



Sylvia Ann Rider

November 15, 1947 - August 5, 2025

With our hearts full of love, we celebrate the life of Sylvia Ann Bratten Rider, who peacefully transitioned from this life on August 5, 2025, after a courageous battle with Parkinson's, kidney failure, and congestive heart failure.

Sylvia was born on November 15, 1947, to the late Sarah Catherine and Rossie Woodly Bratten. She received her formal education in the Salisbury School system and was a proud graduate of Salisbury High School in 1965. Shortly afterward, Sylvia began her lifelong career with Reads/Rite Aid Pharmacy, where she devoted 50 years of dedicated service—a milestone she cherished deeply.

In 1965, Sylvia met the love of her life, Allen A. Rider, and together they welcomed two children, Alan DeLon Bratten and Tonia Nadine Bratten. Sylvia and Allen married in 1978, sharing 47 years of life filled with love, laughter, and family.

In the early 1980s, Sylvia's heart opened to Jesus Christ, and she embraced Him as her personal Lord and Savior. She became an active and devoted member of Mount Enoch Holy Church, where she proudly served as Financial Secretary for a time. Worship, laughter, family, work, and caring for her loved ones and beloved pets were her greatest joys.

Sylvia was preceded in death by her husband, Allen A. Rider; her parents, Sarah Catherine Hill Bratten and Rossie Woodly Bratten; four brothers, Ronald Louis Bratten, Lenwood Albert Bratten, Rossie Alfonso Bratten, and

Alver Bratten; four nephews, Anthony Bratten, Lenwood Bratten, Jr., Kevin Bratten, Sr. and Carl Bratten and one grand-nephew, Chris Bratten.

Sylvia leaves a legacy of love and cherished memories with: her children, Alan DeLon Bratten and Tonia Nadine Bratten; her beloved grandson, Printist Lamar Bratten; her sister, Doris May Bratten and brother, Edward James Bratten; three extra special nieces, Alva Daylynn Emory (Shawn), Angela Bratten, and Renee Pedro (Kenny); two special nephews, Ronald Bratten, Jr. and Michael Bratten; her sister in Christ, Annette Spence; her dear friends, Dr. Wanda Nichols and Apostle Lynnette Horton and a host of other nieces, nephews, relatives, godchildren, and friends. She also leaves behind her beloved companion, her cat Bleu.

Lovingly Submitted ~ The Family

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Enoch Holy Church
28055 Rockawalkin Ridge Road
Salisbury, MD

Funeral Service

SEP 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Bennie Smith Funeral Home - September 05, 2025 at 05:04 PM



“ *Bennie Smith Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Sylvia Ann Rider*



Bennie Smith Funeral Home - September 08, 2025 at 03:26 PM



“ *Sylvia I was the wife of my uncle, Alan, who recently passed away himself last year Sylvia always showed her love for me and the rest of my family members we were family. I enjoy taking both of them both up state Wimington to see my aunt Carolyn who was my uncle's sister. I learned respect kindness and love from aunt Sylvia. She will be missed. God bless the family. Love you , George Anthony Cheatwood*

George A Cheatwood - September 06, 2025 at 09:56 AM

TO

“ Toni lit a candle in memory of Sylvia Ann Rider



Toni - September 01, 2025 at 11:32 AM

TO

I miss you so much mommy. I love you with the love you taught me to have and that love is unmeasurable.

Toni - September 01, 2025 at 11:40 AM

FA

“ Faith lit a candle in memory of Sylvia Ann Rider



Faith - August 28, 2025 at 02:04 PM

TW

“ Sorry For Your Loss



Thomas Widgeon - August 08, 2025 at 07:23 AM

CB

“ *Catherine Bratten lit a candle in memory of Sylvia Ann Rider*



Catherine Bratten - August 07, 2025 at 03:13 PM

CB

Sending my love and condolences to Allen, Tanya, Doris, Eddie and the Ryder & Bratten family, I know that God will be with you through this journey.

Catherine Bratten - August 07, 2025 at 03:18 PM