



## Patricia Johnson Rickey-Lyons

October 10, 1939 - February 28, 2024

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Patricia J. Rickey-Lyons, a remarkable woman whose life was filled with love, dedication, and selflessness. Patricia left this world on February 28, 2024, leaving behind a legacy that will forever be etched in the hearts of those who had the privilege of knowing her.

Patricia, affectionately known as Pat, was born on October 10, 1939, in the last house near the mouth of the mine in Jewell Ridge, Virginia. She was the firstborn child of H. Virginia "Gee" Johnson Grove and Railroad Conductor John Leonard Swofford. With her blazing red hair, Pat's vibrant presence illuminated the lives of those around her from the very beginning.

As the oldest sister to her four siblings, Pat's life began in service to her family, acting as both sister and caregiver to her younger sisters and brother. This dedication to those around her carried on throughout her entire life, displaying an unwavering commitment to service and community. She was a founding member of the Richlands Women's Auxiliary Volunteer Rescue Squad, dedicating her time and energy to helping those in need. Pat's compassion and dedication were evident in her work with the squad, as she selflessly gave of herself to ensure the well-being of others. Not only was Pat dedicated to the rescue squad, but she also made history as the first woman to run and seek election to the Richlands Town Council. Her determination

and pioneering spirit paved the way for future generations of women in the community.

Pat's involvement in the Boy Scouts of America showcased her nurturing nature and her belief in giving back. After watching her two sons work hard to rise to the rank of Eagle Scout, Pat later went on to serve as a Den Mother to Cub Scouts in Richlands, Virginia. She later held the position of Assistant Cubmaster to Pack 0777 in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Pat's dedication to the scouts was a testament to her strong values of mentorship and guiding young minds toward personal growth and achievement. She had a true passion for gardening, working with both flowers and vegetables. She once successfully grew a tomato that was one ounce shy of three pounds and managed to grow a cucumber that was 24 & 1/2 inches in length.

She was self-taught when it came to home renovation projects. These home-schooled skills allowed her to draw up the blueprints of a house that she had built for both her and her mother. She was thrilled to learn that her blueprints had been approved by the county and that construction on the house would move forward. Pat later learned that this accomplishment had not gone unnoticed. County officials informed Pat that her house would be the last house that would be built in the community, without the actual blueprints of a certified architectural engineer.

Pat's greatest joy came from her role as a mother to her two remarkable sons, Tyrone Oliver Rickey and Ronald Jeffrey Rickey of Richmond, Virginia. She instilled in them the values of family, faith, integrity, kindness, and the importance of giving back to the community. Pat's love extended to her heartfelt daughter, Tina Michelle Conner of Abingdon, Virginia, and embraced her daughters-in-law, Tami Broadwater Rickey and Mrs. Rebecca Lynn Smith of Richmond, Virginia as part of her own family. She found great pride and happiness in her grandchildren Vincent Alexander Riquier and Matthew

Jeffrey Rickey of Richmond, Virginia. She cherished every moment spent with her grandsons and embraced her step-grandchildren.

She is survived and carried on in spirit by sister Brenda Sue Grove Brakefield of Pounding Mill, Virginia, and brother Rondal Keith Grove and wife Judy Kay Grove of Richlands, Virginia, as well as brother-in-law, Richard Lee Conner of Abingdon, Virginia. She is preceded in death by sisters Velma Jean Grove Conner and Sandra Lee Grove Pruitt, and brothers-in-law Roger Lee Pruitt and Jonnie Reid Brakefield. Pat is also survived by many nephews and nieces.

She is preceded in death by her beloved mother H. Virginia "Gee" Johnson Grove and Father John Leonard Swofford, as well as her loving maternal grandparents James Washington Johnson and Nancy Augustu Hawkins, and paternal grandparents William Henry Swofford and Maude Leonia Shook.

Pat was the wife of Norman Thomas Riquier of Highland Falls, New York. In her later life, Pat's closest friend and sweetheart was Tivis "Midge" Boyd of Richlands, Virginia, who acted as grandfather to her grandson Vincent.

Patricia J. Rickey-Lyons will be deeply missed but forever remembered for her unwavering love, strength, and dedication to her family and community. Her legacy of service and kindness will continue to inspire all who were fortunate enough to know her. As we bid farewell to Pat, let us hold onto the memories and lessons she imparted upon us. May her soul rest in eternal peace, knowing that she made a lasting impact on the lives of those she touched.

The funeral service for Patricia Lyons will be at 1:00 PM on Saturday, March 2, 2024, at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Chapel in Richlands, Virginia. Entombment will follow at Greenhills Memory Gardens in Claypool Hill, Virginia with the

Rev. Gary Lyons officiating the committal service. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Saturday beginning at 11:00 AM until the time of service.

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia oversees arrangements and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at [www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com](http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Greenhills Memory Gardens

11800 Gov G.C. Peery Hwy  
Cedar Bluff, VA 24609

# Previous Events

## Visitation

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

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home  
1401 2nd Street  
Richlands, VA 24641  
<http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com>

## Funeral Service

MAR 2. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Hurst-Scott Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Patricia Johnson Rickey-Lyons



Hurst-Scott Funeral Home - March 17, 2024 at 11:41 AM



“ Tom And Dot McGlothlin lit a candle in memory of Patricia Johnson Rickey-Lyons



Tom and Dot McGlothlin - March 14, 2024 at 06:46 PM



“ Anita McGlothlin-Gibson lit a candle in memory of Patricia Johnson Rickey-Lyons



Anita McGlothlin-Gibson - March 05, 2024 at 06:37 PM



“ In school together. One of the nicest classmates one could ever wish for. RIP dear friend Pat.

