



## Doris E. Ritchie

November 11, 1931 - February 5, 2026

Doris Simon Ritchie, age 94, of Wilmington, DE, passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, February 5, 2026. Doris was a graduate of PS duPont High School, class of 1949 and served on the reunion committee, planning yearly gatherings of classmates until 2019. Doris loved children and enjoyed an elementary school teaching career before leaving to raise her own family with her beloved husband, Bill.

Doris' true passion was people, always looking for a group to organize for games, travel, or fun. She both welcomed a newcomer with open arms and maintained relationships with long-time friends. She was also a 54-year member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church serving as the Sunday School Superintendent for over 25 years, chairing the memorial and membership committees, and serving as the preschool treasurer.

Doris is survived by her son, Bruce Ritchie (Kimberley); daughter, Clarice Ritchie; sister, Esther Simon Herdeg; grandchildren, Marc (Shannon), Lauren (John) & Katie (Trevor); and great-grandchildren, Carly, Georgie, Olivia, Korra & Knox.

A visitation will be held on Friday, February 20th, from 1:00-2:00 PM at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 1700 Limestone Rd, Wilmington, DE 19804. A memorial service in celebration of Doris' life will follow at 2:00 PM. Burial will

be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to PAWS for People, P.O. Box 9955, Newark, DE 19714, [www.PAWSforPeople.org](http://www.PAWSforPeople.org), or St. Mark's UMC, 1700 Limestone Rd, Wilmington, DE 19804. For directions or to send an online condolence visit [www.stranofeeley.com](http://www.stranofeeley.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 20. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Marks United Methodist Church  
1700 Limestone Road  
Wilmington, DE

## Celebration of Life

FEB 20. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Marks United Methodist Church  
1700 Limestone Road  
Wilmington, DE

# Tribute Wall



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Doris E. Ritchie.



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February 19 at 02:19 PM



“ I met Bill & Doris several years ago and am grateful for their influence in my life. After ol' blue eyes passed away, I continued to correspond with Doris & Clarice through cards & letters. I was so happy when I would see Doris' handwriting in my mailbox. I regret that I will be unable to attend her services. Please know that you are in my heart & prayers and how saddened I am to hear of her passing. I know that she & Bill are reunited in heaven even though we miss them so much here. Love, Regina



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Regina Toy - February 17 at 07:43 PM



“ During our lives we meet people that touch us with their kindness, compassion, and love for those they hold close. AD (Aunt Doris) will always hold a special place in my heart and I will always aspire to be as genuine a person as she was. You are missed.

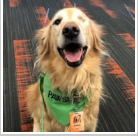
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Michael Mowins - February 12 at 08:09 PM

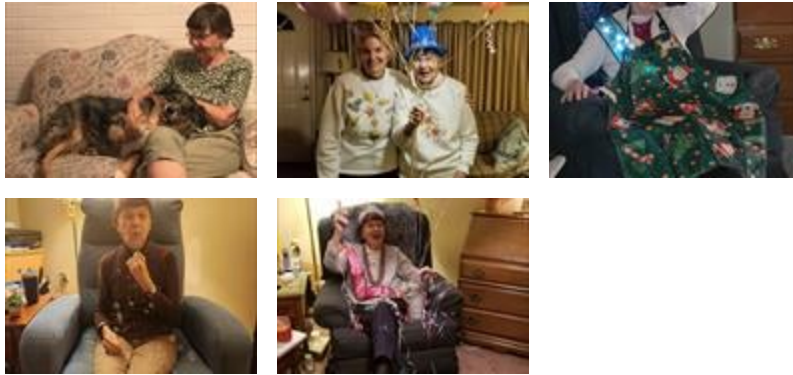
MM

“ Michael M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Doris E. Ritchie.

Michael M. - February 12 at 08:05 PM



“ Knowing and loving Doris was a gift. I will miss decorating her for celebrations - she was such a great sport!



Wendy Lewis - February 12 at 08:01 PM

MB

“ Mollie Barton purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Doris E. Ritchie.



Mollie Barton - February 11 at 05:00 PM

BT

“ Betty T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Doris E. Ritchie.

Betty T. - February 11 at 11:13 AM