



Dwen E. Riggins

June 15, 1939 - May 26, 2024

Dwen Ellen Riggins was called to her heavenly home on Sunday, May 26, 2024. She passed away at Witham Memorial Hospital with family by her side.

A lifetime resident of Boone County, she was born at Witham Hospital on June 15, 1939, to George Eugene and Martha Ann (Brandenburg) McDaniel.

On December 4, 1972, she married Larry K. Riggins in Gallatin, Tennessee. They resided on the Riggins family farm in Thorntown for 30 years. They moved to Lebanon in 2003 and were members of the First Baptist Church. He preceded her in death on February 21, 2016.

She was a graduate of Lebanon High School in the class of 1957. She was blessed with loving lifetime friends and “sisters of the heart”, Kay Pauley-French, Patty Rex, Karen Dickerson-Lang, and Nancy Swisher. She was a member of Rainbowettes, Rainbow for girls, Lady Elks, American Legion Auxiliary, and Eagles Auxiliary.

She was a former employee of McDaniel TV and Appliances working with her father for 14 years. She was also employed with Montgomery Ward, Paul Harris Distribution Center, and manager of Countryside Antique Mall in Thorntown from 1990 to 1995.

She enjoyed decorating her home, sewing and crafts, antiques, music, and playing cards. She had a beautiful soprano voice and sang for many years with her father in the church choir. Music was a staple in her life, and she grew up surrounded by a musical family.

Devoted to family; church, home, and her animals were most important to Dwen. She loved her farm life. She and Larry always said how much they loved living in their little corner of God's country.

Survivors include her son, Scott M. (Hendrkje) Riggins of Würzburg, Germany; daughter, Shari K. Riggins of Lebanon; stepson, Troy (Beth) Portish of Lebanon; brother, Toby McDaniel of Rochester, Illinois; grandchildren, Daniel J. (Julia) Riggins of Würzburg, Germany, Jordan L. Riggins of Lebanon, and Kandy (Kevin) Shoffner of Noblesville; great grandchildren, Charlie Riggins of Würzburg, Germany, Morgan, Sydney, and Brady Shoffner of Noblesville; niece, Mindy (Joerg) Pflugi of Switzerland; and great nephew, Finnegan Pflugi of Switzerland.

Preceded in death by her parents, husband, sisters-in-law, Sharon McDaniel and Judith Riggins and her beloved constant furry companion, Cocoa.

Celebration of Life services are planned for 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at the First Baptist Church, 1383 East 75 North in Lebanon, Indiana with Rev. David Wright officiating. No visitation is planned.

Inurnment will take place at a later date at Maple Lawn Cemetery in Thorntown. Myers Mortuary and Boone County Crematory in Lebanon, Indiana have been entrusted with her arrangements.

Memorials may be directed in her memory to the First Baptist Church, 1383 East 75 North, Lebanon, Indiana 46052 or to Humane Society for Boone County, P.O. Box 708, Lebanon, Indiana 46052.

Cemetery Details

Maple Lawn Cemetery

Thorntown, IN 46071

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

JUN 12. 1:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church
1383 East 75 North
Lebanon, IN 46052

Tribute Wall

IR

“ Iris lit a candle in memory of Dwen E. Riggins



Iris - June 15, 2024 at 02:32 AM

CP

“ I was so sorry to hear of Dwen's passing. I only knew her for a short time but she was a lovely lady and I always enjoyed talking to her when I visited my Mom at Homewood. We had a few meals together and shared memories of times we enjoyed. She was so caring and genuine. I will miss her. Sincerely, Cindy Patterson

Cindy Patterson - June 12, 2024 at 11:17 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dwen E. Riggins.



June 10, 2024 at 09:42 AM

MB

“ Much love, Agnes, Jill & Joy Breedlove planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dwen E. Riggins.

Much love, Agnes, Jill & Joy Breedlove - June 10, 2024 at 09:42 AM

TF

“ The Suter family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Dwen E. Riggins.



The Suter family - June 04, 2024 at 12:55 PM

TF

“ The Suter family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dwen E. Riggins.

The Suter family - June 04, 2024 at 12:55 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Dwen E. Riggins.



June 04, 2024 at 09:38 AM

OC

“ Optum Family Medicine Carmel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dwen E. Riggins.

Optum Family Medicine Carmel - June 04, 2024 at 09:38 AM

ND

“ Thank you for always being there for me and Julie. Miss my Dwen hugs so much.



Nita G Dickerson - June 01, 2024 at 10:15 AM

SC

“ condolences to the entire family

Steve Caldwell - May 31, 2024 at 12:59 PM

JG

“ condolences Shari ,and to all the family .

John Ginder - May 31, 2024 at 07:29 AM

SL

“ I was Dwen's handyman for a couple of years and got to know Dwen well. She was always a pleasure to talk to and interesting and kind. Rest in peace Dwen, you've earned it! 🌻

Steve Lingle - May 31, 2024 at 07:26 AM

BS

“ Betty Susong lit a candle in memory of Dwen E. Riggins



Betty Susong - May 31, 2024 at 01:40 AM

EV

“ I Was a classmate of Dwen in LHS Class of 57. Also Grade School at Central. Remember she & Patty Wilson as being “..joined at the hip” for most of their lives. She was always a Hoot, Outgoing, and “Full of the Devil.” It’s with much sadness that I hear of her passing. My Wife, Jeanie & I send our Prayers & Condolences to all her family members. May She Rest In Peace.

Ed Voorhis
Colonel, USAF (Retired)

Ed Voorhis - May 30, 2024 at 04:30 PM

JH

“ I’m so sorry for your loss Larry. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family
Sincerely Jamie Hardesty

Jamie Hardesty - May 30, 2024 at 12:21 PM

JB

“ My Sympathy to the Family. Although I didn’t know Dwen very long, I cherished our short friendship.



J.C. Bogan - May 30, 2024 at 08:43 AM

SB

“ Sally Byrd lit a candle in memory of Dwen E. Riggins



Sally Byrd - May 29, 2024 at 09:20 PM

PY

“ So sorry to hear of my sweet friend Dwen passing.I will miss the calls and your voice.God Bless you Sheri and Jordan.RIP my friend till we meet in Heaven.



Patricia Yates - May 29, 2024 at 08:34 PM

KH

“ Kitty Hill lit a candle in memory of Dwen E. Riggins



Kitty Hill - May 29, 2024 at 06:46 PM

KH

“ Blessings on your family. I will miss our visits so much! Kitty Hill

Kitty Hill - May 29, 2024 at 06:44 PM