



Virginia 'Ginger' Whitehead

August 20, 1956 - February 24, 2020

Virginia 'Ginger' Lee (Rowan) Whitehead, 63, a lifelong resident of Fort Gibson, was born August 20, 1956 in Muskogee, OK to Alvis Carl and Ella Mae (Byfield) Rowan and received her eternal reward on Monday, February 24, 2020 in Muskogee, OK with her loving family by her side.

Ginger received her formal education at Fort Gibson High School, graduating with the class of 1974. After graduation, she went to work for the Muskogee Hospital as an aide for 4 years. She met James Whitehead in 1976 and on April 21, 1978 she married the love of her life, they spent 41 years 10 months and 3 days together.

Ginger worked for Anderson Wholesale, Home Health Care, Griffin's Food Company, the cafeteria at Fort Gibson Schools, and the highway tollbooth. The job she was most proud of was being a homemaker. A career she loved beyond measure. Later, she spent a few years caring for her parents until they both passed away. She was a member of the Fort Gibson First Baptist Church.

Ginger loved spending time watching sports with her children and grandchildren. Her passion and love for her family and friends was evident in everything she did.

Ginger is lovingly survived by her husband, Jim of the home; sons, Jamie Whitehead and his wife Holly, Billy Whitehead, Ricky Whitehead and his wife Ashley; brothers, Lonnie Rowan and his wife Brenda of Fort Gibson; Jimmy Dale Rowan and his wife Deb of Fort Gibson; Derrick and Julee Duke of

Mansfield, Texas; sister, Linda Wilson of Fort Gibson; sister in law, Beverly Rowan of Broken Arrow; 7 grandchildren, Tyler, Natalie Lee, Caroline, Colton, Micheala, Garrett and Jacen; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her son; James Carl Whitehead; parents, Alvis and Ella Mae Rowan; brother, Carl Rowan (Junior); mother and father in law, Billy and Glenda Duke, Floyd and Mary Whitehead; brother in laws, Mike Whitehead and Randy Whitehead.

A visitation with the family receiving friends will be held 5PM-7PM Friday, February 28, 2020 at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home in Fort Gibson. A service Celebrating Ginger's life will be held 10:00AM Saturday, February 29, 2020 at Fort Gibson First Baptist Church with Pastor Nate Capps, and her son Billy Whitehead officiating.

Committal prayers and interment will follow at Citizens Cemetery in Fort Gibson with Will Rowan, Donny Rowan, Berry Rowan, Jimmy Rowan, Robert Marshall and Jeff Foster serving as casket bearers. Honorary casket bearers are Logan Marshall, Jacob Rowan, Seth Rowan, Zach Rowan and Brian Rowan.

The family of Virginia 'Ginger' Lee Whitehead has entrusted her care, service and burial to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home, Fort Gibson, OK. 918-478-2555.

Online condolences may be left at clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com

Cemetery Details

Citizens Cemetery

Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Previous Events

Family Visitation

FEB **28**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home (Fort Gibson)
1224 E Poplar St
Fort Gibson, OK 74434
(918) 478-2555

Celebration of Life

FEB **29**. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church
304 E Hickory
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Tribute Wall



“ *Virginia 'Ginger' Whitehead*

January 29, 2023 at 12:59 PM



“ *98 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home - February 26, 2020 at 11:13 PM



“ *Gil and Pam Miller purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Virginia 'Ginger' Whitehead.*



Gil and Pam Miller - February 26, 2020 at 03:42 PM

KC

“ *Kaley Cooper lit a candle in memory of Virginia 'Ginger' Whitehead*



kaley cooper - February 26, 2020 at 02:38 PM

SB

“ *Sarah Blevins lit a candle in memory of Virginia 'Ginger' Whitehead*



Sarah Blevins - February 26, 2020 at 10:39 AM

SB

“ *I remember Gingers laugh she was always at the soccer games. She helped me a few times working on soccer drills. She was an amazing woman. I got to work with her in the Fort Gibson cafeteria for awhile and she taught me alot.*

Sarah Blevins - February 26, 2020 at 10:38 AM

CW

“ *Cynthia Wade lit a candle in memory of Virginia 'Ginger' Whitehead*



Cynthia Wade - February 26, 2020 at 10:04 AM

SC

“ *Saundra And Bill Coy lit a candle in memory of Virginia 'Ginger' Whitehead*



Saundra and Bill Coy - February 26, 2020 at 09:53 AM

TD

“ *We love you Ginger! Timmy, Leisha and Trent*



Timmy and Leisha Downey - February 26, 2020 at 08:52 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Virginia 'Ginger' Whitehead.*



February 26, 2020 at 12:16 AM

SH

“ *Shelly Hughes lit a candle in memory of Virginia 'Ginger' Whitehead*



shelly hughes - February 26, 2020 at 12:03 AM

GF

“ *Gayla Friend-Turner lit a candle in memory of Virginia 'Ginger' Whitehead*



Gayla Friend-Turner - February 25, 2020 at 11:36 PM

JD

“ *All those summers at the lake when we were kids. Roasting hot dogs and marshmallows. Making ice cream and having the time of our young lives. Cherished memories. Fly high Ginger. Love and miss you.*

Jean Rowan Deetz - February 25, 2020 at 11:28 PM

JD

“ *Jean Rowan Deetz lit a candle in memory of Virginia 'Ginger' Whitehead*



Jean Rowan Deetz - February 25, 2020 at 11:24 PM

DW

“ *Ginger, we sure had lots of fun on our summer trips furthering our education in Child Nutrition! You were a mom to alot of our children. You will be missed! RIP my sweet friend! Love you, Donna Walker*



Donna Walker - February 25, 2020 at 11:08 PM

CB

“ *Connie Breedlove lit a candle in memory of Virginia 'Ginger' Whitehead*



Connie Breedlove - February 25, 2020 at 11:03 PM

EB

“ *Eunice Brown lit a candle in memory of Virginia 'Ginger' Whitehead*



Eunice Brown - February 25, 2020 at 07:49 PM

KR

“ *Kathy Reich lit a candle in memory of Virginia 'Ginger' Whitehead*



Kathy Reich - February 25, 2020 at 05:06 PM

PJ

“ *Paula Jane lit a candle in memory of Virginia 'Ginger' Whitehead*



Paula Jane - February 25, 2020 at 01:41 PM