



## Virginia Griesau

October 13, 1924 - August 16, 2010

Albany-Virginia C. Griesau passed away peacefully at home with her family on Mon, Aug 16 after a brief illness.

Born on Oct 13, 1924. She lived in Copake Falls, Far Rockaway, and Chatham. She was a 1942 graduate of Chatham High School and later St. Peter's Hospital School of Nursing.

She was married in 1950 to the late Christian B. Griesau and is survived by her children Gene, John (Pat), Virginia (Tom), Anne (Bob), Daniel, Tom, her sister Patricia, sister-in-law Eleanor, wife of her late brother William B. Hartigan and numerous nieces and nephews.

A devoted mother, "Ginny" raised her six children and always encouraged them to pursue their dreams. After the unexpected death of her husband Chris, she returned to nursing as Clinical Instructor in the Nursing Assistant Program for the Adult Learning Center of Albany until her retirement. Virginia was an avid reader and enjoyed crossword puzzles.

Funeral services Friday, August 20, 2010 at 10:00 am from the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany thence to the Parish of Mater Christi (formerly St. Catherine of Siena Church) at 10:30 am where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated followed by interment at Calvary Cemetery,

Glenmont.

Relatives and friends are invited and may call Thursday, August 19, 2010 4:00 to 7:00 pm in the funeral home.

To leave the family a special message on their guest book; obtain a prayer card or directions; view her Cinematic Life Tribute; or share a photo or E-card with them, please visit [www.McveighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com)

# Previous Events

## Service

AUG **20**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Parish of Mater Christi  
40 Hopewell Street (Rev. Kenneth J. Doyle Way)  
Albany, NY 12208

# Tribute Wall



“ McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Virginia Griesau



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McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - August 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Virginia Griesau

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October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ Dan,

*I was out of town and sorry I was not here to speak directly to you at this sad and difficult time.*

*After meeting you when our son played over at the Babe Ruth field, I forget how, but somehow I found out that your Mom had lived in my hometown and knew my parents from high school. I don't meet many people that know or knew any of my family, so it was a delight to have been able to meet you mother and talk with her about people we both knew.*

*I will try to stop by this week to see you in person. If I do not get there, please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##georgia Hiebeler Sullivan##imported-end##*

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August 23, 2010 at 12:46 AM



“ *john & pat.*

*i am so very sorry to hear about your loss.##imported-begin##thomas schmidtman##imported-end##*

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August 20, 2010 at 05:33 PM



“ *Hi John and Pat,*

*I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. Mom's are special people and I know you will miss her very much. Take care of yourselves during this sad time.*

*My thoughts are with you.*

*Darlene##imported-begin##Darlene Erschen##imported-end##*

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August 20, 2010 at 01:05 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to the entire family, our prayers are with you. Ginny will deeply be missed. It was such a pleasure to make her look & feel so pretty after her hair-do's. We will miss her sense of humor so, but we both see so much of her in Jack, we will remember her thru him. God Bless, Michelle & Greg##imported-begin##Michelle & Greg Burdick##imported-end##*

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August 19, 2010 at 07:54 PM



“ *I was saddened by Aunt Ginny's passing. She was such a pleasant memory from my childhood. I'm glad I had a chance to see her a few more times in '03 and '04.##imported-begin##William Griesau##imported-end##*

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August 19, 2010 at 04:56 PM



“ Gene - My prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. What a lucky woman to have had such a rich life experience! Take comfort in knowing she is at peace and watching over you.  
Nancy##imported-begin##Nancy Baldwin##imported-end##

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August 19, 2010 at 03:42 PM



“ Gene, Jack/Pat, Gin/Tom, Annie/Bob, Dan and Tom

*Please accept our heartfelt condolences on the loss of your dear mother. You will remain in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time and always.*

*I am sure Ginny is saying to you, in typical Irish tradition with the sparkle in her bright blue eyes.....*

*"Grieve not...nor speak of me with tears...but laugh and talk of me...as though I were beside you. I loved you so... 'twas Heaven here with you."*

*Suzanne, Tom, Karoline, Eric and Kristen##imported-begin##Suzanne L. Las##imported-end##*

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August 19, 2010 at 10:26 AM



“ Gene, I am deeply sorry to hear your loss of Mom and would like to share sympathy with your family.##imported-begin##Yunsub Lee##imported-end##

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August 19, 2010 at 06:12 AM



“ Dear Annie and family, my thoughts are with you each day. You filled your mother's heart with love and pride.##imported-begin##Carol Albright##imported-end##

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August 18, 2010 at 11:38 PM



“ To Gene and family,  
So sorry to hear of your loss. I am sure she is now resting in peace with your Dad and her husband.  
My prayers are with you all.  
Your friend  
Becky and Family##imported-begin##Becky Carlotti##imported-end##

