



Virginia "Ginny" Munson McTier

October 10, 1932 - May 3, 2026

Virginia "Ginny" Aldrich Munson McTier, 93, of Lake Forest, IL passed peacefully on May 3, 2026 in her home, surrounded by love. She was the devoted wife of John C. Munson, and second husband, Samuel E. McTier, the mother of Catherine Munson Rogerson, John Chester Munson Jr., and Laura Aldrich Munson, grandmother to seven, and great-grandmother to three. She was a faithful servant of God, a strong community leader and charity advocate, a talented interior designer, and friend to many.

Born October 10, 1932, in Evanston, IL, she was the daughter of Jefferson Elliott Aldrich and Catherine Stinson Aldrich. They lived in downtown Chicago where she graduated from the Girls Latin School in 1950, followed by Bennett Junior College in 1952.

Virginia served on the Junior Board of Passavant Hospital, Junior Board of Illinois Children's Home and Aid Society, and Junior Board of the Lyric Opera all before 1956. She also served on the boards of: the Junior League of Chicago, Infant Welfare Society of Chicago, the Women's Board of Northwestern Lake Forest Hospital, and the Chicago History Museum. She was president of: the Women's Guild of the Church of the Holy Spirit, the Lake Forest Chapter of the Infant Welfare Society of Chicago, and the Altar Guild of the Church of the Holy Spirit. She was a member of: the Antiquarian Society of the Art Institute of Chicago, the Contemporary Club of Chicago, the

University Club of Chicago, the Onwentsia Club of Lake Forest, and the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Illinois.

In 1967 she started an interior design business called Virginia Munson Interiors doing primarily residential work, however she also did jobs for companies, including decorating an apartment in Chicago's John Hancock building, as well as a yacht in Europe.

A history lover, she was devotedly involved in the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Illinois as their President (1982–1984). She was a Representative to Sulgrave Manor in England, and on the boards of the Regents of Gunston Hall in Lorton, VA, Lady of Dumbarton House in Washington, D.C., and the Fund for the Future for Dumbarton House.

She served on the City of Lake Forest Caucus, and on the Historic Preservation Commission for six years. In later years, Ginny was involved in her Lake Forest Place community, serving on the Resident Advisory Committee, chair of the Landscape Committee, and Dining Services Committee.

Her loyalty, spirit, work ethic, and generous nature are engraved in the hearts of all who knew her.

Funeral service to be announced.

Cemetery Details

Lake Forest Cemetery

1525 North Lake Road
Lake Forest, IL 60045

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

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“ Aunt Ginny, always and forever known as the Applesauce Lady in our household. Some of my earliest memories are standing on a chair at the counter mashing hot from the pot, fresh picked apples while she and my mom (Jean Mullett) talked and laughed about whatever it was that little boys didn't care about at all. As long as the cool apple masher thing worked I was content! Rest in peace, Aunt Ginny and I'll keep telling my kids and grandkids the stories about the Applesauce Lady.

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“ Ginny was always "Aunt Ginny" to me -- her close friendship with my late grandmother, Joanie Betts Bent, far preceded my arrival into the Betts/Bent family in '79. I always thought she was so beautiful and the perfect best friend for my grandmother. I'm thankful that Ginny also brought Laura into the world -- quite possibly one of the most breathtakingly wonderful humans ever. Thank you, Aunt Ginny, and rest in peace.

Justine Treadwell - May 15 at 09:52 AM