



## Vera Patty Rittenhouse

September 17, 1958 - April 13, 2025

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Vera "Patty" Rittenhouse, who went home to be with the Lord on April 13, 2025, surrounded by her loving family, at the age of 66.

Born on September 17, 1958, in Dover, DE, she was the youngest daughter of the late Oma Ophelia Cook and Joseph Kirby Eggers. Patty's life was a testament to faith, love, and service, beginning in her formative years in Caroline County, where she attended North Caroline High and Chesapeake Christian Academy.

In a union ordained by faith, she met and married her husband, Daniel "Danny" Rittenhouse Sr., in a joyous ceremony on December 6, 1975. Together, they raised five children and took in numerous foster children. They planted and pastored many churches, across several states. She loved to lead worship with her children in a family band.

Patty embraced her early roles as a pastor's wife, homemaker and mother. She cherished those roles. She also cherished her later roles in life as a nurse, grandmother and great-grandmother. She even helped raise some of her grandchildren.

A woman of many talents, Patty found joy in crafting, cooking and baking. She

loved to craft hats, wreaths, Christmas ornaments and other things, with her children. She also enjoyed cooking and baking for and with them. She could fix anything and was a handy woman.

Patty was a lifelong churchgoer, raising her children that way. Her children also lovingly remember her as a firecracker, referring to her as “one tough cookie.” She fiercely protected her babies. She will be deeply missed by her family, friends and all who knew her.

In addition to her parents, Patty is predeceased by two of her brothers.

She is survived by her husband, Daniel Rittenhouse Sr., as well as her five children; Rachel Gross, Daniel Rittenhouse Jr., Joshua Rittenhouse, Deborah Dunn, Jeremy Rittenhouse, and their spouses. She is also survived by seventeen grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, two sisters, two brothers, step-siblings and countless nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

A funeral service will be held at Fleegle & Helfenbein Funeral Home in Greensboro, MD on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at 1 PM, with a visitation 1 hour prior and burial to follow at Ridgley Cemetery.

In place of flowers, the family asks that you kindly consider making contributions for services through Fleegle and Helfenbein Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## Ridgely Cemetery

P.O. Box 746  
Ridgely, MD 21660

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 23. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Fleegle & Helfenbein Funeral Home, P.A.  
106 W. Sunset Ave.  
Greensboro, MD 21639

## Service

APR 23. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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To HER FAMILY  
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**MARIE FIRVIN aka RE RE DIRVIN** - October 09, 2025 at 07:59 PM

PE

“ *It seems like you were always a part of my life.  
All my childhood memories you were there.  
Aunt Peach would drive to Baltimore to pick us  
up and bring us here for the holidays. I love you  
Patty and I will miss you. I know you are with  
Aunt Peach and Uncle Kirby and you have no  
more pain. Give all our love ones a hug from me.*



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**PEGGY EYSTER** - April 20, 2025 at 09:51 PM

LS

“ *Just want to say I will miss you dearly and I  
will help Jeremy all I can*



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**Linda Smith** - April 19, 2025 at 11:27 AM

SS

“ *Sheila Smith lit a candle in memory of Vera Patty Rittenhouse*



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**Sheila smith** - April 18, 2025 at 10:02 PM

SS

*I love you my patty I. So sorry I couldn't come be with you I will miss you*

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**Sheila smith** - April 18, 2025 at 10:03 PM

VC

“ *Vivian Coppage lit a candle in memory of Vera Patty Rittenhouse*



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**Vivian Coppage** - April 17, 2025 at 11:13 AM

MS

“ *Mary Lee Sard lit a candle in memory of Vera Patty Rittenhouse*



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**Mary Lee Sard** - April 16, 2025 at 06:02 PM

BJ

“ *Brenda Jarvis lit a candle in memory of Vera Patty Rittenhouse*



Brenda Jarvis - April 16, 2025 at 10:10 AM

BW

“ *Beth Wall lit a candle in memory of Vera Patty Rittenhouse*



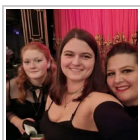
Beth Wall - April 16, 2025 at 08:32 AM

DB

“ *Debra Bright lit a candle in memory of Vera Patty Rittenhouse*



Debra Bright - April 16, 2025 at 04:50 AM



“ *Deborah Dunn lit a candle in memory of Vera Patty Rittenhouse*



Deborah Dunn - April 15, 2025 at 09:32 PM



*I love you, forever mama.*

**Deborah Dunn** - April 15, 2025 at 09:33 PM

DL

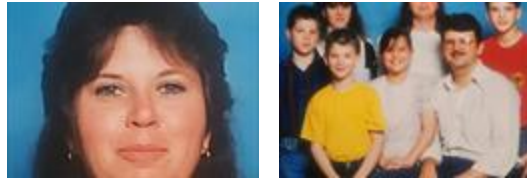
“ Rachel, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your mom. You look so much like her. ❤️ You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.  
Doris Lee



**Doris Lee** - April 15, 2025 at 08:40 PM

FH

“ 2 files added to the album *Patty & Family*



**Fleagle & Helfenbein Funeral Home** - April 15, 2025 at 02:06 PM

CK

*I just wanted to say my condolence to the family I'm going to miss Patty he was her backup singers in church in Greensboro sometimes I think of drape on Melrose how we were young and crazy but we never face the law I said wow when Aunt Dolly told me she passed by the grace of God I hope she went home with the Lord she her home soon y'all take care now*

**Connie KILLSNIGHT** - April 15, 2025 at 03:36 PM

JC

“ *Jacqueline Cheezum lit a candle in memory of Vera Patty Rittenhouse*



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**Jacqueline Cheezum** - April 15, 2025 at 08:51 AM

CK

*My condolence to the family. PATTY. I am going to miss. Her. Sometimes I think of draper Mill road how we had fun when we were Young girl s.*

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**Connie KILLSNIGHT** - April 15, 2025 at 04:12 PM