



Leslie Virginia Meents

March 4, 1967 - November 29, 2018

Leslie Virginia Meents, age 51, passed away on Thursday, November 29, in Grand Island. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec 5th at the Evangelical Free Church of Grand Island. Visitation will be Tuesday from 5:00 – 6:30 pm at All Faiths Funeral Home.

Leslie was born on March 4, 1967 in Fairbury, NE, to Frank and Virginia Elliott. Leslie graduated from Grand Island Senior High in 1985. She was a cheerleader and excelled in vocal music. She especially enjoyed singing in the GISH Madrigals group.

Leslie earned her respiratory therapy license via California College at Mary Lanning Hospital in Hastings. She worked as a respiratory therapist at Mary Lanning for three years.

Leslie married Mike Meents on Aug 5, 1989 and to this union, three children were born. Their daughter, Blakley Virginia, passed away just before birth. They also had two sons, Grady and Jaden, and the family made their home in Blue Hill.

Later they moved to Grand Island and Leslie worked as a port-a-medic, doing blood draws and EKG's for insurance applicants. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Doane College in 2009.

As a child, Leslie loved horses and often competed in pole-bending and barrel racing events. She also enjoyed helping her grandpa in their huge garden and grew many prize-winning vegetables and flowers. She enjoyed gymnastics and playing the piano as well.

As an adult, Leslie loved following her children's sport teams. She spent many happy hours watching Grady play traveling baseball with the Blackhawks and football with the Central Catholic Crusaders. She loved watching Jaden compete in wrestling and taekwondo. Those were really special memories for her.

Years later, Leslie was delighted to become a grandmother. Majer and Brylie brought her much joy and delight, and she was very proud of them.

Leslie loved her friends deeply—especially the NA girls who gathered at Shannon's every Tuesday night. She was a great listener and a generous soul. This generosity is evident also in her final act of organ donation.

Leslie is survived by her mother, Virginia Elliott, of Grand Island; sons, Grady Meents of Grand Island and Jaden Meents of Alda; brother, Jay Elliott (and wife, Sam) of North Platte; nephews, Logan Elliott (and wife, Chantel) of North Platte, Austin Elliott and Creighton Elliott of Lincoln; grandchildren, Majer Meents of Grand Island and Brylie Meents of Alda; and Uncle Jim Brown and Aunt Norma Brown of Leesburg, VA.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents; her father, Frank G. Elliott; and her infant daughter, Blakley V. Meents.

Memorials are suggested to the family for designation at a later time.

Cemetery Details

Grand Island City Cemetery

Grand Island, NE

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 4. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home
2929 S Locust St
Grand Island, NE 68801
(308) 398-2929
allfaiths@giallfaiths.com
<https://www.giallfaiths.com/>

Celebration of Life Service

DEC 5. 10:30 AM (CT)

Evangelical Free Church

Tribute Wall



“ *Leslie Virginia Meents*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *We are so sorry, Virginia, for your loss. Harold understands your grief with the loss of both his sons. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*



Harold/Marilyn Johnson - December 08, 2018 at 04:03 PM



“ *Leslie was such a warm, big hearted, kind person. My daughters Annabella and Cecilia loved it when her grandchildren came by to play with them. We will miss her so much. She will always be with us as we'll always carry our fond memories of her with us. May God comfort you all in this time of loss.*

Angela Aldana - December 06, 2018 at 04:20 PM



“ *DB lit a candle in memory of Leslie Virginia Meents*



DB - December 05, 2018 at 05:52 PM

GH

“ Virginia, my prayers are with you. Gordon Hrnicek

gordon hrnicek - December 05, 2018 at 03:41 PM

AD

“ Angie DeMers lit a candle in memory of Leslie Virginia Meents



Angie DeMers - December 04, 2018 at 07:25 PM

CB

“ Cindy Patsios Byrne lit a candle in memory of Leslie Virginia Meents

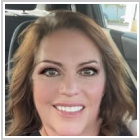


Cindy Patsios Byrne - December 04, 2018 at 07:01 PM

CB

“ Sorry, I meant to post after I finished sharing my memories of Leslie. I remember her at Barr Jr. High School. She was such a beautifully funny and upbeat person. I always enjoyed being around her infectious spirit. My favorite memories of Leslie were when she, Jill Bainbridge and I would be hanging out at Jill's mom's house either pregnant or carting our new babies around. We tried to play poker for popcorn kernals or watched movies together. Often we would go forTCBY'S after Lamaze. Our boys were all destined for greatness. We so enjoyed being young mothers. We experienced our first born sons together and a beautiful friendship with so many great memories. I'll miss her very much. I wish I could be there to celebrate Leslie's life with all of you. I can't make the drive from Omaha. I'll be thinking and praying and wishing that I could hug her and all of everyone who is dear to her. God Bless you all. I'm very thankful to have had Leslie in my life. Rest in Peace.

Cindy Patsios Byrne - December 04, 2018 at 06:34 PM



“ Virginia-Grady & Jaden,

Our paths run deep, there are plenty of memories to share. I ran into your mom this summer and we had a chance to catch up. She was so proud of her family all of you!!! We are all here for you, just as you were for us a year ago. Many blessings and comfort. Love Adam, Hayley, Danielle and their mom.

