



## Virginia "Ginger" Sloan Donahue

January 23, 1933 - July 30, 2025

Virginia "Ginger" Sloan Donahue, age 92, beloved wife of the late Clarence Eugene Donahue, passed away peacefully on July 30, 2025 at the Gordon Hospice House in Statesville, NC, after a courageous seven-year battle with dementia.

Born on January 23, 1933, Ginger was a daughter of the late Wade and Annie Martin Sloan. Being one of six girls, Ginger grew up in a close-knit family and graduated from Central High School in 1951. Years later, she furthered her education at Central Piedmont Community College and worked as a school cafeteria manager, a role that perfectly suited her caring heart and love of feeding others, both body and soul. Ginger dedicated over 25 years to Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools before retiring.

Ginger was also an active and devoted member of Pisgah Methodist Church in Hiddenite, NC where she lived out her faith through quiet service and kindness. Known for her warmth, wit, and generous spirit, Ginger had a gift for bringing joy to those around her. Her pound cake was a signature treat shared with many and her home was always a place of welcome and comfort. Before entering public work, she babysat dozens of children over the years, all of whom she loved as her own. She was a "second mom" to many. Ginger was a natural hostess and an example of grace and hospitality. Her gift was making people feel at home, no matter where they came from or what they needed. Like her own mother, Ginger had a fondness for zinnias and delighted in their beauty.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her daughter-in-law, Becky Donahue; grandson, Wade Donahue; sisters, Yvonne Gibson (Jack), Ruby McLain (“Babe”), and Katherine Sprinkle (Haskell); and brother-in-law, Don Ziglar. Ginger’s legacy lives on through her five children: Dr. Michael Donahue (Susan) of Lenoir, Rev. Cecil Donahue (Anne) of Greensboro, Dale Donahue (LeAnn) of North Myrtle Beach, Brenda D. Siniard (Lee) of Hiddenite, and Robin D. Lambe (Joe) of Kannapolis. She is also survived by 13 grandchildren — Paul (Katie), Thomas, Riley (Jenica), Ashley (Shane), Brandi (Chad), Dustin (Jeni), Alli (Brett), Taylor, Melanie (Shea), Caleb (Mary), Justin (Courtney), Shane (Kirsten), and Ciara — and 20 great-grandchildren. Her sisters, Linda Ziglar and Susan Raymer (Ray), along with numerous nieces and nephews, also mourn her passing and celebrate her life.

The Donahue family would like to acknowledge Iredell County Hospice and Palliative Care for their excellent services provided to Ginger and her family during recent months. The supportive compassionate care they received at the Gordon House was extraordinary. A visitation will be held at Pisgah Methodist Church on Saturday, August 2, 2025 at 10:00 AM, followed by a funeral service at 11:00 AM, officiated by Reverend Matt Harrold. Chapman Funeral Home of Stony Point is serving the Donahue family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Pisgah Methodist Church Building Fund (488 Hill Farm Road, Hiddenite, NC 28678) - a place that meant so much to Ginger throughout her life, and to Gordon Hospice House of Statesville (<https://apps.hoic.org/donate-now>).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Pisgah Methodist Church  
488 Hill Farm Rd  
Hiddenite, NC 28636

## Funeral service

AUG 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

Pisgah Methodist Church  
488 Hill Farm Rd  
Hiddenite, NC 28636

# Tribute Wall

BS

“ *Brenda Sherrill lit a candle in memory of Virginia "Ginger" Sloan Donahue*



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**Brenda Sherrill** - August 04, 2025 at 02:20 PM

SG

“ *Dear Donahue family, we are sorry to hear about Ginger. She was a great sister to my aunt, Yvonne, who will be missed. May God give you peace and comfort in the coming days. Susan Gibson family*

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**Susan Gibson** - August 03, 2025 at 08:23 PM

DA

“ *To all you, my nieces and nephews and family members, I cannot convey the sorrow I feel for you today. Just know that I loved your mom with all my heart. I probably will soon be joining her. I have prayed to live to see my great-grand child which was born 7/26/25 to Randy and Hunter Boles, I'm sure Cathy has told you and maybe showed you pictures of her. I would love to see all of you, and if you are ever in this area, I would appreciate a visit. I know Cathy enjoyed her many visits over the years with your mom. Again, you all have my deepest sympathy.  
Your Aunt Doris*

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**Doris Allen** - August 01, 2025 at 09:01 PM

DD

“ *I am so sorry for your loss, but what a blessing this wonderful lady was to so many lives she touched....including mine.*

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**Dawn Dale** - August 01, 2025 at 06:35 PM

WF

“ Winky & Leah Donaldson and family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Virginia "Ginger" Sloan Donahue.



Winky & Leah Donaldson and family - August 01, 2025 at 01:51 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Virginia "Ginger" Sloan Donahue.

August 01, 2025 at 01:05 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Virginia "Ginger" Sloan Donahue.



August 01, 2025 at 01:05 PM

JT

“ Sending prayers of peace and comfort for the family and friends during their time of loss!!

Jackie Teague - August 01, 2025 at 07:06 AM

BL

“Ginger always has a way of telling things, that would make you smile, chuckle or flat out laugh. She shared that when mowing her yard, she would sing "Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King". (A song that was played and sang at the recessional of another church member.) Whenever I hear that song, I think of her and smile. And now she is seeing THE KING.

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**Becky Lambert** - July 31, 2025 at 12:56 PM

PG

She was a treasure. We were blessed to have her for a neighbor for many years and grew to love her like she was our own family. Yes, we got to enjoy those amazing pound cakes, and listen to her share those funny stories. Our dog, Cocoa took up with her and would visit her often. She never complained. She was a beautiful example of how we are to "love one another."

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**Penny Goodin** - July 31, 2025 at 02:49 PM

LB

Grew up in church with Virginia and her family in Charlotte. She was always such a sweet lady. My mother and Virginia grew up together also.

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**Lisa Walker Brandes** - August 01, 2025 at 07:49 PM