



## Virginia Watson

March 1, 1937 - October 16, 2007

Virginia Grace Watson March 1, 1937 - October 16, 2007 TORRINGTON, WY..... A celebration of life for VIRGINIA GRACE WATSON, 70 , will be held at 10:00am on Friday, October 19, 2007 at the All Saints Episcopal Church with The Reverend Bond Houser and Rae Whitney co-officiating. Cremation will take place following the services and private family burial will be held at a later date. Virginia died, following complications from cancer surgery, on October 16, 2007 at the Medical Center of the Rockies in Loveland, Colorado. Visitation hours will be held at the Colyer Funeral Home on Thursday, October 18 from 1pm to 7pm. Those who wish may direct memorial contributions in Virginia's memory to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life Torrington Local Chapter . Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and friends are invited to send condolences to the family at [www.colyerfuneralhome.com](http://www.colyerfuneralhome.com) Virginia was born on March 1, 1937 in Haig, Nebraska the daughter of James Earl and Willa Ruth (Shaver) Halstead. She was the oldest of three daughters, all raised in the North Platte Valley. Virginia received her education at Torrington, Wyoming; graduating from Torrington High School in 1955. She went on to attend Beauty College at Scottsbluff, Nebraska; becoming a beautician; a trade she followed while educating herself to follow her true passion - to become a teacher. Virginia achieved her goal and first taught school at Huntley, Wyoming and then at Southeast School at Yoder, where she was employed until her retirement. Virginia met Richard E. 'Bud' Watson of Lingle, Wyoming while both were attending

Goshen County Community College at Torrington. The couple married on June 30, 1957 at Torrington and then resided in Lusk, Wyoming and Denver, Colorado before returning to Torrington in 1966 where they settled to raise their three daughters and a son. Virginia loved reading, sewing, cooking, and playing bridge. She enjoyed her many associations, spanning from Campfire Girls to the 'Red Hat Ladies' Society. Her greatest love was spending time with her family. 'Grandma Ginny' particularly enjoyed time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was always very active in her church and had a strong faith that transcended life's daily struggles and helped her grow always in her love and compassion towards others. She is survived by her husband, Bud, of Torrington; three daughters, Brenda (Bill) Vance of Laramie, Wyoming; Helen (Dan) Doherty of Greeley, Colorado; and Karen (Sam) Moore of Casper, Wyoming; her son, David (Jodi) Watson of Mt. Zion, Illinois; two sisters, Margie Roe of Hayden, Idaho, and Nidra Anderson of Grand Junction, Colorado; eight grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents.

# Tribute Wall

TH

“ *I used to live in their trailer house from them from Sept 1992-May 1994.*

---

**Teresa Hyatt** - June 07, 2018 at 07:16 PM

VE

“ *Bud,  
I was so sorry & shocked to hear about Virginia's passing. She was such a wonderful & caring lady & was a pleasure to be around. She will be deeply missed. My thoughts & prayers go out to you & the rest of your family.*

---

**Verity Elizondo** - October 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family--*

*Take care and God Bless !!*

*Debbie and Diana*

---

**Diana & Debbie Rawlings** - October 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Bud and family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My heart sank when I read the paper this week. Her memory lives on in the lives of her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. I am sure she has given them the same education she gave her classes. A warm smile and a friendly hello made her class very welcoming. I know that she lives on in the lives of her students that she touched in a special way...like me. I will never forget what wonderful memories she has made for me. She was a wonderful teacher and will be deeply missed by the Southeast community.

---

**David W. Miller** - October 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ What a lady!! I haven't known Virginia very long, but what a wonderful person and great leader of the 'Red Hat Society'. She will be missed!! Our sympathy and prayers are with you during this very difficult time. Love, Nadine

---

**Nadine Baker** - October 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM

NH

“ Bud and family,

We were saddened to hear of Virinia's passing. Our hearts go out to you at your time of loss. Please know we pray for you and your whole family that the Lord will ease your pain and take comfort in the knowledge that you will be reunited with her in heaven again.  
Yours in Christ,  
Neil and Kelli Holmes

---

**Neil and Kelli Holmes** - October 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Bud, we reach out to you and your entire family at this time of loss, not only to you but to the entire community. Having gone to school with Virginia and being a long time resident of Torrington and your friend, I have observed the personal growth of your family and the civic responsibility it assumed. This was in no small way due to her influence upon your family unit. Again, our best wishes follow you. Sincerely, Keith and Gwen Whitney

---

**Keith Whitney** - October 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Although I did not know Mrs. Watson personally, I am well acquainted with her daughter, Brenda. I suspect that Mrs. Watson was a woman of great compassion, kindness and humor since I have seen these qualities in Brenda. My thought and prayers are with her family in this time of great loss.

