

Forever In Our Hearts

Gloria Murdoch Riggs

April 15, 1947 - April 23, 2025





Funeral Service

2 p.m., Saturday, May 3, 2025
Wildwood Presbyterian Church, Newport, NC
Officiated by Rev. B.J. Bell

WELCOME

“AMAZING GRACE”
Congregational Hymn # 280

EULOGY

REFLECTIONS AND STORIES

“HOW GREAT THOU ART”
Jenny Bell

MESSAGE ~ MUSTARD AND MANURE

“I’LL FLY AWAY”
Congregational Hymn

The service will conclude at Gethsemane Memorial Park.

Please turn on bright lights and hazards in procession.

Pallbearers

Hayes Houston
Leslie Riggs Jr.

Richard Murdoch
Tim Taylor

Graham Riggs
Jacob Turner

Following the graveside service, the family invites everyone to join them at the Church for a meal and a time of fellowship.

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Gloria Murdoch Riggs, 78, of Newport, North Carolina, passed away on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at Novant Health New Hanover Regional Medical Center.

Gloria was born on April 15, 1947, in Morehead City, NC, to the late Amasa and Myrtle Murdoch. Growing up in the Wildwood community, Gloria was a longtime devoted member of Wildwood Presbyterian Church. She was well known throughout Newport for her 29 years of service with the Newport Post Office, where she made lasting connections within the community.

In her leisure time, Gloria had a variety of interests. She enjoyed bowling, family gatherings, and spending time with her family. Living on the coast, Gloria always loved fishing and clamming, often retelling the memorable story of catching so many fish that it left "a hole in the water", as told by her husband.

Christmas held a special place in her heart and was her favorite holiday as she always loved family gatherings and festive celebrations. She appreciated the simple pleasures in life, a good meal and taking Sunday afternoon rides. Visits to her son's home in Swansboro were always a highlight that she looked forward to.

Above all, Gloria treasured her roles as a devoted wife of 59 years, a nurturing mother, and a proud grandmother. Her grandchildren brought her immense joy, and they were truly the light of her life.

Those remaining to cherish her memory are her devoted husband, Leslie E. Riggs Sr.; son, Leslie E. Riggs Jr. (Bethany Danielle Turner) of Swansboro, NC; grandchildren, Graham Riggs and Caroline Riggs; her furry friend, her dog, "Little Man"; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Gloria was preceded in death by her siblings, Bertha Mason Barnes, Jean Murdoch Smith, Manley Mason, William "Buster" Murdoch and Clyde Murdoch.

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Wildwood Flower

Oh, I'll twine with my mingles and raven black hair
With the roses so red and the lilies so fair
And the mirtles so bright with the emerald dew
The pale and the leader and eyes look like blue

I'll dance, I will sing and my laugh shall be gay
I will charm every heart, in each crown I will sway
When I woke from my dreaming my idols was clay
All portion of love had all flown away

Oh, he taught me to love him and promised to love
And to cherish me over all others above
How my heart is now wondering no misery can tell
He's left me no warning, no words of farewell

Oh, he taught me to love him and call me his flower
That was blooming to cheer him through life's dreary hour
How I long to see him and regret the dark hour
He's gone and neglected his pale wildwood flower



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