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August 18, 2010 at 10:09 PM



“ John and family, I am very sorry for your loss.  
scott williams and family##imported-begin##Scooter##imported-end##

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August 18, 2010 at 03:26 PM



“ Deepest sympathies to the entire Griesau family from your friends and coworkers at Sealed Air, Scotia##imported-begin##david & maria brown##imported-end##

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August 18, 2010 at 03:08 PM



“ *Ginny, Annie, Gene, Jack, Danny and Tom*  
*So sorry to hear of your mom's passing. What a sweet and lovely lady Big Gin was. I was always welcomed in her home, usually for a glass of her famous Arnold Palmer ice tea. How lucky you were to have such a wonderful mom, and she was as lucky to have such a wonderful family. Rest in Peace Ginny.*  
*Laura Wright-Smith##imported-begin##Laura Wright-Smith##imported-end##*

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August 18, 2010 at 02:13 PM



“ My love and prayers are with you all at this time of sadness and loss.....I will always remember Ginny as a wonderful teaching partner and skilled professional clinical nurse....but most of all as a devoted and concerned friend. Ginny knew my own mother had died when I was 19....she advised me through the births of three daughters, countless high fevers and viruses, chicken pox, playmate spats and sibling rivalry. I thank her for all the times she just "knew" something wasn't quite right, and touched my hand without a word.... and we'd commiserate on one or more worries or concerns of everyday life. There was also an abundance of laughter....mostly revolving around the adventures of our workplace.....in the classroom where we improvised caring for sick patients by demonstrating nursing assistant techniques on our students or each other! The actual clinical setting was sometimes humorous too; but was more often met with great pride and accomplishment, as each student realized what Ginny had been telling them all along...."You can do it!" During my last visit with Ginny (a week or so ago), she smiled at some of those silly stories and told me that "that job saved my life"....we held hands....we both were smiling and I told her that indeed she was the one who saved lives with her devotion, loyalty and the unconditional love that her family and friends came to depend on. Love you  
Ginny....##imported-begin##Linda Gottstein##imported-end##

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August 18, 2010 at 01:58 PM



“ John & Pat  
My deepest sympathy on the loss of your mom. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Linda  
Guess##imported-end##

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August 18, 2010 at 12:02 PM



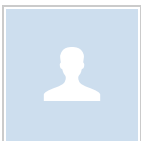
“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family Gene.*

*Although it's difficult today to see beyond the sorrow, May looking back in memory help comfort you tomorrow*

*When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure.##imported-begin##Anita Bienick##imported-end##*

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August 18, 2010 at 10:51 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy to the family for the lost of their mother. May her soul rest*

*in peace. Gene you are in our prayers.##imported-begin##Bibi Ramoutar##imported-end##*

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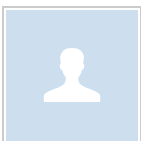
August 18, 2010 at 10:34 AM



“ *Gene, Sorry for your loss, May you be in comfort knowing your mother is no longer struggling but resting in peace.##imported-begin##Joelene Mitchell ##imported-end##*

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August 18, 2010 at 10:33 AM



“ *Gene, I am not sure if I will make it to your Mom's service, but will try. Please accept my heartfelt sympathy for your loss. There is no love like a mother's love.*

*Your friend,*

*Denise##imported-begin##Denise Madigan##imported-end##*

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August 18, 2010 at 10:30 AM



“ Tom,  
*I was very sorry to hear of you mom's passing. My deepest sympathy to you and your family.##imported-begin##Joe Conroy##imported-end##*

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August 18, 2010 at 09:37 AM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. What a wonderful woman, always so pleasant, warm and welcoming.*

*From the staff and Board of Directors at CDCI##imported-begin##Capital District Center for Independence, Inc.##imported-end##*

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August 18, 2010 at 08:30 AM



“ *Gene, Jack, Tom, Danny, Ginger & Ann*

*We always thought of her as a classy lady, throughout her life. Don't cry because she is gone, but smile because she was your Mom & remember the best times.*

*She will be missed dearly, our sympathy to all of you-Jackie & Rick##imported-begin##Jackie & Rick Hill##imported-end##*

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August 17, 2010 at 07:14 PM



“ *She was a lovely, sweet lady with wonderful stories and a great sense of humor. Always thoughtful, never selfish. Always brave & strong through difficult times, always there for her children. She never felt sorry for herself, and this time was no exception. Joe & I will miss her and her wonderful homemade iced tea!##imported-begin##Janice Verrastro##imported-end##*

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August 17, 2010 at 03:39 PM



“ *A wonderful woman! She would be so proud of her family. My deepest sympathy.  
Joyce##imported-begin##Joyce Beebe##imported-end##*

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August 17, 2010 at 02:07 PM



“ *My prayers go out to you and your family, may the Lord comfort you during this time.*

*Sherrilynn##imported-begin##Sherrilynn Capritta##imported-end##*

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August 17, 2010 at 12:12 PM