



## Patricia Lee Riggs

June 9, 1930 - December 29, 2018

Patricia Lee (Ellis) Riggs, 88, of New Castle, passed away Saturday, December 29, 2018 at Miller's Merry Manor in Middletown.

She was born June 9, 1930 at home in Rush County, Indiana, a daughter of the late Edgar and Uva (VanDuyn) Ellis.

Patricia was a homemaker, a farmer's wife and a farmer, a mother, and a caregiver. She married the love of her life, Jean Riggs, on September 17, 1949 and together they enjoyed 50 years of marriage until his death on June 5, 2000. She was a member of Grace Baptist Church and the Kennard Brotherhood and Sisterhood.

Those left to cherish Patricia's memory include 10 children, Bill (Carol) Hess of Volo, IL, Rick (Cindy) Patton of Indianapolis, Chester (Carolyn) Riggs of Corinth, TX, Donna (Phillip) Zachary of Middletown, Arlene Riggs of The Villages, FL, Darlene Riggs of Daleville, Robert (Brenda) Riggs of Kennard, Missionary John (Marcia) Riggs of Ndola, Zambia, Africa, Sharon (Ken) Custer of New Castle, and David (Risa) Riggs of Lincoln, IL; a daughter-in-law, Debbie Riggs of New Castle; 19 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Patricia was preceded in death by her husband, Jean Riggs; son, Mark Riggs;

granddaughter, Cindy Windmeyer; great-granddaughter, Hannah Bailey; sister, Doris Linder and four brothers, Jim, Max, Keith, and Rex Ellis.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 pm Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at Grace Baptist Church in New Castle with Pastor Denny Neal officiating. Burial will follow in Glen Cove Cemetery in Knightstown.

Friends may call from 11:00 am until the time of service Wednesday at the church.

You may send the family a personal condolence at [www.sprolesfamilycares.com](http://www.sprolesfamilycares.com).

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Sproles Family Funeral Home. The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Patricia Lee (Ellis) Riggs.

# Cemetery Details

## Glen Cove Cemetery

8875 S. St. Rd. 109  
Knightstown, IN 46148

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 2. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Grace Baptist Church  
2649 Q Ave  
New Castle, IN 47362

## Service

JAN 2. 1:00 PM (ET)

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2649 Q Ave  
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# Tribute Wall

MO

“ Hi again Mamaw. Its been a while. I feel like I should explain on the last one since I've realized you're not familiar with the terms I use. The 'break up' was a friendship breakup with someone I never wanted to lose. Ive realized it was for the best though. She 'dumped' me by ghosting me, which means she literally disappeared out of nowhere on me. But I've made better friends since then. you'd like them. I don't have much time because it's late and Im exhausted but I was just busy thinking about you. I miss you.

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moe - November 07, 2022 at 10:49 PM

MO

“ Hey Mamaw, I'm back again. We broke it off completely today. She broke my heart when she told me that I was supposed to ask before I told her the things I would've never told you because your heart wouldn't be able to take them. I told her the things I've barely even said out loud, and she just thinks that I wanted to pressure her to talk to me. I never wanted that. I just wanted to be a normal person. I'm never going to be normal, will I? I'm always going to be stuck in this miserable spiral. I'm always here, Mamaw, waiting for you to come back, for someone, anyone, to say it was a cruel joke on me, that you're not actually gone. I miss you more than words can say. Why can't you just come to see me again? Just one more episode and I'll be ok I promise, I'll make it work. I'll move on and I won't think about you and you won't be in everything I do and every step I take and every breath I breathe. One day, I hope I'll wake up and see you again, and you'll be sitting next to me with your little girl and we can go out to the dining room and sit at the table and eat a bowl of cereal and make all these new memories that I miss more than I miss anything else in the world. God, I wish you never died. I love you forever.

xoxo, moe <3

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moe - January 20, 2022 at 10:31 AM

MO

“ I miss you, Mamaw. I keep finding reasons to come back to you because truth is, I haven't felt like myself since you passed. Uncle Daniel and I recently got closer, and he's helped me in ways you used to. I miss you, every day. I do it all for you, just so you know. Every sport I play, every game I play in, everything always comes back to you. I miss you more than anything. I can't keep explaining to people why I'm sad when its always something you can always fix. I wish you would've lived to see me today, I'm in 8th grade now. I'm all grown up. I got dumped last weekend and I looked for you the whole time. I'm always going to miss you. every day, I wish i could come see you, but I'm pushing though it. I'll love you always and ill never watch wheel of fortune ever without hearing your voice. Ill love you forever.

xoxo, moe <3

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moe - January 19, 2022 at 02:47 PM

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“ Pastor Tim and Harvest Baptist Temple Mackinaw, IL purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Patricia Lee Riggs.



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Pastor Tim and Harvest Baptist Temple Mackinaw, IL -  
January 02, 2019 at 02:58 PM

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Patricia Lee Riggs.



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January 01, 2019 at 01:43 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Patricia Lee Riggs.*



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December 31, 2018 at 01:03 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Patricia Lee Riggs.*



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December 31, 2018 at 11:03 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patricia Lee Riggs.*



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December 31, 2018 at 09:05 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Patricia Lee Riggs.*



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December 30, 2018 at 03:14 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Patricia Lee Riggs.*



December 30, 2018 at 02:03 PM



“ *The Seitz Family - John Barb Kylie and Noah purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Patricia Lee Riggs.*



**The Seitz Family - John Barb Kylie and Noah** - December 30, 2018 at 01:20 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patricia Lee Riggs.*



December 30, 2018 at 01:14 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patricia Lee Riggs.*



December 30, 2018 at 09:31 AM

WH

“ I was 56 when I found my birth mother, Patty, it was a mind blowing memory when I got a phone call on Donna's birth and hear on the phone, I think I am your mother, sitting with her in her apartment in New Castle a couple weeks later talking and hearing about how I came to be, her hand touching me the whole time, as she told me she had never gotten to hold me or touch me when I was born. I will remember those time the rest of my life. What a blessing to find her, Love you Mom.

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William Hess - December 30, 2018 at 09:26 AM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Patricia Lee Riggs.



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December 30, 2018 at 09:05 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patricia Lee Riggs.



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December 30, 2018 at 12:09 AM