUN **19**. 11:00 AM (MT)

St. Luke's Episcopal Church  
2000 Stover St. Fort Collins, CO US 80525  
Fort Collins, CO 80525

# Tribute Wall

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“ To Joe and family,  
I was so saddened to hear about Ginny's death. Even as a teenager she had a special warmth about her. She was always smiling and upbeat. And that didn't change when she became a wife, mom, and grandmother.

We will miss Ginny and Joe at our high school reunions. I always looked forward to seeing you both.

Sending lots of love,  
Cindy Clinger Butler

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**Cindy** - July 02, 2018 at 12:12 PM



“ I had the privilege of knowing Ginny as her sister-in-law; I am married to her brother Tom Kerr. Ginny was a warm and welcoming presence to an in-law like me who was rather bewildered by the size and numbers of the Kerr clan. Who were all these people and how were they all related? Ginny helped me sort it out at various family gatherings.

No matter how busy she was hosting the family and managing various household details, Ginny always took the time to ask me about my life and my work and went out of her way to be hospitable to our family, especially taking the time to get to know our daughter, her niece Autumn Kerr. Ginny and Joe were the first relatives other than my mother to visit Autumn when she was less than two months old, coming to visit and meet her during a cold February in Syracuse, NY! It meant a lot to see family in the midst of caring for a new baby. Ginny cared deeply about all of us and made time for us, which meant the world to us.

I remember, in particular, during our summer trips to Denver, stopping off in Fort Collins with Autumn and Tom, and Autumn's excitement about visiting the “lake” house to see Aunt Ginny and Uncle Joe. We loved those trips and the chance to go out on the pontoon boat to watch the sunset and chat as we motored along, catching up on all the events and trips and happenings in the Lindsley family. Autumn also enjoyed looking at Aunt Ginny's angel collection in the china cabinet. One of our treasured Christmas ornaments in Syracuse is an angel that Ginny made out of a mop and sent to us. Autumn and I enjoy hanging it up on the wall every year, a reminder of Ginny's thoughtfulness and her remembrance of long distance relatives.

I also enjoyed talking to Ginny about our mutual love of reading and books and her passion for yoga and for doing triathlons. Her flexibility and athleticism were impressive. When I started training for my first triathlon this spring, I thought about her pursuing triathlons and was inspired to think that I could do it, too! I will think

*of her with every mile I swim, run, and cycle this summer, and I will dedicate my August race to Ginny.*

*The last our family saw Ginny was in Florida in 2017. We couldn't get flights to a conference out west during our campus spring break, so we detoured south and went to visit Ginny and Joe and had a chance to catch up with Mary and her family, too. I have thought back to those days so many times since I heard the news of her passing.*

*Ginny also kept up with our family via facebook. Whenever I posted about Autumn's achievements or what Tom and I were doing, she would like that posting and sometimes comment. In fact, on Monday, June 11th early in the morning, she commented about a posting that I had made about Autumn winning a photography award. She congratulated Autumn and wrote: "Congratulations. What a fabulous honor" with a heart-eyes emoji. Later that evening in Syracuse just as we were getting ready to go to bed, Tom heard the news that Ginny had passed away. We were in total shock. We are still in shock.*

*Grace, lightness, humor, generosity, intelligence, wisdom, kindness, a desire to learn, travel, and support her family—these qualities characterized Ginny. She was generous beyond measure We love you and miss you, Ginny. You touched the lives of so many of us, and we will not forget your kindness. My condolences to the entire Lindsley and Kerr families. --Eileen E. Schell, wife of Tom Kerr and mother of Autumn Kerr*

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**Eileen Schell** - June 19, 2018 at 11:36 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Virginia "Ginny" Kerr Lindsley.*



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June 18, 2018 at 09:07 PM



“ *Dear Joe and family,*

*We were saddened to hear of Ginny's death. We have many happy memories of time spent with you and Ginny at our boys' sporting events. Peace to you and your family,*

*Tom and Arlene Johnson*

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**Tom Johnson** - June 18, 2018 at 09:24 AM



