

## Grandmother

God looked around his garden- And found an empty place,  
He then looked down upon the earth- And saw your tired face.

He put his arms around you -And lifted you to rest.

God's garden must be beautiful -He always takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering -He knew you were in pain.

He knew that you would never - Get well on earth again.

He saw the road was getting rough - And the hills were hard to climb.

So he closed your weary eyelids - And whispered, 'Peace be thine'.

It broke our hearts to lose you - But you didn't go alone,

For part of us went with you - The day God called you home.

-Anonymous



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SHENANDOAH, IOWA



In Loving Memory

*Ginger Hackett*

Eugenia (Ginger) Rhea (Shepherd) Hackett, daughter of Gene and Louise (Boren) Shepherd, was born on March 23, 1946 in Arkansas. She entered into eternal rest on Tuesday morning, March 9, 2021 in Mesa, Arizona, with her daughter, Heather by her side at the age of 74 years, 11 months, 14 days.

On April 25, 1969, Ginger was united in marriage to Fred Nathan Hackett at Poteau, Oklahoma. They made their home in Shenandoah, Iowa, following their marriage and were blessed with two daughters, Shawnette and Heather.

Throughout her many years in Shenandoah, Ginger was involved in both the community and the family business, Hackett Funeral Home. She was a member of the Home and Garden Club, working to promote the beauty and charm of Shenandoah to residents and visitors alike. Ginger was also an AFS parent (sending Heather to Greece in 1990) and an AFS host parent (hosting Francesco Gospari from Italy and Christian Burmudez from Costa Rica). In addition, Ginger and Fred were members of the Southwest Iowa Theater Group and supported many of their productions. She was a member of the Shenandoah First United Methodist Church and was instrumental in the Youth Club program. She helped organize weekly activities and taught Bible classes.

One of her greatest talents was home design and decorating. Ginger loved to make her home beautiful, and her friends loved that she was willing to help them make their homes beautiful as well.

In 2000, Ginger and Fred moved to Chandler, Arizona, to be close to their grandchildren, Emma, Riley, Max and Brody. Ginger was a dedicated grandmother to her grandchildren and treasured the time they spent together. She volunteered at Dobson Academy where her grandchildren attended school. Even with her failing health, Ginger assisted Brody with his homework every day. Her grandchildren's education was extremely important to her.

Preceding Ginger in death was her husband of 51 years, Fred Hackett; parents; and brother. Left to cherish her memory are her two daughters, Heather Hackett of Chandler, AZ and Shawnette Hackett of Tacoma, WA; six grandchildren, Emma Martin and fiancé Brett Roberts of Shenandoah, IA, Riley Martin of Omaha, NE, Maxwell Hackett of Chandler, AZ, Brody Hackett-Wilson of Chandler, AZ, Charlie Curtis of Salt Lake City, UT and Evan Daniel of Tacoma, WA. Ginger also leaves behind her chosen family, Joe and Jenni Martin of Shenandoah, IA and chosen grandchildren, JJ and Marlowe Martin of Shenandoah, IA. Ginger and Jenni had a very special bond. Jenni opened her home and her heart to Fred and Ginger and included them as her family.

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**CELEBRATION OF LIFE GATHERING**

1:00 pm ~ 4:00 pm

Saturday June 12, 2021

Depot Restaurant and Lounge

101 N Railroad

Shenandoah, Iowa

**PLACE OF REST**

Rose Hill Cemetery ~ Shenandoah, Iowa

**MEMORIALS**

Directed to the Family