



## Nancy Lee Gladwell Ritchie

March 18, 1937 - January 13, 2022

Nancy Lee Gladwell Ritchie, 84, of Huntington, WV, died Thursday, January 13, 2022 at Cabell Huntington Hospital after a long illness. She was born March 18, 1937 in Charleston, daughter of Arthur Lee Gladwell and Brownie “Bee” Loudermilk Gladwell of Dunbar. When she was three years old the family moved to Lewisburg where her father was eventually elected Mayor. She was graduated from Lewisburg High School before attending Marshall University in Huntington and then Greenbrier College for Women in Lewisburg. She was selected as a princess in the Mountain State Forest Festival in 1956. She was a member of Eastern Star. She was first employed by her family’s business, Bee Jewelry Store in Lewisburg, and later in the office of the County Extension Service for Greenbrier County. She married the love of her life Garry Harlan Ritchie, a radio/TV broadcaster, in 1958 and moved with him back to Charleston. She took a job in the Charleston office of WOWK-TV where she earned money to help finance her husband’s college education. In later years she followed his rising career to Cleveland, OH; Stamford, CT; Cincinnati, OH; Gainesville, FL; Scranton, PA; Portland, ME and back to Huntington, WV. An avid and expert quilter Mrs. Ritchie belonged to a number of quilting clubs and societies and taught quilting classes in Cleveland, Gainesville and Scranton. She won awards for her quilts including a best of show in a state of Florida quilt exhibition. Like her husband, Mrs. Ritchie also held a “ham” radio license with the call letters WB8GSD, and was a member of the Tri-State Amateur Radio Association. Her church

membership was at Pea Ridge United Methodist in Huntington. She is survived by her husband Garry, by sons Arthur Harlan Ritchie of Lodi, OH (wife Lisa), and Michael Lee Ritchie of DeLand, FL (wife Colette), and by grandchildren Brian Lee Ritchie of Stratton ME, Amanda Nicole Ritchie Litteral of Galloway, OH (husband Zachary), and Ashley Katherine Ritchie of Lodi, OH. Also surviving is her brother, Dr. David Arthur Gladwell of Bedford, VA (wife Elizabeth) and many nieces and nephews. Instead of flowers a memorial gift to a charity of the donor's choice could be a fitting tribute. Respecting Covid protocols there will no viewing and private services will be conducted on Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 10:00 AM by Rev. Shannon Blosser at Henson and Kitchen Mortuary in Barboursville. Burial will be in her parents' plot at Rosewood Cemetery in Lewisburg.

# Cemetery Details

## Rosewood Cemetery

N Jefferson St.  
Lewisburg, WV 24901

# Previous Events

## Funeral Services - Following COVID-19 Guidelines

JAN **19**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Henson and Kitchen Mortuary and Cremation Services  
1592 East Pea Ridge Road  
Huntington, WV 25705  
(304) 736-8986  
fredkitchen@hensonmortuary.com  
<https://www.hensonandkitchen.com>

## Graveside Service - Following COVID-19 Guidelines

JAN **20**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Rosewood Cemetery  
N Jefferson St.  
Lewisburg, WV 24901

# Tribute Wall



“ *Nancy Lee Gladwell Ritchie*

October 23, 2023 at 01:49 AM



“ *Nancy Lee and David grew up in the house next door to ours in Lewisburg. We were all very close. We are blessed with wonderful memories of friendships fostered during and by an innocent and gentle time. My sisters and I are very saddened by Nancy's death. Our sympathy goes out to her family.*  
*Sharon Clingman Shutzer*

**Sharon Clingman Shutzer** - January 21, 2022 at 05:06 PM



“ *Nancy was a wonderful lady and neighbor. Prayers for the family.*  
*Priscilla Gray*

**Priscilla Gray** - January 19, 2022 at 12:40 PM



“ *So sorry. Love and prayers. We grew up in Lewisburg with lots of wonderful memories.*

**Phyllis B Crickenberger** - January 16, 2022 at 07:25 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Nancy Lee Gladwell Ritchie.*



January 16, 2022 at 10:02 AM