

IN LOVING MEMORY

# Virginia Hagen



**JANUARY 9, 1956**

**APRIL 19, 2021**

Virginia Mae Melin was born on Jan 9, 1956 to the late Vernon and Marlys (Westbrook) Melin in Willmar, Minnesota. She was baptized and confirmed at Mamrelund Lutheran Church in Pennock Minnesota. Virginia graduated from Willmar High School. She then worked as a nursing assistant caring for people. She attended college in Willmar until she earned her LPN degree 1983.

Virginia married Ron McCleary and this union was blessed with three children, Ryan, Jamie, and Tanya. On August 29th, 1987 Virginia was united in marriage to the love of her life, Peter Hagen. In this union Virginia gained a stepdaughter, Jackie. Together they raised their children in Henning area.

Virginia spent her career as a nurse caring for and loving people. She first worked at the Henning Nursing Home for over 20 years. Virginia then excepted a nursing position at the VA Hospital in Sturgis, South Dakota and worked there for 6 years before transferring to the VA Clinic in Alexandria where she finished her career doing home visits caring for area Veteran's.

In Virginia's leisure time she found joy spending time with family and friends. Other things that brought her happiness were fishing and working in her flower and vegetable gardens. She was always up for a road trip with no destination as long as it involved Pete.

Virginia is preceded in death by her parents, Vernon and Marlys Melin.

Virginia had a long, courageous fight with cancer. On the morning of April 19th, 2021 with her family by her side at Mayo Hospital in Rochester, MN she passed away.



If tears could build a stairway and memories were a lane,  
I would walk right up to Heaven and bring you home again.  
No farewell words were spoken, no time to say good-bye...  
You were gone before I knew it, and only God knows why.  
My heart still aches in sadness and secret tears still flow,  
What it means to lose you no one will ever know.

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**Born**

January 9, 1956  
Willmar, Minnesota

**Died**

April 19, 2021  
Rochester, Minnesota

**Service**

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
Henning, Minnesota  
Saturday, April 24, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

**Clergy**

Pastor Keith Lankford  
Pastor Run Wasson, Jr.

**Pallbearers**

Zachary McCleary ~ Preston McCleary ~ Steven Masters  
Trenton McCleary ~ David Hagen ~ Dominic Doble

**Honorary Pallbearers**

All Other Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren

**Survived By**

Loving husband: Peter Hagen; children: Ryan (Rachael); Jamie (Tonia); Tanya (Reed); and Jackie, 16 grandchildren;  
2 great-grandchildren; sister: Marsha (Greg); brothers: Bill (Connie); and Marvin (Donna); and many nieces and nephews

**Laid to Rest**

Good Shepherd Lutheran Cemetery  
Henning, Minnesota