



## Mrs. Virginia "Ginger" M. Vahle

June 9, 1932 - May 24, 2024

Virginia "Ginger" M. Vahle of Lenox died Friday May 24, 2024 surrounded by her family.

Ginger was born in North Adams June 9, 1932, the daughter of the late Gerald and Virginia McDonough Sullivan. She was a graduate of St. Joseph High School (North Adams) in 1949 and Bliss Business School (North Adams). She was employed by the North Adams Transcript in the Business Office and later as secretary to the Superintendent of Lenox Public Schools.

She is survived by her husband Francis whom she married on May 30, 1956 at St. Francis Church in North Adams. Other survivors include daughters Mary Ellen Rennie (Gregg) of Madison, CT, Kathleen Harrison (Brian) of West Newbury, MA; Virginia Goggins (Thomas) of Pittsfield; Margaret Colwell (Kevin) of Mechanicsville, VA; sons Francis, Jr. (Tabitha) of Lenox and Paul (Edwina) of Birmingham, AL; Brother William Sullivan (Elizabeth) of CA; 14 grandchildren Matthew (Jennifer) Rennie, Daniel Rennie, Meghan (Thomas) Harrington, Peter (Maya) Vahle, Kristopher Vahle, Kallan (Erich) Yee, Connor (Amanda) Harrison, Elizabeth (David) Aitoro, Timothy (Bridget) Goggins, Virginia (Max) Roehmholdt, Nora Colwell, Sean (Alicia) Colwell, William Vahle, and Ansel Vahle and 6 great-grandchildren Thomas and Anthony Aitoro, Cameron and Harriet Yee, William Harrison, and Otto Roehmholdt, (with 7th, Baby Harrington due in July). She was predeceased by her brother Gerald, Jr.

and sister Mary Claire Walden.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Ann Church Saturday, June 1, 2024 at 10 am by the Rev. Monsignor John J. Bonzagni, Pastor. Burial will follow in St. Ann Cemetery. Calling hours will be held Friday from 4-7 pm at the ROCHE FUNERAL HOME. In lieu of flowers donations in Ginger's memory may be made to either St. Vincent de Paul Church in Lenox Dale or St. Ann Church in care of the funeral home, 120 Main Street, Lenox, MA 01240.

"Thine own soul a sword shall pierce." (Luke 2:35)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Ann's Cemetery

1 Ore Bed Road  
Lenox, MA 01240

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 31. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Roche Funeral Home  
120 Main Street  
P.O. Box 152  
Lenox, MA 01240  
(413) 637-0699  
eroche120fh@gmail.com

## Service

JUN 1. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

St. Ann's Church  
134 Main Street  
Lenox, MA 01240

## Burial

JUN 1. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Ann's Cemetery  
1 Ore Bed Road  
Lenox, MA 01240

# Tribute Wall

JN

“ Dear Fran & all the Vahle Family,  
So very sorry for the passing of your wonderful Mom, Ginger. We're  
sending you heartfelt sympathy, prayers & love.  
Jim & Heidi

Jim & Heidi Nejaime - June 03, 2024 at 08:03 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the  
family of Mrs. Virginia "Ginger" M. Vahle.



May 31, 2024 at 01:17 PM

MW

“ Mary Wallman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Virginia  
"Ginger" M. Vahle.

Mary Wallman - May 31, 2024 at 01:17 PM

SS

“ I just heard of Ginny's passing and wanted to send my condolences.  
We spent many a morning at Mass and praying the rosary  
afterwards. She and Frank were a very special couple, their love for  
each other was inspirational! She shared many words of wisdom  
over the years.  
May she rest in peace in heaven ❤️  
God Bless, Shirley and Michael Samale 🙏🏻🕊️

Shirley Samale - May 30, 2024 at 03:50 PM

PF

“ Patti, Joan, Susan and their families purchased the *Arrive in Style* for the family of Mrs. Virginia "Ginger" M. Vahle.



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**Patti, Joan, Susan and their families** - May 30, 2024 at 03:06 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Virginia "Ginger" M. Vahle.



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May 30, 2024 at 12:10 PM

TF

“ The Goggins Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Virginia "Ginger" M. Vahle.

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**The Goggins Family** - May 30, 2024 at 12:10 PM

SP

“ Dear Vahle family,  
Your Mom is such a beautiful soul, and my family appreciated her generous and holy prayers on our behalf. It was a privilege when I could join her, with my Mom and their beloved friends to pray the Rosary after daily Mass. Mrs. Vahle's voice was so distinctive, I will continue to hear her when I pray. We love her so much and though she will be greatly missed we know she will continue to advocate for us all from Heaven. xo  
Sharon Lahart & family

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**Sharon Lahart Popeo** - May 29, 2024 at 12:59 PM

PG

“ Dear Ginny and Family,  
We were sorry to read of your mom's passing. Know that our prayers and sympathy are sent to you. We are sure you have wonderful memories that you will keep close in your hearts. Call on them when you need a smile, a laugh, a tear.

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**Patrick and Marie Gormalley** - May 29, 2024 at 08:35 AM

BP

“ Deepest condolences. Over the years I had the privilege of getting to know most of the family and Ginger would love to tell what the kids and Francis were doing. You could tell how proud she was. Her Christian devotion was extraordinary; you and your family are in my prayers. Bruce Person

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**Bruce Person** - May 29, 2024 at 08:26 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Virginia "Ginger" M. Vahle.*



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May 29, 2024 at 08:22 AM



“ *Where do I even begin? Mrs. Vahle was a neighbor of ours through my youth and I had the pleasure to remain in contact with her throughout my life. She was kind, gentle, caring, encouraging; there aren't enough adjectives to accurately describe her sincerity.*

*A couple of decades ago I heard a sermon by a priest describing the perfect Christian. I remember thinking to myself; "He's talking about Mrs. Vahle".*

*I can easily recall her ever present smile and the genuine kindness in her eyes that immediately put anyone at ease.*

*My life is better for having known Virginia Vahle.*

*Rest in Peace my friend.*

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**Mike Regnier** - May 28, 2024 at 01:08 PM