In Memory of

Virginia Bierman

December 6, 1944
Cresbard, South Dakota

October 23, 2026
Tempe, Arizona



Celebration Of Life

11:00 a.m., Friday, November 6, 2026
Luce Funeral Home - Faulkton, South Dakota

Officiant

Pastor Thomas Sumers

Music Selections

"Amazing Grace"
"The Old Rugged Cross"

Burial

Cresbard Cemetery
Cresbard, South Dakota

The family warmly invites you to join them following the celebration of life & burial for lunch and continued fellowship at the United Methodist Church Fellowship hall.

Virginia Dale Horning Bierman, of Mesa, AZ, and formerly of Cresbard, SD, Gini passed away peacefully early on the morning of October 23, 2026, at Friendship Village in Tempe, AZ. She attained the age of 81 years, 10 months and 17 days.

Virginia Dale Horning Bierman was born on December 6, 1944, to Dale & Alyce (Petersen) Horning near Cresbard, SD. She was known to friends and family as "Gini". Gini graduated from Cresbard High School in 1962. She had also taken a few classes at Northern State University to further her education and received excellent grades in those classes.

On April 13, 1969, Gini married the love of her life, Richard "Dick" Bierman in Cresbard. Together, they welcomed three children: Brian Bierman, born October 16, 1969; Alissa (Craig) Nelson, born November 30, 1971; and Kara (Mark) Roben, born May 22, 1976. They lived in the South Dakota communities of Cresbard, Lead, Warner, Mansfield, Northville and eventually to Aberdeen in 1990.

Gini dedicated 37 years of her working life to Dakota Midland and Avera St. Luke's in Aberdeen, South Dakota, before retiring in 2013. During her years in Aberdeen, Gini enjoyed going to dances with friends and even played in a steel-tip dart league, where she earned a few awards, including one for "most games won." Whether she was out with friends or gathered around a table with family, Gini enjoyed a little friendly competition.

Never one to hide her dislike of the cold South Dakota winters, Gini wasted little time making her way to Mesa, Arizona after retirement in 2014. In Mesa, the community she lived in, Brentwood West, became the second family that she loved. She loved having family and friends come to visit and was always ready with her familiar invitation to "move here, the weather's great!" Gini was a member of Red Mountain United Methodist Church in Mesa, AZ.

Sunday afternoons were often spent playing games and cards with family and friends, with favorites like Rummikub, 5 Crowns, and Minnesota Marbles. Gini had a fiercely competitive streak and definitely didn't like to lose. If you were her partner, you had to keep your game face on at all times! These gatherings were about more than the games themselves; they were opportunities to spend time together, share laughter, and make memories.

Gini had a quick wit and a wonderful sense of humor, and those who knew her appreciated her sharp observations and the laughter she brought to everyday moments. She enjoyed reading and could often be found with a book, enjoying some quiet time. One of her greatest comforts and companions was her beloved cat, Meiko, who held a very special place in her heart.

She is survived by one son, Brian Bierman of Redfield, SD; two daughters, Alissa (Craig) Nelson of Baltic SD, and Kara (Mark) Roben of Sioux Falls, SD; six grandchildren, Hannah (Matthew), Jessica (Joseph), Alex, Andrew, Kaden, and Taylor; and six great-grandchildren, Mia, Jonathon, Clara, Crew, Emersyn and Sutton; two sisters, Barbara (Terry) Taylor and Vicki (Gary) Berndt; and two brothers Kevin (Sharon) Horning and Randy (Diane) Horning

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Richard, and her parents, Dale and Alyce Horning.

Gini will be remembered for her love of family and friends, her competitive spirit, and her unmistakable way of making life a little more fun. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

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