



Mrs. Ginger Grand Lerner

June 19, 1934 - April 8, 2013

Ginger Lerner passed away Monday, April 8, 2013 from complications of pneumonia. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, David and Debbie Lerner of Raleigh and their children Jonathan and Christopher, her son, Dean Lerner of Chicago and her daughter and son-in-law Dana and John Sparks of Atlanta and their son Austin.

Ginger is now in heaven with her beloved husband, Paul M. Lerner, MD, her parents Rose and Reuben Grand, and her sister and brother-in-law Arlene and Gilbert Sandman. Ginger enjoyed life to its fullest and was always ready for fun and adventure. She graduated from Lee Edwards High School at the age of 16 and continued to Vanderbilt University. Her education culminated in a Masters Degree in Social Work from Boston University. While living in Boston, she met Paul on a blind date. They were married on their 5th date and had the type of marriage after which fairy tales are modeled. In Asheville, they were long-standing members of Congregation Beth-Ha-Tephila. Ginger was a board member of many medical auxiliary organizations and was one of the founding members of the Health Adventure. She and Paul loved to travel and entertain. Ginger was a book author, an avid miniaturist, mahjongh player, knitter and loved all types of crafts. In 2002, Ginger moved to Atlanta and she and Dana opened a knitting shop, "The Purly Gates." The pride and joy of Ginger and Paul's life was their children and Ginger was fortunate to have enjoyed and doted on her three grandchildren. Ginger will always be

remembered for her love, kindness, generosity and tremendous sense of fun in her life.

A funeral service will be held at 11:30 AM, Thursday, April 11, 2013 in the chapel of Morris Funeral Home, 304 Merrimon Avenue with Rabbi Batsheva Meiri officiating. Interment will follow at Riverside cemetery.

Flowers are appreciated or memorials may be made in Ginger's name to the charity of your choice.

Morris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be sent through the website at www.morrisfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

53 Birch Street
Asheville, NC 28801

Previous Events

Service

APR 11. 11:30 AM (ET)

Chapel of Morris Funeral Home
304 Merrimon Ave.
Asheville, NC 28801
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Tribute Wall



“ *Morris Funeral & Cremation Care created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Ginger Grand Lerner*



Morris Funeral Home - April 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mrs. Ginger Grand Lerner*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *White rabbit, white rabbit, white rabbit*
Edward Spellman

Edward Spellman - November 02, 2015 at 12:07 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. The Bible provides comfort during these difficult times. Revelation 21:3,4 states "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away". Very soon now, we will never experience losing our loved ones in death. Hope these words give you a new hope.*

Ana - June 01, 2013 at 05:46 PM

IM

“ *David , Dana, and Dean*

I'm so sorry for your loss. Your mom was so much fun to be around. She made your home such a wonderful (and splendid) place to hang out and feel loved.

Your are in my prayers.

Ivan Marcotte

Ivan Marcotte - April 15, 2013 at 07:01 AM

DS

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



Dana Sparks - April 13, 2013 at 04:38 PM

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Dana Sparks - April 13, 2013 at 04:38 PM

JA

“ Joe And Gale Alexander lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ginger Grand Lerner



Joe and Gale Alexander - April 12, 2013 at 12:32 PM



“ Exotic Grace was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ginger Grand Lerner.



April 11, 2013 at 07:28 AM

DS

“ 1 file added to the album Ginger and Paul



Dana Sparks - April 10, 2013 at 07:36 PM

Janet Wofford

“ Janet Wofford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ginger Grand Lerner



Janet Wofford - April 10, 2013 at 06:55 PM

RR

“ I am so sorry the world has lost such a great lady! Ginger was a good friend of mine when she lived in Asheville, NC and was a member of the Asheville Miniature Enthusiasts. Her dollhouse and miniature collection was larger than any one else's and she loved to have us over to look at them and work on miniature projects. We went on many trips to shows and she was always the life of the party! Ginger was truly one of the most generous, happy and caring persons I have known. Her love of family was second to none - always sharing funny stories of things they had done together and all of their travels. Her home was like a museum with all of the artifacts of the places around the world that she and her family traveled.

Dana, I am so sorry you had to lose your Mom. She always said that you were absolutely her best friend. I'm so sorry I never got to hook up with her...

I know this time is difficult for you all but hope that time will ease the pain.

Robin Russell - April 10, 2013 at 06:28 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ginger Grand Lerner.