Sue Pace

Sue Pace - December 04, 2018 at 05:06 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Leslie Virginia Meents.*



December 04, 2018 at 04:03 PM



“ *Shelly Gregg lit a candle in memory of Leslie Virginia Meents*



Shelly Gregg - December 04, 2018 at 12:42 PM



“ *Such a kind and caring soul with a tender smile and contagious laugh, you will be missed my friend. Rest in peace. My prayers go out to the family for comfort during these difficult days .*

Shelly Gregg - December 04, 2018 at 11:41 AM



“ *Brenda Necker lit a candle in memory of Leslie Virginia Meents*



Brenda Necker - December 04, 2018 at 11:04 AM

JT

“ *Grady & Jaden & Families*

I am so sorry to hear of Leslie's passing. We had lost touch over the years but I will always remember her laugh. No words will comfort you at this time but please know that even though she is not here she lives in your heart and all the fond memories you have made together. Be strong, you will get through this. She is with the Lord and will always be looking down on you and smiling. She loved her "boys"

Jody Thyfault

Jody Thyfault - December 04, 2018 at 10:34 AM

JT

“ *Jody Thyfault lit a candle in memory of Leslie Virginia Meents*



Jody Thyfault - December 04, 2018 at 10:29 AM

SK

“ Leslie and i go way back. We had a different type of friendship. We graduated together from GI Senior High. During those days of growing up we would fight and make up over the silliest things. We were cheerleaders together, chased cowboys, honestly partied some days together, however most importantly recovered together too.

When I went to see her early thurs. Morning I told her she would be okay and the prettiest angel ever. I was hopeful to see her beautiful brown eyes and lashes look at me one last time. I know she is at peace. Finally recieving all that we all deserve. She is visual in my mind and feel her spirit living and watching over many forever. We may not have spoken or seen one another for awhile, however she will always be remembered as a sweet, giving , caring ,additionally beautiful person! Fly freely girl! My sincere regards to Virginia and the entire family. If i can do anything for u plz plz let me know.

God Bless All

Sherri Kolar (Stevens)

Sherri Kolar - December 04, 2018 at 08:02 AM

JW

“ Virginia, Grady and Jaden I am so very shocked and sorry to learn of Leslie's passing. I just caught up with her a couple of weeks ago and she was so proudly telling me of her grandbabies. My heart aches for you. May happy memories carry you through this sorrowful time. Love, Jacquelyn Wetzel

Jacquelyn Wetzel - December 04, 2018 at 07:52 AM

TK

“ Virginia, Grady & Family, Jaden & Family:
I am so incredibly sorry to hear of the loss of your daughter and mother. Leslie and I shared many years of friendship. She had a caring heart and loved her family so much.
She will be missed.
May God wrap all of you in His loving arms and help to give you comfort, faith, guidance, love, peace and understanding during this most difficult time.
I pray that she is at peace and is holding her beautiful daughter Blakely with her Daddy Frank right beside her telling her how proud is of her.
Continued Prayers for Comfort.

All My Love,
Tina Kumke and Family

Tina M. Kumke - December 04, 2018 at 07:39 AM

NA

“ Too soon for our beautiful friend Leslie to pass. She was a wonderful friend and a special soul with such a caring heart and warm smile for everyone. She will be missed. Love to her family
Nancy Bailey Spidle

Nancy - December 04, 2018 at 04:50 AM

BF

“ Bergholz family purchased the Love Everlasting Bouquet for the family of Leslie Virginia Meents.



Bergholz family - December 04, 2018 at 12:09 AM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Leslie Virginia Meents.*



December 03, 2018 at 10:06 PM



“ *See above purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Leslie Virginia Meents.*



See above - December 03, 2018 at 08:59 PM



“ *Virginia, and family. We are so profoundly sorry for your loss of Leslie. Even though we had lost touch over the years, I know that Leslie and I could have picked up with the same laughs and the same talks that we used to have, just the same as I could with you, Virginia. Our daily lives intertwining over so many years of laughs, tears, wonderful memories, and some sad ones. Leslie and I used to enjoy riding horses, hanging out, and just being friends. We both grew into young women in your home. She had the most wonderful laugh and I can still hear it vividly. She has fought her final battle, and she now can be at peace and seeing her baby girl, Blakeley, as well as Frank.*



Miriam - December 03, 2018 at 05:07 PM

CD

Virginia, Jaden and Grady, I am deeply sorry to hear that my wonderful friend has passed away. I can't imagine the depth of what you are all feeling! I hope that each day brings you all peace. I loved and miss your mom and daughter. She was a delight to be around and she worked hard to bring her life around. I hope it helps to know that she is going to be happier and at peace without the struggles of life now. Keep her close to your hearts and remember she loved you all very much!!

Chantal J Dubois - December 04, 2018 at 12:10 PM

KN

Virginia, I am so sorry for the loss of your daughter. It has to be so hard! My thoughts and prayers are with you!

Karen Newcomb - December 04, 2018 at 10:39 PM

KD

So very sorry to hear of Leslie's passing. I remember her spending time at our home in her senior year. She went to Prom with our son Kenny DeJonge. She was a great gal, and Ken was very sorry to hear this too. DeJonge Family

Karen DeJonge - December 04, 2018 at 10:54 PM