



Eva Lorraine Racey Gochenour

July 8, 1932 - October 13, 2024

The staff at Heishman Funeral Home Inc. sends condolences to the family of Eva Lorraine Racey Gochenour.

On Sunday, October 13, 2024, Eva Lorraine Racey Gochenour entered into her eternal life with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. She was surrounded by her family, whom she said she was “so blessed” to have near her. She was born July 8th, 1932, in Cedar Creek, Virginia, daughter of the late Carl Guy & Allie Mae Plaughter Racey. She is preceded in death by her brother, Harold “Dukie” (Robyn) Racey, and siblings Loretta Mae and Carl Jr.

She was an active member of the Valley Pike Church of the Brethren, where she served in many positions including Sunday School teacher, chairperson of the board, commission member, deacon, choir director, pianist, among other positions. She was on the beginning board for the Shenandoah County Pregnancy Center, where she was devoted to providing support for expectant mothers. She also was on the founding committee of the Valley Pike church booth for the Shenandoah County Fair, where they have witnessed for the Lord for many years.

She always enjoyed learning and excelled at it, beginning with being the valedictorian of her graduating class. Her love of the Bible pushed her to learn more by taking the Three-Year Reading Course every Monday night at

Bridgewater College, through the Shenandoah District Church of the Brethren. She also studied and received a certificate from Liberty University. Her love of the Bible helped everyone to understand her favorite saying “Read the Book!” which is on her tombstone. She also expressed how “blessed” she was to anyone with whom she conversed. She especially enjoyed her Friday afternoon domino games. “JOY” was a favorite word, which we could all see in the way she lived her life. She was truly an example of a godly life well-lived. Now there is no pain, no sorrow, no sadness – Just the perfect peace in the presence of the One she has faithfully loved and served.

She married Lewis Ford Gochenour on June 24, 1950, who predeceased her on January 1, 2010. She enjoyed her life on the farm and was well-known for her home cooking for the helpers on the farm. Many young men in the community worked on the Gochenour family farm over the past 70 years.

Her children include: Garlan (Sherry) Gochenour, Guy (Wendy) Gochenour, and Gloria (Sam) Spire, all of Woodstock, Va. She also enjoyed her grandchildren immensely: Michael (Nikki) Gochenour, Joe (Katie) Gochenour, Matthew (Emily) Gochenour, Alex (Kaylee) Gochenour, Allie (Jason) Ruckman, Evan Gochenour, Ben Gochenour, Olivia Gochenour, Noah Steele and step-grandchildren Brittany (Tyler) Polk, Joe (Kelli) Steele, Keith Eugene (Ibtissam) Steele and Lydia Spire, along with 11 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Michael Gochenour, Joseph Gochenour, Matthew Gochenour, Alex Gochenour, Noah Steele, and Jason Ruckman.

Honorary pallbearers are Evan Gochenour, Ben Gochenour, Roy Wimmer, Gwyn Plauger, Junior & Dianne Ryman, Phil Hockman, Doug Edmonds, Joyce Smart, Dave & Cindy Powell, Ronnie Combs, Lacy Rush, and Kenny Hamrick.

The family will be receiving friends on Friday, October 18, 2024, from 6pm to 8pm at Valley Funeral Home in Bowman's Crossing.

The Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, October 20, 2024, at 3pm at the Valley Pike Church of the Brethren, 83 Headley Road, Maurertown, VA, with her nephew Pastor Wayne Racey and Pastor Jonathan Fletcher officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Shenandoah County Pregnancy Center or Blue Ridge Hospice.

Her favorite color was red, as is evident as you drive by her new red roof. Please wear red in honor of her to the service.

Online condolences may be made to valleyfs.com

Arrangements by Heishman Funeral Home Inc., Valley Funeral Service Branch, Edinburg.

Cemetery Details

Valley Pike Church of the Brethren Cemetery

Maurertown, VA 22644

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **18**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Celebration of Life

OCT **20**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Valley Pike Church of the Brethren
83 Headley Road
Maurertown, VA 22644

Tribute Wall

BR

“ I never had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Gochenour, but I read her obituary online and was so encouraged by it that I wanted to comment.

Obituaries almost never encourage me, but this one did. Mrs. Gochenour's love for the Lord, even in death, is plainly evident. It's so clear to me, a random reader, that her life was well-lived. Praise God!

To the family: I'm terribly sorry for your loss. But Eva is rejoicing in the presence of her Savior today -- and in the words of Paul in Phil. 1:23, it is "far better to depart and be with Christ." I pray the Lord would comfort you during this difficult time, but I also pray that you'd rejoice. Mrs. Gochenour is with the Lord, completely sanctified, and totally without sin or its painful consequences. She is not dead -- she is home.

Brett - February 25, 2025 at 04:38 PM

AP

“ With deep sympathy ,
Phil & April (Hamman) Baker & family



April - October 19, 2024 at 07:40 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Eva Lorraine Racey Gochenour.*



October 18, 2024 at 11:47 AM



“ *R&L Construction Inc. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eva Lorraine Racey Gochenour.*

R&L Construction Inc. - October 18, 2024 at 11:47 AM



“ *Jen Cook lit a candle in memory of Eva Gochenour*



Jen Cook - October 18, 2024 at 11:19 AM



“ *The Sandala Gang purchased the “You Are Loved And In Our Prayers” Comfort Throw for the family of Eva Lorraine Racey Gochenour.*



The Sandala Gang - October 17, 2024 at 05:50 PM

RW

“Eva will be missed she is in heaven now looking down upon all of us. I pray for the whole family in this time. I remember a lot of about Eva, she was a wonderful woman and she was a good Sunday school teacher. Asked all these things in the blessed name of Jesus Christ our Lord and savior. Ricky Whittington

Ricky Whittington - October 17, 2024 at 01:35 PM

BH

“My deepest sympathy to Guy, Windy and the entire family. I know she will be missed. Barbara Holler

Barbara Holler - October 17, 2024 at 02:19 AM

JF

“Eva was my encourager. I always knew I could call her to pray with me. I had a wonderful time visiting with her recently. I will miss her.



Janet Ferguson - October 16, 2024 at 05:59 PM

JF

“Janet Ferguson lit a candle in memory of Eva Gochenour



Janet Ferguson - October 16, 2024 at 05:56 PM

GS

“ Gladys Stinson lit a candle in memory of Eva Gochenour



Gladys Stinson - October 16, 2024 at 01:35 PM

WS

“ Wesley & Gladys Stinson lit a candle in memory of Eva Gochenour



Wesley & Gladys Stinson - October 16, 2024 at 01:34 PM

KB

“ Guy, Wendy, and family, we send our blessings and comfort to each one. Eva was a special lady to everyone and we will miss her. God comfort all.

Karen Burner - October 16, 2024 at 12:21 PM

CF

“ Eva was such an encourager! She always had a smile on her face and a song in her heart! I can and will always remember her face and her smile! We all know she's praising God right now and we will see her again. All my love to every family member! God is good! ❤️



Carolyn Foyle - October 16, 2024 at 12:21 PM

CF

“ *Carolyn Foyle lit a candle in memory of Eva Gochenour*



Carolyn Foyle - October 16, 2024 at 12:17 PM