



Mrs. Suzanne Merk Ginn

July 11, 1928 - April 2, 2021

Suzanne Merk Ginn was born July 11, 1928 in Athens, Georgia to the late Harry J. Merk Sr. and Marguerite Hill Merk and passed away on Good Friday, April 2, 2021. She attended school in Athens and in Winder where she graduated from Winder High School as Class Salutatorian in 1945. She graduated from the University of Georgia in 1949 with a BS in Home Economics. She worked in the Home Services Division of Georgia Power Company where she met her husband, Olin Winton Ginn, and they were married in 1954. They moved to the Briarcliff Woods Community of DeKalb County in 1958 where they raised five children. They were surrounded with the greatest neighbors and truly loved their neighborhood. Suzanne became a lifelong active member of Shallowford Presbyterian Church where she met many wonderful friends and faithfully served as Elder, Sunday School Teacher, Circle Club Leader, and Moderator of Shallowford Presbyterian Women in which she was honored as a lifetime member. One of her favorite endeavors was mailing birthday cards for many years to new and existing members of Shallowford. Suzanne believed in participating and serving her local community and was active in PTA, Garden Club, Georgia Power Ambassadors, Habitat for Humanity, Atlanta Ministry for International Students, and many other organizations throughout her life. Suzanne supported the University of Georgia and loved to cheer for her beloved Bulldogs. All five of her children are UGA graduates including many of their family members. Suzanne enjoyed traveling and visited 43 countries and all

50 states. She enjoyed hosting international students in her home during the holiday season. Suzanne moved to the Park Springs Retirement Community at Stone Mountain, Georgia in 2007, where she met many new friends and reacquainted with old friends. Suzanne's love of faith, family, and friends was the fabric of her life and she demonstrated this through her words and deeds to her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and extended family members.

Suzanne was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Olin, her grandson Stephen Harrison Ginn, her brother Harry Johnston Merk Jr, and nephew James Harry Merk. She is survived by sons Candler and his wife Susan Ginn of Cartersville, GA, and their children Mary-Frances Morgan (Mike) and Alexander (Sadie); Charles and his wife Kathy Ginn of Peachtree City, GA, and their children Allison Davis (Cory) and Amy Barton (Matthew); John and his wife Wendy Ginn of Knoxville, TN, and their children Meredith Wilson, Clayton (Kirby), and Truett; Frank and his wife Robin Ginn of Royston, GA, and their daughter Catherine; and daughter Frances and her husband Spurgeon Richardson of Amelia Island, FL; and their children Rachel, Sarah Grace, and Knox. She is survived by seven great grandchildren including Caroline, Henry, and Knox Wilson; Charlie, Sullins, and Pierce Barton; and Emerson Ginn. She is also survived by her nieces Janet Merk, Joyce Merk, and Jenny (Merk) Pitts.

In continuation of her service to others, Suzanne donated her body to the Emory University School of Medicine. A celebration of life service to honor Suzanne will be held at Shallowford Presbyterian Church at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations can be made to Shallowford Presbyterian Church (www.shallowford.org) or Thornwell Home for Children (www.thornwell.org).

Tribute Wall

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“ I did not know Mrs. Ginn. but I know her son/Daughter-in-law, Candler and Susan and they are wonderful. I know that she had to be an amazing lady! Thoughts and prayers to all the family! Dee and Greg Osborne



Delora Osborne - April 09, 2021 at 01:14 PM

GS

“ I'm so sorry to hear about Aunt Suzanne! She was one of the most sweetest person I know. I always enjoyed seeing her when she came to visit my Aunt Frances Stark. She will be sorely missed. Cherish memories of her. Love to all the family. Ginn & Tim Smith



Ginn Alford Smith - April 05, 2021 at 01:21 PM

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“ I am so very sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs. Ginn. I am praying to our Father in Heaven and asking Him to bring comfort to her family and friends.

Regina Hofele - April 05, 2021 at 08:36 AM

CV

“ *Cathy Mabry Vanover*

I am so sorry to hear Mrs. Ginn passed away. She was always so sweet and nice to me when I was young. Frances and I were friends in elementary and high school and I have many fond memories of being at their home for Girl Scout meetings, cheerleading practice, and play dates. I pray God wraps his arms around all of you as you go through this loss. 🙏

Cathy Vanover - April 04, 2021 at 05:59 PM



“ *The memories are countless. Suzanne was a dear friend whom I respected, admired, and was honored to serve with at Shallowford. However, one of my cherished memories is of her teaching 2-year old Sunday School to each of my daughters ... she always welcomed them with open arms ... they, in turn, were eager to greet her with a hug decades later! ... never too old to hug a friend!*

Kelly Weirich - April 04, 2021 at 12:09 PM

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Cathy Vanover - April 04, 2021 at 12:42 PM