

Jeanne (Ginger) Betsock Stillman, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and tireless advocate for global public health, justice, and women's rights, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, August 28, 2024, at Phelps Memorial Hospital in Sleepy Hollow, New York. She was 81.

Born and raised in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, Ginger was the daughter of Paul T. Betsock and Juliana Habera Betsock. She is survived by her husband of 59 years, David Stillman, her three children, J. Alexander Stillman, Gregory Stillman, and Juliana (Challie) Stillman, their spouses, Valerie, Nataša, and Lina, and her cherished grandchildren, Victoria, Danilo, and Damián Stillman.

Ginger graduated from The American University's School of International Service in Washington, DC, where she met her future husband, David. She then earned a master's degree in public health from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and undertook doctoral coursework at Columbia University.

Ginger's life was one of global impact and commitment. She lived in Washington, DC, North Carolina, Togo, Ghana, Pakistan, and Hastings-on-Hudson, NY, and frequently traveled for work to Tunisia and Nigeria. Her career as a director, staff member, international consultant, and project manager spanned over 20 countries. She designed and led training programs in women's health, HIV/AIDS, curriculum development, and project management. She excelled in program development and project evaluation, fundraising, and contract compliance and management. She created prize-winning videos and a series on United Nations concerns, was an associate editor and contributor to the International Encyclopedia of Population, and established her own consulting firm, Strategies for Development.

Ginger was an active leader in the United Nations Association of the USA (UNA-USA), serving 6 years as President of the Southern New York State Division and more recently as its Vice President for local chapter development. She played a key role in revitalizing "UNA Members Day" at the UN, co-chaired the UNA-USA Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference for several years, and spearheaded seminars that resulted in reports to the U.S. State Department on the United States' performance under the UN Universal Periodic Review of Human Rights and the UN Convention for the Elimination of all forms of Racial Discrimination. She won a Leadership Award from the UNA Division and a Lifetime Achievement Award from UNA-National.

Ginger's advocacy and leadership also extended to work on the board of the Public-Private Alliance Foundation (PPAF), a nonprofit she co-founded with her husband in 2007. She organized and helped lead seminars at the UN and projects on renewable

energy, women & girls' empowerment, agriculture, and others in Haiti, the Dominican Republic, and Madagascar.

Ginger was involved with activities at Grace Episcopal Church in Hastings-on-Hudson. She was an avid reader and traveler, passionate about political news, and a devoted cat lover. She enjoyed playing piano, loved Julia Child and family cooking, and mystery novels, the Olympics, and Duke and UNC basketball. She loved amateur theater and encouraged her children & grandchildren's participation in plays, musicals, and recitals.

Beyond her professional and volunteer accomplishments and family life, Ginger will be remembered as a generous and dynamic woman with a heart for service. Known for her excellent perception and communication skills, she was loved and respected in every community she touched. Her advocacy, care, and dedication to others left an indelible mark on everyone who knew her.

A memorial service to celebrate Ginger's life is scheduled for Sunday, October 13, at 1 pm at Grace Episcopal Church, 78 Main Street, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY, followed by a reception in the parish hall. The service will be live streamed on Zoom and available thereafter for those unable to attend in person.

Zoom details are [HERE](#) Meeting ID: 199 816 277 Password: 153658

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to:

the United Nations Association of the USA (<https://unausa.org/donate>)

the Public-Private Alliance Foundation (www.ppafoundation.org), or

Grace Episcopal Church (<https://www.gracehastings.org/giving-options>)