



Virginia "Ginny" Spanagel Crawford

May 18, 1939 - December 30, 2011

VIRGINIA (GINNY) SPANAGEL CRAWFORD – born in Cleveland, Ohio on May 18, 1939, passed away peacefully at home with her family by her side on December 30, 2011, after fighting a remarkable battle with pancreatic cancer.

Ginny was raised in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, and graduated from Chagrin Falls High School in 1957. She received her Bachelor of Arts from DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana in 1961 and then moved to Chicago where she worked at Marshall Field & Company in their Interior Design Training Program. Ginny married Jack Dennis Crawford in 1963 and they were transferred from Chicago to Houston, Texas in 1970. She served as President of the Nottingham Forest Woman's Club and on the executive boards of the Nottingham Forest Club and Dad's Club USS Swim Team. She was a member of several PTA boards and First Junior Women's Club where she volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House of Houston. In addition to being a lifelong homemaker, she also shared her passion for interior design with others. For over 39 years Ginny was an active member of Memorial Drive United Methodist Church and in recent years served on the Wedding Guild.

She traveled the world visiting 6 out of 7 continents, and resided in England for two years. Her time as a docent at Bayou Bend was the culmination of her love of history, art and antiques. An avid Duplicate Bridge player, she achieved the rank of Bronze Life Master.

Ginny and Jack Crawford celebrated 44 years of marriage, until she was widowed in 2007. She first and foremost was a devoted and caring wife, mother, and grandmother.

She is survived by her daughters Cynthia Crawford Ray of Houston, Texas, and Carrie Crawford Rosamond of Dallas, Texas; son-in-laws Lee Martin Ray and Jamey Michael Rosamond; and her grandchildren, Austin Thomas Ray, Ryan Martin Ray, Lily Kate Rosamond, and Jack Miller Rosamond, and her brother, John David Spanagel.

We would like to give a special thanks to all the professionals that contributed to her ongoing care at M.D. Anderson, Hospice Compassus, and friends who provided her much support.

A Memorial Service to celebrate her life will commence at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 4, 2012, at Memorial Drive United Methodist Church, 12955 Memorial Drive. A reception will immediately follow at the church.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorial donations to MD Anderson Cancer Center, Pancreatic Cancer Research, P.O. Box 4486, Houston, Texas 77210-4486 or www.mdanderson.org/gifts, in Memory of Virginia S. Crawford.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

Memorial Drive United Methodist Church
12955 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX
<http://www.mdumc.org>

Tribute Wall



“ *Virginia "Ginny" Spanagel Crawford*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Virginia "Ginny" Spanagel Crawford*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Virginia "Ginny" Spanagel Crawford*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Virginia "Ginny" Spanagel Crawford*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *I do not know your family but have a proof of a piece of artwork your mother/grandmother did in 1962 entitled 'Mother and Daughter' maybe you would like to have it back in your family?*

laura ashton - February 17, 2014 at 01:17 PM

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“ I've always been impressed by Ginny's elegant and informed persona. I've spent many hours enjoying her company, playing bridge with her, listening to her advice and seeing interesting things. She opened her home to Lucy and me in England and spent days showing us fascinating places. She was my tennis partner for awhile and we managed to laugh our ways through grueling matches where she emerged looking the same way she began. Even though her bridge skills were miles above mine she always made me comfortable at the same table. And she was a source of comfort for Jack as he went through his medical problems. It's good that they can now be comfortable, pain free and together again. Mary Bruzzese

mary bruzzese - January 04, 2012 at 08:07 AM