



## Virginia "Ginger" Leger

August 29, 1923 - September 8, 2018

Services honoring the life of Virginia Mae "Ginger" Leger will be 11:00 a.m., Thursday, September 13, 2018 at St. Benedict Catholic Church. Viewing will be at Hayhurst Funeral Home on Wednesday, September 12, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with a rosary at 7:00 p.m.

Ginger was born on Wednesday, August 29, 1923 in Kansas City, Missouri to Howard and Alta (Jett) Abston. Ginger passed away on Saturday, September 8, 2018 in Tulsa, Oklahoma at the age of 95.

Ginger was a resident of Tulsa for 59 years, and a member of the Church of St Benedict. Ginger graduated Northeast High School in Kansas City and met the love of her life there, James (Jim) Leger. They were married on August 23, 1942 at Budd Park Christian Church in Kansas City, Missouri and were married 69 years. Throughout Ginger's life, her devotion to husband, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren was the love of her life. And she attended every event physically possible.

While living in Kansas City, Ginger became a successful, runway, television, newspaper, and magazine model. After moving to Tulsa, she continued her modeling in both Tulsa and Kansas City. When traveling to Kansas City, many memorable trips were taking by train out of the Tulsa Union Depot. While always deeply spiritual, Ginger and Jim became a member of the Catholic

Church in 1994 at St. Pius X church.

Ginger was a life-long artist teaching painting classes in Tulsa area including “The Little Red Tollhouse”, “Triangle” and then at Hobby Lobby classrooms. She also joined her sister, Patti, teaching painting seminars in Missouri. Eventually, her sister, NeNe, was inspired to paint as well. Ginger had several instruction books published on painting.

Memorials may be made to Catholic Charities – Tulsa, 2450 N. Harvard Ave., Tulsa, OK 74115.

Ginger is survived by, sons, David of Omaha, Nebraska, Michael of Stillwater, Oklahoma, and Timothy of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, sister Marjorie (NeNe) Grissom of Rayton, Missouri, sister-in-law, Phyllis Callahan of Peculiar, Missouri, daughter-in-laws, JoAnn Leger, Theresa Leger, and Terri Leger. Grandchildren: Andy Leger, Chris, Danny and wife Tera, Anna and husband Efrain, Amanda and husband Mike, Elizabeth (Bessie) and husband Matt, Rachael and husband Sam, Sarah, and Allison. Great-Grandchildren: Jordan, Olivia, Eli, Sam, Avery, Emily, Libby, Ivey, Jaxon, Gracyn, and Joslyn, Nicolas, Lexi, and Ellery. Many nieces and nephews.

Ginger was preceded in death by her parents, husband James, son Thomas James Leger and sister Patricia Clarke.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

9101 S. Harvard Avenue  
Tulsa, OK 74137

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 12. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home  
1660 South Elm Place  
Broken Arrow, OK 74012  
(918) 258-9623  
hayhurstfuneralhome@gmail.com

## Rosary

SEP 12. 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Mass

SEP **13**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Benedict's Catholic Church  
2200 W. Ithica St.  
Broken Arrow, OK 74012

# Tribute Wall



“ *Virginia "Ginger" Leger*

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October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Virginia "Ginger" Leger.*



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September 12, 2018 at 11:34 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Virginia "Ginger" Leger.*



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September 12, 2018 at 06:47 PM

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“ I cannot remember a time when Ginger was not a part of my life. Pat and I were flower girls in her wedding. Ginger was a bride’s maid in mine. Jim walked my daughter, Maureen, down the aisle at her wedding because my husband had died. We shared many events in our lives. Thankfully, we shared more good times, than sad. Ginger, Jim, and I took vacations together to visit Lloyd in Florida, and in Denver. We all met in San Francisco to visit Geary, as well as the “Garlic capital of the World.” After Lloyd moved to Tulsa, we continued to add many wonderful memories, including early dinner hour at The Green Onion. Ginger and I attended the Windsor House for many of their annual Holiday Open Houses. Contrary to a popular belief, even though we enjoyed the champagne fountain, it was the chocolate fountain that drew our attention. What I hold dear, and will remember the most, is the laughter and love that was always present. An ordinary trip to the 71st street Mall, or lunch at Big Al’s or Chic Filet could become an adventure. I am thankful for our time together, and I will miss her, just as I miss my three brothers. All were an important part of my life. “Death leaves a heart ache no one can heal; love leaves a memory no one can steal.” (Author unknown)

Sweet, loving Ginger, I know you are with our Lord and your beloved Jim.

Your Sister-in-law, Phyllis

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Phyllis Callahan - September 12, 2018 at 02:40 PM

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“ Aberdeen Memory Care purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Virginia "Ginger" Leger.



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Aberdeen Memory Care - September 12, 2018 at 02:03 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Virginia "Ginger" Leger.*



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September 12, 2018 at 01:43 PM



“ *Robb, Darla, Al & Cheryl Vanskike Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Virginia "Ginger" Leger.*



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**Robb, Darla, Al & Cheryl Vanskike Family** - September 12, 2018 at 12:17 PM



“ *Todd, Jeremy, Jason, and Stacey with BOK Financial purchased the Delightful Dieffenbachia for the family of Virginia "Ginger" Leger.*



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**Todd, Jeremy, Jason, and Stacey with BOK Financial** - September 12, 2018 at 12:11 PM

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“ Dear Tim, Mike, David and all of Aunt Virginia's family

*My husband Jim and I send you our deepest sympathy on the passing of Aunt Ginger. She was such a warm and loving person and always made me feel so very special whenever we were together. She painted a beautiful picture for Jim and me as a wedding gift that I have always cherished. All of our love as you mourn Aunt Ginger's death, yet celebrate her beautiful life.*

*Love,  
Your cousin Cathy Ormsby*

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**Cathy Ormsby** - September 11, 2018 at 07:33 PM



“ A Full Life was purchased for the family of Virginia "Ginger" Leger.



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September 11, 2018 at 10:13 AM

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“ It is our honor and privilege to serve the Leger family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of Virginia.



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**Hayhurst Funeral Home** - September 08, 2018 at 06:21 PM