



Virginia "Jinny" R. Christiansen

September 24, 1924 - December 25, 2019

GORHAM – Virginia “Jinny” R. Christiansen passed away peacefully on December 24, 2019. She was born in Westbrook on September 24, 1924 to John and Theresa (Ellis) Robertson. She attended local schools and graduated from Westbrook High School class of 1942. She was predeceased by her parents, brother Paul Robertson and her beloved childhood sweetheart and husband Alfred “Swede” Christiansen, Jr.

Jinny and Swede shared 54 years together raising four children. She loved being a stay at home mom and often commented how wonderful that time was in her life. Later on she worked for SD Warren/Scott Paper Co. in the accounting office for twenty years. After retirement, she and Swede traveled often throughout the United States and Europe. Jinny, however, always said her favorite place on earth was her “own backyard”.

In her later years, Jinny’s happiness was having her family near especially during the summer months when all her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren gathered at the family camp (Camp Bonus) on Sebago Lake. Camp Bonus was her father’s legacy resulting from his bonus for serving in France during WWI. Camp Bonus became the family center where great family times and everlasting memories are to this day still being made.

Jinny was an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Westbrook and truly enjoyed that close fellowship. Going to lunch with different groups of friends was something she always looked forward too. She thought this was great group therapy and jokingly called herself a “luncheonaire”. Jinny also enjoyed entertaining, knitting, and reading. Along with her many joys, she felt sadness as well; but for her that was a part of being human. Yet still, she found contentment in each phase of her life.

Jinny is survived by her four children and their spouses; Paul and Jane (Dyer) Christiansen of Gray, Pamela and Marlin Brant of Westbrook, Nancy and Raymond Fenstermaker of Little Elm, Texas and Kurt Christiansen of Windham. Jinny is also survived by seven grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

The family would like to give special thanks to the staff at “Inn at Village Square” Gorham for the care they provided.

A private graveside service at Woodlawn Cemetery, Westbrook will be held later this spring.

Comments



“ Our deepest condolences go out to the entire Christiansen Family. We have fond memories of seeing this wonderful and close family sharing so many special occasions and holidays filled with love and laughter at Camp Bonus. We feel so fortunate to be able to call ourselves friends and neighbors. If ever there was a description of what a loving family is all about, the name Christiansen would be in it. May peace be with this very special family knowing that your Mom, Grandmother, and Great grandmother are in the Kingdom of Heaven with the Lord in everlasting life. With our love and sympathy, Dick and Tina Duffy

Richard and Tina Duffy - January 02 at 01:42 PM



“ To the family of Jinny. I am so very sorry for your loss. Jinny was my neighbor in westbrook for as many years as I can remember. I often visited Jinny and Swede as they lived right behind us. I have very fond memories of them growing up as a child in the neighborhood. May she be at peace now with Swede.

Kelli Cook

Kelli Manson - December 31, 2019 at 06:12 AM



“ To the families of Paul, Pam, Nancy and Kurt~ So very sorry to hear about your mom's passing! I remember the great times we had at the camp at Sebago Lake eating pots of lobster and sweet corn when we came out to Maine for visits. I especially remember your mom's stash of red hots -her nerve pills! She was a sweet lady who loved Swede and her family! God bless your families with lovely memories! Sending Love from Iowa~Barb and Joe Juarez

Barb Juarez - December 30, 2019 at 07:44 PM



“ Paul, Pam, Nancy, and Kurt,
We're sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families at this very sad time.
Deepest sympathies,
Rick & Leanne Christensen

Rick & Leanne Christensen - December 30, 2019 at 06:39 PM