---

**Stephanie Schneider** - October 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Bud & Family,  
There are no words that can truly ease the pain of a loss like this. Please know that others feel for you and wish you comfort in your time of sorrow.  
"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."  
Psalms 46:1

---

**Barry & Cathy Sishc** - October 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ We are so sorry for the loss of your wife, your mother, grandmother, and friend. Virginia was an awesome lady who always had an open heart, a wonderful smile, and a stern look that ensured 'Rule # 9'. Our condolences to the entire Watson family for their loss, but we rejoice knowing that she is walking streets of gold singing praises to Jesus at this very second. Love, CJ, KJ, and the Lewis girls.

---

**CJ & Kendra Lewis & family** - October 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Bud, Margie and Nidra- Heartfelt condolences to you and family. Gin was a thoughtful, caring, fun lady. I will always appreciate all you and she did for my Mom. Sorry I couldn't be there. Cousin Larry and friend Rex

---

**Larry Halstead** - October 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Our prayers are with you and your family at this time. So very sorry for your loss. May God watch over you all. Love, Kathy Walker

---

**Kathy Walker** - October 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ We are so sorry to hear of your mom's passing, after her valiant fight for life. I know it is a huge loss from your family, and may memories of happier times sustain you all at this time. Our thoughts and comfort are with you at this difficult time.

---

**Joanne Steane and Bob Lick** - October 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ We are saddened to receive the news of Virginia's death. She was a devoted mother, teacher and member of All Saints, and she will be remembered in our prayers for the faithful departed this Sunday. Our sincerest sympathies go to the family, especially Bud, Helen and Dan, and David and Jodi.

*Fr. Harold and Christine*

---

**The Rev. Harold V. and Christine M. Smith** - October 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ Bud, Nidra Margi and family:

*I was so shocked to read the paper tonite. I just saw her in the past month or so. I did not know she was ill.*

*Rest assured she is with our dear Willa. You are all in my thoughts and prayers at this time. Love to all of you.*

*Pat and Bill*

---

**Pat Pickerel** - October 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ Bud & family,

*Virginia was a wonderful teacher. She had many talents and interests that she brought to the classroom. Today I still carry with me her enthusiasm for different cultures and travel. The highlight of my sixth grade year was our unit on Egypt and our studies of medieval history -- complete with a staging of the King's feast with foods that would have been served at that time. Her creativity and passion was applied to her life both in and out of the classroom. Her contributions were many.*

*Garrett Simonsen*

---

**Garrett Simonsen** - October 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Bud & family: I was shocked to hear of your loss. I am so thankful Shay & I saw her last year while we were in Wyoming. We would like to send our heartfelt condolences to you and your family. I might add, she was one great babysitter! We will keep all of you in our thoughts & prayers.

---

**Marsha Wiand Lund** - October 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ Note & card to follow.

---

**George & Lotus** - October 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ Virginia was so helpful when I started @ All Saint's. I was thrust into the Co-Presidency of the Women's Group however, I could always count on her for support! We cleaned the rectory together for our new priest, Mary Jellison and I really got to know her. I am so sorry that she is not going to be here anymore. She was always great at the soup suppers and guild meeting and rummage sales. Celeste

---

**Celeste and Cal Dahl** - October 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Sorry to hear of the passing of Virginia. We had not seen her in a very long time. We are classmates with the class of THS 1954. She was a close friend of two of my cousins, Donella Harris Smith and Grace Harris Cross. Blessings on your family.

---

**Stan & Marion(Harris) Weickum** - October 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM