



Deanna Rose Ritchie

January 8, 1945 - September 29, 2023

Deanna Rose (Kazuk) Ritchie, 78, of Royal Oak, MI, passed away peacefully at home on September 29, 2023, surrounded by family.

Deanna's favorite activity was spending time with her family, especially with her grandchildren: Ben, Ellie and June Delmar; Josie and Hatchel Ritchie; and Archie and Eloise Houston. She also loved her weekly card games, gardening, and reading. For over 50 years, Deanna and David enjoyed the love and support of a close group of friends as they went on camping trips, hosted holiday and pool parties, and celebrated the milestones of each others' lives together. She was deeply loved and will be missed by many.

Deanna was born on January 8, 1945 in Saginaw, MI, daughter of the late Alex Kazuk and Venice Shepherd. She graduated from Central Michigan University with a degree in Elementary Education and earned a Master's Degree at the University of Michigan Ann Arbor. She taught elementary school for many years before finishing her career at Detroit Public Schools.

Deanna is survived by her husband of 54 years David; their children Robyn (Scott) Delmar, Mark (Courtney) Ritchie, Kristin (Tom) Houston, and seven grandchildren; and her sisters Elynor Kazuk, Betty (Bob) Eliassen, and Judy Dilts.

Memorial donations may be made to SAY Detroit or to the National Scleroderma Foundation.

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Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

OCT 6. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Memorial Service

OCT 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DJ

“ Your kind spirit, wonderful smile, and delicious cookies is what I remember most about you. You shared your knowledge and experiences to help guide me into being a great educator. The Cooper School Family will surely miss you. You will always be in our hearts forever.

Dr. James A. Barnes Jr. - October 06, 2023 at 04:04 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Deanna Rose Ritchie.



October 06, 2023 at 07:18 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Deanna Rose Ritchie.



October 05, 2023 at 10:31 PM

PD

“ To our dear friend Deanna. Your radiant smile, grace and love will be missed by all who knew you. In your honor the canasta ladies have planted a grove of 5 memorial trees.

Peggy Drake - October 05, 2023 at 04:19 PM



“ A grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Deanna Rose Ritchie.

October 05, 2023 at 04:05 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Deanna Rose Ritchie.

October 05, 2023 at 03:32 PM



“ *Your Light Shines* was purchased for the family of Deanna Rose Ritchie.



October 05, 2023 at 03:32 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Deanna Rose Ritchie.



October 05, 2023 at 10:58 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Deanna Rose Ritchie.*



October 05, 2023 at 07:54 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Deanna Rose Ritchie.*



October 05, 2023 at 07:23 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Deanna Rose Ritchie.

October 05, 2023 at 07:23 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Deanna Rose Ritchie.

October 04, 2023 at 10:27 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Deanna Rose Ritchie.*



October 04, 2023 at 10:27 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Deanna Rose Ritchie.

October 04, 2023 at 05:38 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deanna Rose Ritchie.



October 04, 2023 at 05:38 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Deanna Rose Ritchie.

October 04, 2023 at 02:22 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Deanna Rose Ritchie.



October 04, 2023 at 02:22 PM

DJ

“ Words cannot express the loss of such a beautiful individual. Being neighbors and close friends, we were able to make so many memories with Deanna as she shared her love with all of the Jagodzinski family. In memory of your love and kindness we have planted a grove of 25 memorial trees.

David Jagodzinski - October 04, 2023 at 12:44 PM

PM

“ Paula M. planted a grove of 25 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deanna Rose Ritchie.

Paula M. - October 04, 2023 at 12:32 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Deanna Rose Ritchie.

October 04, 2023 at 10:43 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Deanna Rose Ritchie.



October 04, 2023 at 10:43 AM

BS

“ Bud and Lyn Stringer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deanna Rose Ritchie.

Bud and Lyn Stringer - October 04, 2023 at 09:13 AM

BS

“ *Bud and Lyn Stringer purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Deanna Rose Ritchie.*



Bud and Lyn Stringer - October 04, 2023 at 09:13 AM

MS

“ My friend, Deanna Ritchie.

I was thrilled in the mid 60's when my best friend called and asked if he could come from Royal Oak to Florida, with his new girlfriend. The friend, of course, was David Ritchie. I knew it must be serious if he was going to drive his GTO all the way to Melbourne Beach, Florida. And when he arrived, I met Deanna. It was apparent to me and my then wife, Jill, that she was the perfect match for David. She could not only match his wit, but she could also put up with his antics. Jill and I developed a real fondness for this lovely young girl, we were really only kids then. I remember we went to Orlando to see the just released wide screen version of "Gone with the Wind", which I had never seen. We all enjoyed it. Soon after that trip Dave told me they were getting married. Although not able to make the wedding, we were thrilled for their union. Living over a thousand miles away it is kind of hard to keep old friendships going and to develop new ones, like with Deanna. However, that was never a problem with David and Deanna. Whether alone, with my wife, whoever it happened to be at the time, or with my brother-in-law, Deanna always made us feel at home in her home and a little like family. She is truly an amazing lady, so gracious, charming, loving and friendly. Our Lord sure found David's perfect match in Deanna and I love her as I love her husband, David. Thanks Deanna, for making the many years of our friendship so special. All of those parties, dream cruises and reunions you allowed me to intrude into your household on sure were special times for me and David and you made them extra special. I know this is a special Birthday for you and I wish I could be there. However, in my absence just know that you are in my heart, thoughts and prayers and I love you and David dearly and you will always have a special place in my heart.

Bud Stringer

Mervin A. Stringer - October 04, 2023 at 08:53 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Deanna Rose Ritchie.*



October 04, 2023 at 12:22 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Deanna Rose Ritchie.

October 04, 2023 at 12:22 AM



“ *I'll never forget our wonderful time of playing cards when her son Mark brought her to our house in Virginia. She had such a positive and loving characteristic and her smile was delightful. We were saddened to hear Deanna had passed away. Condolences and love to her family. Darrin & Candy Barkley.*

Candy Barkley - October 03, 2023 at 04:16 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Deanna Rose Ritchie.*



October 03, 2023 at 04:12 PM

BE

“ *Betty E. purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Deanna Rose Ritchie.*



Betty E. - October 03, 2023 at 02:40 PM