April 10, 2013 at 01:35 PM



“ *Bright and Beautiful Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ginger Grand Lerner.*



April 10, 2013 at 12:16 PM



“ *correction annual is the Hillbilly Jenny McGaha.*

Jenny E. McGaha - April 10, 2013 at 11:55 AM



“ *I remember Ginger from high school. Placed the obituary in the 1950 "Hillybilly" annual. Found clipping from April, 1978 re: her miniature doll houses. Still an interesting read. Jenny Lind Erickson McGaha (Lee Edwards class of 1952)*

Jenny E. McGaha - April 10, 2013 at 11:51 AM

JF

“ Words themselves cannot fully express the sorrow that is felt over the loss of Ginger. As time goes by, you will begin to realize that as you think of her smiles, her affection for family, her laughter, the pain has diminished a bit and you'll find yourself smiling again. I didn't know her personally but, having lost someone dear to me, I can empathize with the pain you have and continue to experience. What comfort such scriptures as John 5:28,29 brought me! You will read there about the promise Jesus gave of resurrecting our loved ones back to life. When he resurrected His friend Lazarus back to life, He showed his ability and desire to fulfill that promise. (John 11:38-44) Can you just imagine the joy Lazarus' sisters felt when they held him in their arms once again? This joy we too will feel in the very near future. Until that day comes, we have the promise that God will draw close to those whose hearts have been broken (Psalms 34:18) I truly hope these few scriptures have helped lessen the pain you feel as they had mine.

joni florida - April 10, 2013 at 08:44 AM

DL

“ 59 files added to the album Mom



Dean Lerner - April 09, 2013 at 09:02 PM

PC

Dear Dean:

My sincere sympathy is with you during this time of sorrow. I hope the love and memories you had for your mom will be a comfort to you through this sad path. It is so painful to lose our loved ones. With deep sympathy, Dean. Warmly, Pat Cohen

Pat Cohen - April 10, 2013 at 01:40 PM



“ Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ginger Grand Lerner.



April 09, 2013 at 09:01 PM

AC

“ Alan and Kathy Cox purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Ginger Grand Lerner.



Alan and Kathy Cox - April 09, 2013 at 03:53 PM



“ With Distinction was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ginger Grand Lerner.



April 09, 2013 at 02:47 PM



“ *Full Heart was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ginger Grand Lerner.*



April 09, 2013 at 02:25 PM



“ *David Camp, David Rhoades, Mac McLemore & the RR team purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mrs. Ginger Grand Lerner.*



David Camp, David Rhoades, Mac McLemore & the RR team
- April 09, 2013 at 11:36 AM



“ *Amy & Frank lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ginger Grand Lerner*



Amy & Frank - April 09, 2013 at 09:14 AM

NO

“ I remember Ginger from the book store that was next door to our Florist shop, and I would go over to visit Ginger, and buy books. I remember her smile, and her pleasant attitude, and how nice she was. One day she brought her son to the shop in to meet us and I believe it was Dean. I remember that he was in Culinary, and you could tell how proud of her children she was. I remember the "Knight in Shining Armor" she had in her bookstore. She had such a flair for decorating! I had a young child at the time who loved "The Berestein Bears storybooks , and whenever a new one came out she would let me know, and when I had a break, I would run over and get it. She was fantastic!
My thoughts and prayers to the family, and I know she will be missed, she left a great legacy, and will always be remembered by those she touched. Blessings
Rita Norman
Asheville, N.C.

Norman - April 09, 2013 at 08:04 AM

 Janet
Wofford

“ I remember "Mama Lerner" as I used to call her, sending me a care package when I was in the military. She made the best sweets. Dean and I were classmates in high school. She was a great lady. She always made me feel like family, when I came to her home to visit. My mom and I also enjoyed getting her christmas "letters" giving us the details of her adventures and the family's adventures during the year. She will be missed greatly. Sending Prayers to the family during this difficult time-Janet Wofford- Asheville, NC

Janet Wofford - April 08, 2013 at 01:33 PM

SS

“ I will miss my Aunt Ginger terribly. She was just the coolest Aunt ever. She looked after everybody and would not think for a minute about giving up her time and her home to any of her friends or family and was genuinely one of the most generous people I knew. The greatest times I remember were when all of the family used to get together at her house for dinner. Years later, my two daughters, who lived with their Mom In Florida at the time were faced with a hurricane bearing down on them. They drove to her home and stayed with her. She shared all kinds of stories with them about when I was growing up which fascinated them (which left me with a lot of questions I had to answer to them about my behavior :-)
.....but they loved it and loved her. I will miss you Aunt Ginger and will always love you. Steve Sandman

Steve Sandman - April 08, 2013 at 12:51 PM