Dairel Bobbitte - March 03, 2024 at 09:06 PM

LW

“ Jeff, Ty & Family,  
Prayers of comfort and peace for you in this most difficult time. Pat was a beautiful and kind lady always. She will certainly be missed by so many. Her knowledge of our hometown area will certainly be treasured for years to come.  
God Bless You,  
Lynda



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**Lynda Lawson Whittington** - March 02, 2024 at 05:47 PM

JV

“ Sending my deepest sympathy to this precious family. Pat was such a sweetheart, always smiling! May God comfort your hearts now and in the days ahead. Love and Prayers, Judy Peak VanDyke



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**Judy P VanDyke** - March 02, 2024 at 03:00 PM

DB

“ So saddened by the passing of a dear friend. Spent a lot of time at their residence as a teenager. Pat, Gee and the rest of the family always treated me so nice and made me feel welcome. There are alot of crazy and fun memories of those days. RIP dear friend, you will never be forgotten.

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**Dee Barbour** - March 02, 2024 at 10:19 AM

SD

“ Sorry to hear about Pat. Hughie and Shirley Davis

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**shirley davis** - March 02, 2024 at 10:00 AM

PS

*So sorry to hear; may she rest in peace.  
MY condolences to all the family  
Prayers.*

**PEGGY Martin Sparks** - March 02, 2024 at 06:04 PM

AP

“ *So sorry to hear about Pat. She worked for my brother, Fred Casey at the Rexall Drug Store for several years. We thought so much of her, a very good person. Prayers for all her family. Alice Pyott*



**Alice Pyott** - March 01, 2024 at 10:04 PM

JW

“ *Judy West lit a candle in memory of Patricia Johnson Rickey-Lyons*



**Judy West** - March 01, 2024 at 07:51 PM

SL

“ *It is hard to find words to describe the wonderful person Pat was. She was a dear friend to my aunt and mom for so many years! May the Lord bless all of you with strength, comfort and understanding as you travel this difficult road. Love to all and our prayers go with you. Sharon Powers Lowe*



**Sharon Powers Lowe** - March 01, 2024 at 04:12 PM

PS

“ *Pat Shamblin sent a virtual gift in memory of Patricia Rickey-Lyons*



Pat Cooley Shamblin - March 01, 2024 at 12:08 PM

PC

“ *Beautiful lady.*



Priscilla Kay Christian - March 01, 2024 at 11:05 AM

Kathy Moye

“ *Kathy Moye lit a candle in memory of Patricia Rickey-Lyons*



Kathy Moye - March 01, 2024 at 10:27 AM



“ *TonyanEdgar Wicks lit a candle in memory of Patricia Johnson Rickey-Lyons*



TonyanEdgar Wicks - March 01, 2024 at 08:52 AM

WR

“ Wendy Joyce Reedy lit a candle in memory of Patricia Johnson Rickey-Lyons



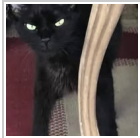
Wendy Joyce Reedy - March 01, 2024 at 08:22 AM

RA

“ Ruby Asbury lit a candle in memory of Patricia Johnson Rickey-Lyons



Ruby Asbury - March 01, 2024 at 04:59 AM



“ Davie Horton lit a candle in memory of Patricia Johnson Rickey-Lyons



Davie Horton - March 01, 2024 at 03:53 AM

CR

“ Chris Rogich lit a candle in memory of Patricia Johnson Rickey-Lyons



Chris rogich - March 01, 2024 at 01:28 AM

NJ

“ A dear lady. RIP Pat. Our sincere condolences to her family. Bill Ray and Naomi Joyce.



Naomi Joyce - February 29, 2024 at 10:41 PM

RA

“ I worked with her at Food City, prayers for family she will be missed.

Rita Anderson - February 29, 2024 at 10:07 PM

FW

“ A beautiful soul in every way. RIP Pat. You will always be in my memory and heart.



Faye M West - February 29, 2024 at 10:07 PM

SS

“ I want to send my most dear condolences to the family. I will always remember Pat as the loving, caring, and friendly lady that she was to me. No matter where or when I saw her she always spoke to me and had a smile on her face. She loved her family and would do anything in the world for them.  
With all my love

Susie Lawson Shepherd



Susie Lawson Shepherd - February 29, 2024 at 09:32 PM



“ Ty and Jeff, I am so sorry to learn of Pat's passing. She was such a great influence to all who knew her. She was a joy to be around and was rarely, if ever, seen without a smile on her face. You were blessed with a precious mother and I know she will be greatly missed. You have my deepest sympathy and condolences.  
Love, hugs, and prayers,  
Lynne

M'lynn Cantrell - February 29, 2024 at 08:40 PM

MA

“ Marie Altizer lit a candle in memory of Patricia Johnson Rickey-Lyons



Marie Altizer - February 29, 2024 at 08:19 PM

DH

“ Pat was a good friend to me and I will miss her. rest in peace my friend. 💔

Debbie Hunsaker - February 29, 2024 at 07:54 PM

KS

“ May God give comfort  
Prayers and deepest condolences  
She was a beautiful lady qnd will be missed



Kathy Sneed - February 29, 2024 at 07:43 PM

DM

“ Ty, I'm sorry to learn of Pat's passing. What a life she lead, and if you met her you loved her. We had many political disagreements, yet we never disrespected the others' opinion. She was just always so kind and gracious to me. She could be so sarcastically funny at times, and I will never forget her.



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**Dana Moatd** - February 29, 2024 at 07:30 PM

SC

*I am so deeply saddened, and so sorry that I am unable to be there for you. Love always to you. Shelby*

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**Shelby Cole** - March 01, 2024 at 10:56 AM