



Ginger L. Root

September 22, 1980 - February 10, 2023

Ginger Leigh Root, 42 passed away on February 10, 2023 at her home in Ocala. Ginger was born in Junction City, Kansas, on September 22, 1980. She grew up in Wakefield, Kansas, before moving to Arkansas in 1993. She attended high school in Bryant, Arkansas, before becoming an LPN and working as a Hospice nurse. She became a fitness expert and obtained professional status in the International Bodybuilding and Fitness Federation before moving from Little Rock, Arkansas, to Ocala to work as the Director of Personal Training at Zone Health and Fitness. She then undertook the challenging task of becoming a firefighter and first responder with the dream of continuing to help others, and she was committed to doing so in her new home of Ocala. Ginger is survived by her son, Merit Bynum, her mother and step-father, Karen and Mark Smeltzer, her father, Douglas Root, and her beloved brothers, Jake and Keith Root.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Roberts of Ocala Downtown Chapel in Ocala on March 2nd, 2023, at 4:00 EST. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made on Ginger's behalf to the Ocala Fire

Department, emergency medical services, and police department. Roberts of Ocala Funerals and Cremations will be handling the arrangements. The family wishes to extend their gratitude to Shae and David Coy-Tazzo, Deborah Tucker and Chief Mike Balken of the Ocala Police Department, Chester Weber of Roberts of Ocala Funerals and Cremations, Chris Cotter, and a host of others including all her many friends at Zone Health and Fitness and the Florida Fire Academy. She embraced Ocala, and so many in Ocala returned her embrace. The family also extends their heartfelt thanks to the many friends in Little Rock, Arkansas and all around the country.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 2. 4:00 PM (ET)

Roberts of Ocala Downtown Chapel
606 SW 2nd AVE
Ocala , FL 34471

Tribute Wall



“ *Roberts of Ocala Funerals and Cremations created a Webcast in memory of Ginger L. Root*



Roberts of Ocala Funerals and Cremations - March 02, 2023 at 02:23 PM

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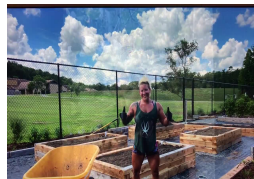
“ *Sincere condolences to the Family and Friends of Ginger, she was a great role model to so many and will be greatly missed. Praying for strength, peace and acceptance for the immeasurable void she leaves behind.*

Annette Carr

Annette Carr - March 02, 2023 at 09:38 AM

KS

“ *23 files added to the album Ginger Root*



Karen Smeltzer - March 01, 2023 at 08:52 PM

JH

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I kayaked with Ginger in Arkansas in years past. I always had a great time with her on the river. I admired her effort to learn a new sport and her spunk for staying with it.

Jonna Hussey - March 01, 2023 at 08:10 PM

PB

“ She got married at our cabin to Lance Jones. it was an amazing time so sorry it didn't work out man y memories for Ginger and much love sent.

Pamela Barton - February 27, 2023 at 11:04 PM

RC

“ Praying for all of Ginger's family. I am so sorry for your loss. Her time on earth may have come to soon but the memories she left behind will last forever. She was the most driven person that I have ever seen. 🙏

Ronnie C. - February 27, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Ginger L. Root.



February 27, 2023 at 08:07 PM

RC

“ Will dearly miss my great friend and her memory will never be forgotten.



Ryan Center - February 27, 2023 at 08:01 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ginger L. Root.



February 27, 2023 at 07:45 PM