



## Virginia Gaines

October 27, 1938 - January 7, 2026

Virginia Lee (Schroeder) Gaines 87 of Clifton,il

Passed away Wednesday (Jan 7th)

At Labela Nursing Home Of Clifton

Evergreen Cremation

Memorial Later Date and Private Burial at

Kankakee Memorial Garden Later date.

Born October 27th 1938 in Streator,il

Daughter of Harold Bales and Zelma (Whitehurst) Bales

Married LaVern Joseph Schroedder July 25th 1955 he died Feb 15th 1995

And Married Ronald W Gaines he died November 12th 2015

Surviving

1 son Rodney Joseph Schroeder in Beecher il and 1 Grandson Matthew Ryan Schroeder in Venice, Florida

Preceded in death by 1 brother Robert Bales and 2 sister Shirley(Paul)Trainor

Patricia (Donald) Walker

# Tribute Wall

LM

“ Virginia, you were one of my favorite bank customers! I always looked forward to waiting on you. I am so sorry I hadn't seen you for a while. Rest in peace. I will miss you.

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**Lisa Meehan** - January 17 at 11:16 AM

SW

“ You were a good friend for 25 years and we ran into a glitch in our friendship and didn't see each other for years glad I got to see you before you passed and apologized and told each other we still loved one another I have always missed the time we shared and the trips we went on going to miss you friend rest in peace and I am sorry for everyone's loss

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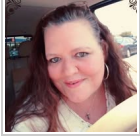
**Sharee Williams** - January 15 at 01:03 PM

RS

“ Thank you for letting me take care of you for over 8 years. You we're like a mother to me and you will be dearly missed. We had our ups and Downs, but we also had a lot of fun together. I love you more than words. Could say

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**Rose Spengler** - January 15 at 12:06 AM



“ Aunt Jinny,  
*I'm going to miss you more than words can hold.  
Thank you for being exactly who you were—kind, open-hearted,  
and so wonderfully patient. That's simply who you chose to be,  
every single day.*

*Even when my world felt confusing or “different,” you never pulled  
away. You stayed curious. You tried to understand. And somehow,  
you always knew just how to meet me right where I was—with no  
judgment, only gentle encouragement. That, in my eyes, was a gift  
and it was rare, and it meant everything.*

*You made the world feel smaller, safer, less overwhelming. You  
were my soft place to land, one of those who truly saw me. You  
were the last!*

*Please give my Mama (your baby sister) a big hug from me, and tell  
her how much I miss her. Hug my grandparents too. And please,  
find my sweet baby boy Dante—he's probably chasing a cat or  
begging for a potato chip somewhere, with his little piggy tail  
wiggling. Give him the biggest scratch behind the ears and tell him  
Mommy loves him forever.*

*Everyone who ever truly saw me is gathered with you now, in the  
clouds, in that beautiful place of peace. I look forward to the day I  
get to join you all.*

*I love you forever, Aunt Jinny.  
Rest in the peace you gave so freely to everyone else.  
Your Angelic 💙*

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**Angelic Cole** - January 12 at 05:06 AM

MR

“ You were always such a delight to be around. You will be missed.

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**Marlene Russell** - January 09 at 09:07 PM