



## Dorothy Catherine Ritenour

February 9, 1932 - April 18, 2021

Dorothy Catherine Stine Ritenour, 89, of Woodstock, passed away Sunday, April 18, 2021 at her home.

Mrs. Ritenour was born February 9, 1932 at Opequon, Frederick County, Virginia, a daughter of the late Allen James Stine and Elizabeth Lupton Stine. She was married to her late husband Ralph (Bill) Ritenour in 1950. Surviving is one son, Lester Allen Ritenour (Barbara) of Winchester; grandchildren Laura M. Ritenour of Richmond, Matthew A. Ritenour (Kelsey) of Winchester, Joshua Ritenour (Karen) of Strasburg and Tiffany Lewis (Zav) of Richmond; also, seven great grandchildren who were so loved by her, Solaiyah, Quiniyah, WynZavian II, Jordyn, Lydia, Audrey and Eva.

Mrs. Ritenour is preceded in death by a son, Stanley Lee Ritenour and three sisters, Mary Virginia Keiper, Ethel L. Hunsicker and Frances Ann Walker. She was a 1949 graduate of Toms Brook High School and Shenandoah Business College. She retired from the Shenandoah County School System, having worked 30 years in the Administrative Office of the Superintendent of Schools. She was a faithful member of Zion Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) where she served her church over the years as a pianist, choir member, Sunday School teacher and Clerk of the Board.

Mrs. Ritenour enjoyed singing in the Lebanon-St. Stephens Community Choir for twenty years, a former SMH Hospital volunteer in the gift shop and a docent at Belle Grove Plantation for many years. She was a 50+ year member of Woodstock Chapter #93 Order of the Eastern Star (now Spurmont Chapter

#177)

Memorial contributions may be made to Zion Christian Church Building Fund, c/o Cindy D. Wright, 364 Zion Church Road, Maurertown, VA 22644.

At her request, services will be private. Friends may pay their respects on Thursday, April 22, from 9:00 am-5:00 pm at Valley Funeral Service in Edinburg.

The family of Dorothy would like to thank the following for their care and concern during her long and hard-fought battle. Without the love and support of Dorothy's village of loved ones, we would not have been able to keep her close by in her own home and surrounded by her loved ones. Dorothy's favorite poet Helen Steiner Rice, wrote a poem that summed up the love and presence we felt from loved ones and strangers during this difficult time.

Please take a second to read God's Messengers.

Many thanks and blessings to the individuals that assisted her through the pandemic and covid such as Dot S., Cindy W., Sandy K., Kathy C., Don S., and her neighbors.

Valley Health Home Care and Nurse Sheena.

Cork Street Rehab and her therapist Heba.

Blue Ridge Hospice and her CNA Jennifer.

Heart Failure Clinic and her PA Marie.

Shenandoah Hospital ICU Team and her social worker Joanne.

Most importantly the individuals that stepped up after her last hospitalization so that we could bring her home with 24/7 support. Without these angels, we would not have been blessed with the ability to celebrate one last earthly Easter with our Dot Dot and hold her close over the last month. These individuals not only showed great love to our Dot Dot but also held us up as we witnessed her final transition. Thank you so much to Nancy, Jeanette, Dolly, Sharon, and the Funkhouser's.

The people Dorothy touched throughout her 89 years really came through for her and her family during the hardest moments over the last couple of months

and were true blessings to all of us. Thank you for loving her and us.

God's Messengers By: Helen Steiner Rice

The unexpected kindness  
from an unexpected place,  
A hand outstretched in friendship,  
a smile on someone's face,  
A word of understanding  
spoken in a time of trial  
Are unexpected miracles  
that make life more worthwhile.  
We know not how it happened  
that in our hour of need  
Somebody out of nowhere  
proved to be a friend indeed...  
For God has many messengers  
we fail to recognize,  
But He sends them when we need them,  
and His ways are wondrous and wise...  
So keep looking for your angel  
and keep listening to hear,  
For on life's busy, crowded streets,  
you will find God's presence near.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **22**. 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Valley Funeral Service  
14116 South Middle Road  
Edinburg, VA 22824  
(540) 984-3700  
secretary.valleyfs@yahoo.com  
<https://www.valleyfs.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dorothy Catherine Ritenour*

January 30, 2023 at 03:03 AM



“ *Dorothy Catherine Ritenour*

January 30, 2023 at 12:44 AM



“ *Dear Lester and all of Dot's wonderful family -*

*It has been such a joy to know Dot all these years and we are thankful to be part of her family. She has touched so many lives and done so much good in this world. We will miss her warm smile, wonderful hugs, giving spirit, and gentle ways. So sorry that we are in North Carolina and could not see you at the visitation. We will see you all at our reunion and will share lots of memories of this lovely woman. Love, Sally Andrews Gudas & Steve Gudas*

**Sally Andrews Gudas** - April 23, 2021 at 09:02 AM



“ *Lester and family,*

*So sorry for your loss. Your mother was such a delightful lady, who so willing shared her talents and let her smile light up the lives of all she touched. She is singing in heaven with her smile adding more light. May your many choice memories bring you some comfort.  
Sincerely, Carol L Henry*

**Carol Henry** - April 21, 2021 at 07:27 PM

KL

“ The staff and volunteers of Belle Grove Plantation send our condolences on the passing of Dot. She was such a warm and wonderful person and we so enjoyed our time working with her.

Kristen Laise - April 21, 2021 at 01:46 PM

ME

“ Dorothy volunteered here for us at the Woodstock Clothes Closet, we will miss her dearly. Prayers for her family.

Michelle Edge - April 21, 2021 at 01:42 PM

JH

“ Thank you so much for being a wonderful neighbor and friend. I will miss our visits. Enjoy being in heaven with our Lord.

janet Lou Harvey - April 21, 2021 at 11:01 AM

AK

“ “Aunt Dot” , Tricia’s Aunt in my memory, lived a full life of fiery fun and philanthropy. What a joy to have known such a remarkable and lively, lovely lady! Prayers and love and light to all the family 🍷

Abbe Kennedy - April 21, 2021 at 09:47 AM

GW

“ Sending our prayers. You were so blessed to have this beautiful lady in your life. ❤️ Linden and Gloria Wakeman



Gloria wakeman - April 20, 2021 at 05:12 PM

VE

“ Vera purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Dorothy Catherine Ritenour.



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**Vera** - April 20, 2021 at 01:33 PM

SD

“ Dot always had a smile and a little chuckle whenever you would see her. She was a lovely and faithful lady. She will be missed. Our thought and prayers go out to all her family. Hugs Tif. We love you, Sharon and Tom DiNardo

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**Sharon E DiNardo** - April 20, 2021 at 10:39 AM

LM

“ Lloydine Morgan lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Catherine Ritenour



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**Lloydine Morgan** - April 20, 2021 at 08:37 AM

JC

“ Jill Casto lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Catherine Ritenour



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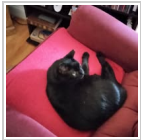
**jill Casto** - April 20, 2021 at 07:27 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dorothy Catherine Ritenour.



April 19, 2021 at 09:21 PM



“ Meg Safranek lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Catherine Ritenour



Meg Safranek - April 19, 2021 at 08:53 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dorothy Catherine Ritenour.



April 19, 2021 at 07:55 PM



“ Sending lots of love and prayer to the Ritenour/Lewis family! May God continue to bless you in your time of need.

-Amber Owens



Amber Owens - April 19, 2021 at 04:38 PM

RR

“ Ramsey R lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Catherine Ritenour



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Ramsey R - April 19, 2021 at 03:00 PM