



Virginia Alice Njaa

May 16, 1939 - May 11, 2018

Virginia Alice (Kent) Njaa, 78, from Huntsville went home to the Lord on May 11, 2018. Her celebration of life service will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, May 19, 2018 at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home.

Virginia, called Ginger by most, was born in Boston and raised in Norwood, MA. She graduated from Norwood High School as class valedictorian, where she served on the high school year book, the musicale, foreign exchange student to Germany, and was voted most likely to succeed by her classmates. She attended North Park College in Chicago for two years majoring in general studies, where she met Jason, who would later be the love her life. She transferred to the University of Michigan her junior year to major in actuarial sciences with the hope to work in insurance upon graduation. While at UM, Ginger was introduced to the game of bridge, which would become one of her fondest passions throughout her life.

After a year at UM, Ginger married Jason and moved to Chicago to be with him while he finished his degree. They went to Spokane, WA and celebrated the birth of their first son, Kent. Following moves to Santa Monica, CA and Battle Creek, MI, they welcomed their second son, Scott. They then moved to Germany for 18 months and then back to Norwood, MA, where they welcomed Adam, their third son.

While in Norwood, Ginger and Jason attended the Covenant Congregational Church in Boston. Ginger was very active in the church serving as a Sunday school teacher and singing every week in the choir. In 1976, the family moved to Houston, TX where Ginger and Jason finished raising their sons. Ginger and the family attended John Knox Presbyterian Church where she resumed her duties as a Sunday school teacher and a choir member. She also started volunteering in the local schools as the children grew, and she eventually turned that into a career as an executive administrative assistant in the Memorial Hermann Hospital systems. Ginger also took up her second hobby – golf, and learned to enjoy the game. She and Jason would spend many fond weekends with friends on the courses and enjoying the great outdoors.

Ginger and Jason elected to retire and chose to move to Elkins Lake, Huntsville, TX in 2006. There, they were very active members of the club, helping to coordinate the couples golf tournaments, and joined a group that took routine trips to distant and interesting golf courses. Ginger joined the local bridge group in Elkins Lake where she enjoyed socializing with her friends and playing on a regular basis.

Ginger was a great friend to many and will be missed. Her sharp wit, her keen sense of understanding and her compassion touched all those she met. For her family, she was an inspiration to grow and achieve and to become capable to take on any challenge. Her children were always entertained with her sense of humor and her ability to laugh at herself.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Charlie and Alice (Ortendahl) Kent, and her brother Roger Kent and his wife Martina. She is survived by her loving husband Jason Njaa, their three sons and their wives – Kent Njaa, Scott and Lynn Njaa, and Adam and Laura Njaa. She also leaves 5 grandchildren and 3 step grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Ginger's name to the American Cancer Society to help fund the research for treatment and prevention of lung cancer.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 19. 2:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr.
Huntsville, TX 77340
(936) 291-7300
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Tribute Wall



“ *Virginia Alice Njaa*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Virginia Alice Njaa.*



May 18, 2018 at 04:22 PM



“ *CanAm Minerals purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Virginia Alice Njaa.*



CanAm Minerals - May 18, 2018 at 01:43 PM



“ *Dear Jason, Kent, Scott, Adam and family,
So sorry for your loss. We will be thinking of you all tomorrow during the service. Sorry we are unable to attend. love, Paul and Sandy*

Sandr - May 17, 2018 at 11:45 AM

JR

“ *Uncle Jason and family,
This is a beautifully written obituary about Aunt Ginger. I learned a few things that I didn't know. I am so grateful for the opportunity to meet up with her in recent years and enjoyed her hearty laugh that you mentioned. I am so sorry that I will be unable to be there at the memorial but I'm sure it will be a beautiful time of remembrance despite your understandable pain. I hope that your faith and good memories bring comfort during this difficult time.*

Much love

Jilly Njaa Ressler

Jilly Ressler - May 16, 2018 at 08:34 PM

KD

“ *Katie Crawford Davison lit a candle in memory of Virginia Alice Njaa*



Katie Crawford Davison - May 16, 2018 at 07:49 PM

WM

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Wanda McGhee - May 15, 2018 at 03:07 PM

WM

“ Jason, Mac and I are devastated by the loss of Ginger. I have so many wonderful memories of her in our ladies golf group and the events held at Inwood Forest. She was a wonderful friend and will be sorely missed. So sorry for your loss. Mac and Wanda McGhee

Wanda McGhee - May 14, 2018 at 06:45 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Virginia Alice Njaa.



May 14, 2018 at 10:51 AM

NL

“ Ginger made me feel welcome from the first moment I met her at Elkins Lake. She made me laugh. Her inclusiveness was such a gift. I will miss her so much. I am very sorry for your loss.

Nan Leavell - May 12, 2018 at 10:31 AM

BP

“ Jason,

We go back to the Inwood Forest days. We have known you both for a long time. I am sorry we were not able to visit with Ginger (that is the name I knew her by) while she was well. We are so sorry for your loss.

Memories of Ginger bring me back to the days of the beginning of Compaq and computers. Ginger had a knack of filtering thru businesses and finding a good bet (in this case, a sure bet) and she was one of the only persons I KNEW OF that jumped on the band wagon of COMPAQ stocks and I believe made a substantial amount of money on her investment. Jeff and I were skeptical and OF COURSE did not follow her intuition and buy. ANOTHER BAD DECISION ON OUR PART!!

So whenever I think of Ginger, I remember with fondness her unique telepathy as to when and who to bet on the stock market. She was an incredible woman and I know throughout the years YOU were so very proud of her in all of her endeavors.

May you find peace in your wonderful memories of Ginger and Jeff and i bid you a future of those fond memories and hope that your health improves.

*With heartfelt sadness and love,
JEFF AND BOBBIE PROCTOR*

Bobbie & Jeff Proctor - May 12, 2018 at 10:08 AM