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'Ginny' Caldwell, 95, 'Loved to Quilt, Knit, Play Bridge, Politely Correct Your Grammar and Make You Laugh'

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Harriet Virginia Paine Caldwell — Ginny to all who knew her — peacefully passed away on Thursday, March 18, 2021 in Overland Park, Kansas.

A wife, mother, sister, Grammy, Great Grammy, aunt, and friend to many, at 95 years old she held many titles and left this world knowing how much others loved her.

She was born on July 31, 1925 in Baltimore. She was the oldest of seven siblings and will be forever cherished by her two living sisters — Merrie Frances Miller and Catherine (Kitty) Louden.

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Ginny was raised in Baltimore and moved to the Kansas City area in her teens, graduating from Shawnee Mission (now North) High School in 1943.

Following high school she worked for The Farm Credit Bureau where she met the love of her life, Kenneth E. Caldwell, whom she married on Oct. 17, 1945.

Their three children (Karen Kelly, Timothy Caldwell, and David Caldwell) recall the loving household that Ginny created and the life lessons she taught them.

She loved many things, including her "geddles" — granddaughters Lynn Schaffer, Megan Buettner, Amanda Dennis, and Sara Caldwell, and her favorite grandson Christopher Caldwell. She was an inspiration to great-grandchildren Lauren Schaffer, Mackenna Schaffer, Caden Schaffer, Madison Buettner, Trey Buettner, and Simon Dennis.

Ginny lived many places, and favorite memories are of Darien, Easton, Maryland; Hilton Head, South Carolina; Littleton, Colorado; Fearington Village, North Carolina; Silver Spring, Maryland; and Overland Park.

She told the best stories of her travel adventures, including many cross-country road trips with Ken and vacations with her sisters. She loved to quilt, knit, play bridge, politely correct your grammar, and make you laugh. She was cute as a button, delightfully stubborn, and extraordinarily warm and caring.

Ginny was preceded in death by her soul mate, Ken; her parents, four brothers, and many other loved ones. Giving to others even in the end, Ginny's final gift was to the Anatomy Gifts Registry so that she could provide a lasting impact on medical science and education.

A celebration of Ginny's life will be planned for late spring. In lieu of flowers, please consider a charitable donation to [Alphapointe](#) to assist individuals with vision loss.

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