“ *Lindsley Family,*

*I have many fond memories of your entire family while living in Duluth MN. As kids, Mike would have us all over terrorizing the house and swimming in Lake Superior. From time spent at your home to life in hotels on hockey trips as 7th grades, Ginny was always there and went out of her way to make us all feel welcome! Such a wonderful person and a wonderful family, you should all be proud to have called her your Mother, Spouse, Aunt, Grandma and Friend.*

*With Love,*

*Dave Almquist & Family*

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**david almquist** - June 18, 2018 at 08:39 AM

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“ I will miss my dear friend, neighbor and soul sister and our many long talks in our driveways about so many things, but mostly about family. Life will be different now, but when in doubt just ask "WWGD". (what would Ginny do?) and you're sure to have a pretty good outcome. She was the best!

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**Patty Grant** - June 15, 2018 at 11:22 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Virginia "Ginny" Kerr Lindsley.



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June 15, 2018 at 07:59 PM

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“ Joe, to you and your beautiful family. Bill and I are truly shocked to hear this. We go back many years as we shared our Lindenlake experiences. Loved getting your family cards every year and watch a family grow.....she was so proud. We would laugh, when she would comment not done yet! Many fun years playing MJ, we all started together, and always waited for the wine at the end!!! Our thoughts and prayers are with you Joe, and your wonderful family. You will walk together arm in arm....with laughter and tears. Love Charlotte and Bill

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**Charlotte Iversen** - June 15, 2018 at 03:45 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Virginia "Ginny" Kerr Lindsley.*



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June 15, 2018 at 12:37 PM



“ *My deepest condolences for the family. May God hold you all close during this time.*

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**Marla** - June 15, 2018 at 11:16 AM



“ *No words can express how shocked we were to see this today. Our thoughts and Hugs are with all of you.. You have been a big part of our life for years.. you will be truly missed and were one of a kind.*  
*Mary and John Farrell*

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**Mary Farrell** - June 14, 2018 at 06:22 PM



*Dear Joe and your loving family.*  
*Denny and I are shocked and saddened at the loss of Ginny. We have wonderful memories of good times we had together.*  
*We are heart broken for you, but know that your family is there with and for you.*  
*We are grieving with you and love you.*  
*Denny and Kathy Claveau*

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**Kathy and Denny Claveau** - June 16, 2018 at 10:08 AM

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“ To Joe and all of the Lindsley family,  
Ginny was one of our favorite people who we will always remember  
as somebody with a smile on her face and a positive thing to say.  
She was very proud of her family and always enjoyed telling us  
about you. Since Susie was raised in Denver as well there always  
was a common bond to any conversation. As you will, we will miss  
her but will enjoy many happy memories. Please know we are  
thinking of all of you.

*Susie and Jim Fuller*

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**Jim and Susie Fuller** - June 14, 2018 at 03:56 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of  
Virginia "Ginny" Kerr Lindsley.



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June 14, 2018 at 10:55 AM

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“ I had the pleasure of traveling with Ginny and Joe on the occasion of their daughter Mary's and their son-in-law Montek's honeymoon trip to India (2010). Ginny always made me feel like one of the family, and we kept in touch over the years since the trip. She was so loving and fun, and it was easy to be around her. I was impressed with her adventurous spirit - it's not easy to travel in India. Nevertheless, she laughed easily at some of the situations we found ourselves in and didn't complain. She was a one-of-a-kind woman, mother and grandmother. Whenever I would see her, I would go in immediately for a hug. She was that kind of person -- she made you feel like hugging her was welcome and ok.

*I am sending my love to Joe, whose adoration of Ginny was evident. My thoughts are with all the members of Ginny's wonderful, large family whom she nurtured and loved. I imagine you all went in for hugs whenever you could, too.*

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**Nina Yamanis** - June 14, 2018 at 09:31 AM

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“ 5 files added to the album *Ginny in India*



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**Nina Yamanis** - June 14, 2018 at 09:19 AM