



Virginia "Ginger" J. Ray

September 23, 1944 - August 31, 2018

A successful real estate agent, dedicated community activist, volunteer, passionate horsewoman, animal lover and devoted family matriarch, died Friday due to complications from colon cancer. She was 73.

Ginger, born September 23, 1944 in Nashville, TN, was a lifelong resident of Louisville and Goshen, and graduated from Eastern High School. She attended college at Miami of Ohio.

Her flair for style, incredible fashion sense and attention to detail defined her early success in the ladies' retail industry at Louisville icons, Patswear and She. Later, she distinguished herself as a residential real estate agent for the Paul Semonin Company where she was a top producer, and later for Kentucky Select Properties.

She served on many boards including the Louisville Visual Art Association, the Louisville Ballet, the Episcopal Church Home, as well as Calvary Episcopal Church where she served as senior warden of the vestry.

Actively involved in the local horse racing culture, Ginger bred and raced thoroughbred offspring under the silks of her own Gingerbread Farm, and her highly visible racing syndicate, Leo's Gypsy Dancer, an all women syndicate.

She was an ardent runner and participant in many of the Derby Festival Mini Marathons. She was an avid traveler, sharing a passion with her late husband, Carl K. Ray, Jr., exploring national parks, enjoying the beaches of South Carolina, and venturing into exotic destinations abroad including Africa and Turkey.

Her greatest joy was her beloved granddaughters. Known as Gigi, she was an active cheerleader in her granddaughters' activities including swim meets, field hockey games, lacrosse games, horse shows and soccer games.

We are grateful for the compassionate surgeons, physicians, and nurses at the Norton Women's & Children's Hospital who oversaw her treatment and care.

Predeceased by her beloved husband, Carl K. Ray. She is survived by Laura Murray (Scott), Sarah Martin (Robert), adoring grandchildren Cora, Clare and Christine Martin, Olivia Murray, her sister Jeanie Johnson (Terence Hunt), her niece Emily (Hunt), step brother Paul Murray (Meredith) and step mother Mary Ann Johnson.

Private burial services will be held at Cave Hill Cemetery with a Memorial Service at 11am

Monday, September 3rd at Calvary Episcopal Church, 821 South Fourth Street. Visitation to follow.

The family requests that contributions of sympathy be made in the form of donations to causes that were close to Ginger's heart.

Louisville Visual Art Association, 1538 Lytle Street Louisville, KY 40203, Episcopal Church Home, 7504 Westport Rd, Louisville, KY 40222, or Calvary Episcopal Church, 821 S 4th St, Louisville, KY 40203.

Cemetery

Cave Hill Cemetery
701 Baxter Avenue
Louisville, KY, 40204

Events

SEP 3 **Memorial Service** 11:00AM

Calvary Episcopal Church
821 South Fourth Street, Louisville, KY, US