



Virginia "Ginger" McCluskey

September 18, 1936 - November 4, 2025

Virginia Rita Cherveney McCluskey passed away on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, in Topeka, Kansas. Ginger was born on September 18, 1936, in Toledo, Iowa, the daughter of James and Julia Cherveney. Ginger lived in Toledo, then moved to Marshalltown. She graduated from St. Mary High School in Marshalltown in 1954. On September 1, 1956, she married Jack H. McCluskey of Omaha, Nebraska. They were happily married for over 41 years.

Ginger worked as a bookkeeper locally in the automotive industry. She was employed by Dale Sharp Inc. in Topeka for over 30 years. In addition to work, she enjoyed many activities including ceramics, scrapbooking, and knitting. As an avid sports fan, she cheered on her favorite Kansas basketball and football teams.

Ginger is survived by her four children, Janis (Lloyd) Dennison, Dale (Tracie) McCluskey, Karen (JC) Brown, Susan Herl; 12 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and niece, Kara Kellogg (Jim Scarantino).

Ginger was preceded in death by her husband, Jack, sister, Darlene, brother, Jim, and grandson, Trey.

The family will greet friends between 5 to 6:30 p.m. where Rosary will be

prayed at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, November 9, 2025, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Monday, November 10, 2025, at Mater Dei Assumption Church, 204 SW 8th Ave., Topeka KS 66603. Burial will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mary's Choice or Mater Dei Parish or Mater Dei Catholic School, in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home.

Condolences may be sent online at www.kevinbrennanfamily.com

Cemetery Details

Mount Hope Cemetery

4700 SW 17th Street
Topeka, KS 66604

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 9. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Virginia "Ginger" McCluskey



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - November 06, 2025 at 03:01 PM

JB

“ Dear Aunt Ginger’s family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Loved the video saw both mom and dad in photos. Our parents always enjoyed their time visiting in Topeka. Uncle Jim and Aunt Donna’s family: Brian, Deb, Jamie, Curt, Tony, Kris, Brandon, Hannah, and Michael. Love to all! Jamie (we planted a tree for Ginger)

jamie burkhart - November 08, 2025 at 02:02 PM

JB

“ Jamie B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Virginia "Ginger" McCluskey.

Jamie B. - November 07, 2025 at 03:45 PM

BR

“ Susan and family,
So sorry to hear about Ginger. Having worked with her for over thirty years at Sharps she was a special lady. I always enjoyed our Monday morning conversations about Tyler and Treys football escapades from the weekend. Rest in peace Ginger
Bill Rowell

Bill Rowell - November 07, 2025 at 01:17 PM

SM

“ Beautiful photo tribute. As one of her neighbors for 20 years, watching Jayhawks and hiding in the bathroom when the game got too close are memories I'll never forget. Wonderful lady!!!

Suzanne Morgan - November 07, 2025 at 10:33 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Virginia "Ginger" McCluskey.



November 07, 2025 at 10:23 AM

PB

“ So sorry for your loss. Enjoyed our knitting times.

Patricia Bowes - November 07, 2025 at 07:49 AM

TG

“ Dale, Karen, and Susan,

I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. She was a wonderful person who helped me get my first job at Dale Sharp when I was 16. Please know that you all are in my heart and prayers.

Troy A. Grindol - Abilene, Kansas

Troy A. Grindol - November 06, 2025 at 09:31 AM

GL

I got you know Ginger through Jack who was my boss for number years. Great couple! I'm sure they will be missed. My sincere sympathy for your loss!

Gerri Lierz

Gerri Lierz - November 06, 2025 at 11:42 AM

DW

“ *My dear sweet friend & neighbor for over 20 years. Loved watching Jayhawk basketball with her & discussing our Chiefs & Green Bay Packers!*

DIANE Jean WILSON - November 05, 2025 at 07:40 PM

AS

“ *AWG ~ Category Sales purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Virginia "Ginger" McCluskey.*



AWG ~ Category Sales - November 05, 2025 at 03:41 PM

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BS

“ Ginger was our neighbor on McClure Court for 8 years until we moved she was such a sweet lady. I am sorry for your loss and send my sympathy to her family. Rest in Peace Ginger and Rise in Glory.

Brenda Schell

Brenda Schell - November 05, 2025 at 02:06 PM