



Mary Evelyn Ridgely Compton

March 3, 1937 - February 21, 2026

The staff of Heishman Funeral Home/Valley Funeral Service sends condolences to the family of Ms. Mary Evelyn Ridgely Compton.

On February 21st, 2026, Mary Evelyn (n. Ridgely) Compton was called home to be with the Lord, and met her beloved husband, Conley (Baker) Van Compton Sr. at the pearly gates. She was the cherished daughter of Mary Evelyn (n. Thompson) Ridgely and Marvin Lester Ridgely, loving mother to Conley Van Jr., Randy Eugene, Terry Franklin, Robert Lee, Lisa Anne, Charles Douglas, and Marion Russell, and adorned sister to five brothers and two sisters. Mary's family spans across generations and she was the heart of her family, staying involved over the years with her 18 grandchildren, 32 great grandchildren, and 3 great-great grandchildren.

Born on March 3rd, 1937, in Highland, Maryland, Mary spent her life serving and caring for others, both in her personal life and career. She entered the workforce as a seamstress, sewing anything from pants and shirts to gloves. In 1981, she followed her heart and God's will, and it led her to a career in nursing. She began working as a Certified Nursing Assistant at Brook Grove Nursing Home. In 1991, at the age of 55, she went back to school to become a Licensed Practical Nurse, LPN. She found her forever career home at The ARC of Howard County working with the mentally and physically handicapped. After 17 years of working at the ARC, Mary retired at the age of

77 years old.

Mary not only held a nursing career, but she helped build a life and business with the love of her life, Baker. Working alongside him, not because she had to but because she wanted to; she knew how to bail hay, milk cows, drive dump trucks, and still came home to cook a delicious dinner the southern way, as she would say. She built a life that was good, one to be remembered, a legacy to live on in the generations of family to follow. She was known to many as Mom, Momma, Mammaw, Sister Mary, Aunt Mary, and dear friend. She is now being welcomed at the gates by her Father as My Child.

The family will receive friends on Friday February 27th, 2026, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at Valley Funeral Service at 14116 S. Middle Road, Edinburg, Virginia 22824.

The funeral service will be held on Saturday, February 28th, 2026, at Noon at Valley Funeral Service. Minister Katrina Gochenour will officiate. Burial will follow at Mount Jackson Cemetery in Mount Jackson, Virginia.

Online condolences may be left at www.valleyfs.com

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

Cemetery Details

Mount Jackson Cemetery

6375 Main Street
Mount Jackson, VA 22842

Previous Events

Receive Friends

FEB 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

FEB 28. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry for your loss prayers for the family going to miss her

Charlie Ridgely - February 28 at 06:41 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Evelyn Ridgely Compton.



February 26 at 11:45 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Evelyn Ridgely Compton.

February 26 at 11:45 AM

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“ Robert and Beth purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Mary Evelyn Ridgely Compton.



Robert and Beth - February 25 at 02:20 PM

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“ Robert and Beth planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Evelyn Ridgely Compton.

Robert and Beth - February 25 at 02:20 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Evelyn Ridgely Compton.*



February 25 at 01:44 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Evelyn Ridgely Compton.*



February 25 at 11:48 AM



“ *Mary Compton, LPN, we recognize you and pay homage to your dedication to the profession of nursing. We extend our deepest sympathies to your family, friends and colleagues.
Respectfully,
The Maryland Nurse Honor Guard*

The Maryland Nurse Honor Guard - February 25 at 06:28 AM



“ *My aunt was the sweetest lady I know and really enjoyed seeing you at the Ridgely's family reunion every year. She definitely be missed there this year. My prayers and condolences to her daughter Lisa and van.*

Kimberly Renee Wiles(Ridgely) - February 24 at 07:49 PM



“ *Our deepest condolences for your loss. Praying for God's peace & comfort for the entire family.* ”

Unchained Motorcycle Ministry - February 24 at 03:17 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Evelyn Ridgely Compton.* ”



February 24 at 12:24 PM