



Phyllis Robertson Ritchie

January 8, 1935 - October 10, 2016

Phyllis Joan Robertson Ritchie passed away Monday October 10, 2016 surrounded by her loving family. She was born January 8, 1935 in Fayetteville Arkansas to H.W. and Lillian Robertson.

On September 12, 1954 Phyllis married Andy T. Ritchie III. Together they lived in 10 different states, Canada and Belgium.

Trained as a secretary, she worked as a medical secretary as well as a teacher. She was best known for her cooking, sewing and knitting skills, making quilts for all her children, grandchildren, spouses and offspring as well as sewing dresses for African children.

She is survived by Andy her husband of 62 years, four siblings: Peggy Massey (Fred) of San Antonio TX, Lois Schwartz (Stan – deceased) of Searcy AR, Barbara Branscome (David) of Florence AL, Marvin Robertson (Roki) of Searcy AR as well as Brother in Law Ed Ritchie (Anne) of Murfreesboro TN, Sister's in law Bettye Casey (Gerald) of Searcy AR and Joan Toepel (Mike) of Salisbury NH.

Phyllis had four children. She is preceded in death by her eldest daughter Elizabeth Roach whose husband is Keith Roach of Canterbury NH. She is survived by sons Tom Ritchie (Debbie) and Bob Ritchie (Lisa) of Searcy AR and a daughter Alice Ramsey (Mathew) of Sherwood AR.

She is survived by 11 grandchildren : Nathan Roach (Larissa) of Nashville TN, Jonathan Roach (Lauren) of Boscawen NH, Thomas Ritchie Jr. (Sara Beth) of Searcy AR, Jamie Ritchie (Caitlin) of Ashburn VA, Kate Wills (Bruce) of Little

Rock AR, Bennett Ritchie of Fayetteville AR, Dan Roach (Julie) of Batesville AR, Stephen Ramsey (Maggie) of Southhaven MS, Alex Ritchie (Logan) of Cottage Grove MN, Melissa Posey (Stephen) of Austin AR, Christy Hassell (Jim) of Alexandria VA;

And six Great Grandchildren: Leah Ritchie, Mary Ann Ritchie, Koen Ritchie, James Ritchie, Jacob Roach and Maya Roach (with four on the way)

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in Memory of Phyllis Ritchie to the Ukrainian Mission Project care of College Church of Christ in Searcy AR

Cemetery Details

White County Memorial Gardens

Eastline Road
Searcy, AR 72143

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **15**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

West Side Church of Christ
709 West Arch
Searcy, AR 72143

Funeral Service

OCT **15**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

PB

“ Dear Andy - we are so sorry about your loss. Phyllis was a wonderful neighbor and was always kind and helpful. You and your family have been impressive Christian examples for us, and we send our heartfelt condolences to you. May you soon be able to put your sadness behind you and enjoy the memories you have of this very good lady. In Christian love, Pat & Eddie Best, Searcy

Pat & Eddie Best - October 14, 2016 at 07:44 PM

JM

Dear Ritchie Family,
We are saddened about the passing of Phyllis. Paul and I have become close to Andy and Phyllis because we are exercise friends at Searcy Athletic Health Club. Such a sweet couple whom we admired!
Paul and Jan Morgan

Jan Morgan - October 15, 2016 at 08:49 AM