



Rita Kay Blyler

June 11, 1943 - March 6, 2021

Rita Kay Blyler, 77, of Mechanicsville, Maryland, passed away on March 6, 2021 at the St. Mary's Hospice House in Callaway.

Born on June 11, 1943 in Greenville, South Carolina, she is the daughter of the late Teddy Ratenski and Dorothy Ratenski. Growing up in South Carolina, Rita attended Greenville High School and graduated from Wade Hampton High School. While at Wade Hampton, she was named Miss Wade Hampton in 1961. Rita participated and won numerous beauty pageants while in high school and college. She attended a variety of higher education institutions, including Anderson College in Greenville and reached her Master's Degree in Counseling. Rita was also an accomplished piano player. She enjoyed reading and gardening. During her career, Rita was an Administrative Assistant for PEPCO, a Drug Rehabilitation Counselor for Charles and Calvert County Health Department, a partner with Journeys Holistic Therapy in Charlotte Hall, and a Want Ad newspaper publisher.

She is survived by her sons Christopher G. Blyler and his wife Kimberlee, Ethan G. Blyler and his wife Cherise; grandchildren Dillon, Brandon, Jordan, Aaron, and Megan; brother David S. Ratenski; nephew Shawn I. Ratenski; two cousins Linda Ann Ridge and Richard Ridge.

Visitation will be on Friday, June 11, 2021 from 10AM until time of Memorial

Service at 11AM at Raymond Funeral Service Chapel, 5635 Washington Avenue, La Plata, MD 20646.

Due to the circumstances of the COVID-19 Pandemic, face masks are required for all services and social distancing is to be observed with limited attendance.

Memorial contributions may be made in Rita's name to American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123, or online at www.cancer.org.

Condolences and memories may be made at Rita's Tribute Wall.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 11. 10:00 AM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Service
5635 Washington Avenue
La Plata, MD 20646
(301) 934-2920
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Memorial Service

JUN 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Chapel
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Tribute Wall



“ *Rita Kay Blyler*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Rita Kay Blyler*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *Rita was such a loving part of our Journeys family. She was a kind and gentle soul who quietly offered insight and support. She is missed. Sending love and peace to all those who are feeling her absence.*

Laura Ashley - May 19, 2021 at 03:06 PM



Rita was such a warm, peaceful presence to her colleagues here. We have truly missed her since her illness and send support to her family and loved ones!

June Becker - May 20, 2021 at 07:13 AM

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“ *Such a very sweet soul. I will miss her so very much. Rita always kept in close contact with my mother, but also checked in on me and my brother. I've add a picture of the two of us on 2016 when I was visiting DC for the Law Enforcement Memorial . She meet for lunch on one of the days I was there. It was so good to see her. If I have any other photos it will probable be old ones, but I'll check. Much Love from her cousin Linda Ridge*



Linda Ridge - April 27, 2021 at 11:07 AM

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“ *41 files added to the album pictures*



Cherise Blyler - April 11, 2021 at 03:30 PM