



## Virginia Pierce

March 4, 1922 - January 29, 2019

Virginia Pierce, age 96, of Storm Lake, Iowa died on Tuesday, January 29, 2019 in Storm Lake.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, August 31, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake. Private family burial will take place in the Buena Vista Memorial Park Cemetery in Storm Lake. Visitation will take place from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service at the funeral home. The family asks that memorials be given to the: Keith & Virginia Pierce Music Endowment Fund at Buena Vista University: 610 W 4th St. Storm Lake, Iowa 50588. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Ginny was born on March 4, 1922, at her parents' farm near Rembrandt, Iowa, to Carl Edwin Mickelson and Emma Hadenfeldt Mickelson. She was baptized and confirmed in the Rembrandt Lutheran Church and attended school in Rembrandt graduating in 1939. Ginny attended Buena Vista College and graduated in 1941 with a teaching certificate. She was an elementary school teacher for several years in Ruthven and Marathon.

On January 8, 1944, Ginny married Keith Wilson Pierce in Evanston, Illinois, when Keith was serving in the United States Navy. After the war, Ginny and Keith returned to Storm Lake, where Keith practiced optometry with his father.

Ginny and Keith raised three sons, Jeff, Tim and Michael. Ginny created a warm and nurturing home life for her husband and boys and always made people feel welcome, including the friends of her children.

Ginny was a member of Lakeside Presbyterian Church, where she taught Sunday school for a number of years. She was actively involved and had leadership roles in a number of local organizations and clubs throughout her life, including the '37 Club, P.E.O., the Storm Lake Art Club and Questers. She and other friends started "Bridgettes" after the war, of which Ginny was the last surviving charter member. She was a co-founder of Storm Lake's "Meals on Wheels" and served on its board of directors for eleven years. She also served as president of both the BV Hospital Auxiliary and the Buena Vista County Republican Women.

Ginny was an active alumna of Buena Vista University. Her activities included serving on the BVU Alumni Board for three years and, along with her husband, as a BVU Order of the Arch Co-Chair in 2004. She and Keith were honored to receive the Henry Olson Distinguished Service Award from BVU in 2005.

Ginny lived a long and vital life centered around family. She was a devoted and caring mother to her three boys. She was blessed with six grandchildren and played an active and positive role in their lives. The past ten years saw the addition of six great-grandchildren, and Ginny thoroughly enjoyed her time with them. She and Keith reached a significant milestone earlier this month when they celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary.

Ginny was a person of grace, charm and character. She was a wonderful and supportive wife, mother, grandmother, aunt and friend and loved by many people.

Ginny's survivors include her husband, Keith; sons Jeff Pierce (West Des Moines) and Michael K. (Margaret) Pierce (Houston, TX); daughter-in-law Laura Pierce (Storm Lake); grandchildren Allison (Kevin) Pinkowski (Kansas City, MO), Ryan (Heather) Pierce (Lincoln, Neb.), Martha (Eric) Davis (Tucson, AZ), Michael R. (Krissi) Pierce (Ankeny), Kathryn Pierce (Austin, TX) and Timothy M. Pierce (Houston, TX); great-grandchildren Kaylee Pierce, Connor Pierce, Emma Pinkowski, Samuel Pinkowski, Grace Davis, and Henry Pierce; sister-in-law, Ruth Mickelson; and nieces and nephews Karen Sisler, Edwin Mickelson, James Mickelson, Gary Mickelson, Steven Mickelson, Rosalie Pierce-Rhodes, Mark Pierce and Cynthia Pierce. Ginny was preceded in death by her parents, her son Tim E. Pierce and her brother Roger Mickelson.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **31**. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake

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# Tribute Wall



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - August 29, 2019 at 05:19 PM



“ White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Virginia Pierce.



August 23, 2019 at 07:11 PM



“ I was so fortunate to have such a wonderful Aunt, with so many admirable qualities. She truly was the kindest person I have ever known.

*Ginny gave so much love to all of her family and community. She will be missed by everyone who knew her.*



Rosalie Ann Pierce-Rhodes - February 05, 2019 at 11:00 AM



“ *Classic Fireside Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Virginia Pierce.*



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February 02, 2019 at 03:02 PM



“ *To the Pierce family, I first met Ginny at the age of five. We were neighbors on Lochedem Drive. Many years later I got to know her better when I worked for Donna Jean Stille in her antique shop. Ginny was her best friend, and would sometimes work in the shop also. I have always admired Ginny for her great personality and kind ways. She was a beautiful lady inside and out, and she never aged. I always enjoyed any visit I had with her. I was fortunate to call her my friend. Many people are going to miss her. May God give this family peace and comfort.*

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**Carol Bertram** - February 02, 2019 at 02:36 AM



“ *Ginny was such a beautiful & classy lady that was always so sweet to everyone she met . Will miss her smile and so thankful had a wonderful celebration for their anniversary a few weeks ago . Many Prayers for Kieth , Jeff , Mike , Laura & Family .*



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**Dave & Patti Lange** - January 31, 2019 at 11:14 PM

JH

“ To the Pierce family,

*I was so sorry to hear of Ginny's passing. I had the pleasure to serve Ginny many times at The Flying Pig Cafe; she was one of my favorites! There were many days I'd take my break sharing a muffin or cookie with Ginny. Please know my thoughts are with your entire family, she was one in a million!*

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**Julie Seiler Heuton** - January 31, 2019 at 02:04 PM

EB

“ To the Pierce family,

*I am saddened to hear of the death of such a great lady. She was a sterling example of the greatest generation. She was always so classy---I always looked up to her. Some people leave a space that can't be filled. Love to all of you. Liz Block*

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**Elizabeth Block** - January 30, 2019 at 07:48 PM

JE

“ Such a wonderful person!!! She was the perfect representation of “June Clever” era. A wonderful family!!! I had just been thinking about she and Keith recently. Rest In Peace



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**Jane Shafer else** - January 30, 2019 at 02:28 PM

KC

“ K Chan lit a candle in memory of Virginia Pierce



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**k chan** - January 30, 2019 at 11:36 AM

CR

“ Keith, Jeff, Mike and entire Pierce family,  
Denny and I are so sad to read of Ginny’s death. We have so many  
memories of Ginny  
over many years, from Okoboji to Storm Lake to Florida. Her  
friendship to my parents  
was never changing. She was a true lady.  
Denny and Cynthia Robinson

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**Cynthia Robinson** - January 30, 2019 at 10:05 AM

JS

I was so sad to hear about Virginia. I always thought she was the most  
beautiful person, inside and out. My mom had so many memories of  
her and Roger and Emma. Now they will be together again.  
Joanne Gottschall Sachau

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**Joanne M Sachau** - February 01, 2019 at 07:30 PM