



## Virginia "Ginny" A. Kresge

June 19, 1925 - May 6, 2018

Longtime Napa resident, Virginia (Ginny) Annie Kresge, passed away on May 6, 2018 surrounded by her loving family. Ginny was born in Bethlehem, PA to Lawrence Earl Noll and Carrie Consuela Engler on June 19th, 1925. She grew up in Bethlehem, graduating from Liberty High School in 1943 and then St. Lukes Hospital School of Nursing in 1946, followed by a Bachelor of Science from the College of the Holy Names in 1971. Ginny met Richard Wesley Kresge while he was on leave from the Navy during World War Two and they married on March 24th, 1944. Richard was a graduate of Moravian College and earned a Masters degree in History from the University of California, Berkeley. Throughout Ginnys career, she enjoyed bedside nursing as well as long-term care in geriatrics, which led to her work at the Veterans Hospital in Yountville, CA. She received personal satisfaction from working with this population who were so often misunderstood. Ginny worked for the transformation of attitudes in the care and needs of the elderly, emphasizing their individuality, personal medical requirements and desires. Ginny and Richard enjoyed raising their three children, camping while exploring the United States, as well as golfing. Ginny prided herself on providing a warm, welcoming home for her family and their friends. Throughout her daily life, Ginny used her personal gifts and attributes to help others fulfill their life goals. Ginny was a great believer in the power of education. As a result, she was a member of the nonprofit organization, American Association of University Women, which promotes equity and education for women. This

organization led to her civic work at "The Table" in Napa. Ginny loved all music and participated in Faculty Wives Choral Groups. She loved baking, swimming, sewing, singing, playing bridge and especially gardening. Richard Kresge preceded Virginia in death in July of 1998 after fifty-four years of marriage. She is survived by her three children: Jeffrey (wife Jennifer), Sheridan "Sam" (wife Raylene), and Sally (husband Ron Johnson). She has ten grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren. A Celebration of Life will be held at the Treadway & Wigger Funeral Chapel on June 24th, 2018, at 10:00 followed by a reception at Napa Valley Country Club at 11:30. In honor of Ginnys commitment to education and equity, in lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the American Association of University Women. Please make checks payable to AAUW, PO Box 98045, Washington D.C. 20090-8045. Online donations can be made at [AAUW.org](http://AAUW.org).

Funeral Home:

Treadway & Wigger Funeral Chapel  
2383 Napa-Vallejo Highway  
Napa, CA  
US 94558

# Tribute Wall



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**Treadway & Wigger Funeral Chapel & Crematory** - February 05, 2020 at 09:28 AM



“ *Virginia "Ginny" A. Kresge*

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November 19, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *Oh, Mrs. Kresge! You were the finest of humans and Nursing Instructors ever! Mrs. Kresge truly loved our Veterans and taught the highest standard of care & loving compassion with no exception. You met her standards or you did not get the privilege of caring for her patients. All of us who worked & strived to learn from this amazing teacher were humbled and extremely proud to meet her expectations. I remember the depth of warmth in her eyes & the kind words that she would only give in sparing, sincerity- like a treasured gift. I am so honored to have known you. Thank you always. You are an angel now among angels. My deepest condolences to her family.*

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June 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM