



Ritta Burckhardt

July 29, 1930 - March 24, 2022

Easley, SC - Ritta Burckhardt was born one of seven siblings in Eislingen, Germany on July 29, 1930 to Maria (Stehle) and Ignaz Burckhardt. On March 24th, 2022 at the age of 91 she went through Heaven's Gate. In her own words she "lived a good life and did many things that most will not".

Ritta was a remarkable, strong-willed woman and her life was defined by her strength. Hard work and honesty were virtues that she lived by. Being happy with only what you need and loving her family and friends were the most important things to her.

After spending her childhood living through World War II she boarded a ship to the United States in 1950 by herself at the age of 20. She met Josephine Defelice shortly after arriving and they became fast lifetime friends. The ways of living in the U.S. were learned from Josephine's Italian family and Ritta quickly became a U.S. citizen which is one of her proudest accomplishments. She was a skilled seamstress and worked in a factory in Pennsylvania for a short time. Later she worked as a travel agent for Eastern Airlines. People loved her and as a travel agent she was so successful she won many trips all around the world. Ritta loved to travel.

Ritta married in 1963 and a short time later Daphne, her only child, was born. They traveled where work took them and lived in many places all over the U.S. Ritta and Daphne settled in North Georgia in 1975 and remained there until recently. They relocated to Easley, South Carolina in 2017 when Daphne met her husband, Kenneth Tirey. Ritta spent her final years in the care of

Daphne and Ken enjoying her well-deserved retirement years.

Ritta never met a stranger. To know her was to love her. When her only child had her only child, Tiffany, she became “Oma” (German for grandmother). She was known as “Oma” to all of Tiffany’s friends and others who she was close to. Ritta loved to sew and was always making clothes or doing alterations for family and friends. Sewing brought such satisfaction that she continued to sew long after retirement.

Ritta Burckhardt is survived by her daughter Daphne and Daphne's husband Kenneth Tirey; her granddaughter Tiffany and Tiffany's husband Heath Jarrett; her two great-grandsons Kolby and Xander Jarrett; her niece Marilyn Smith and nephew Shaun Smith; her sister Susi; and her nephew Uwe and his wife Gisela Rommel.

The family will have a private celebration of life at a later date where they will gather on the coast of the Atlantic Ocean to scatter her ashes. Her wish was for the ocean to return her to the coast of her homeland, Germany.

If you are so inclined, in lieu of flowers a memorial donation to the Alzheimer’s Association, American Heart Association, or Samaritan’s Purse is appreciated. Palmetto Cremation Service is assisting the Burckhardt family.

Online condolences may be made at PalmettoCremationService.com

Tribute Wall

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“ *Josephine DeFelice and family. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ritta Burckhardt.* ”



Josephine DeFelice and family. - April 02, 2022 at 09:14 AM

DA

“ *Mom loved our dogs but Jax was her favorite* ”



Daphne - March 29, 2022 at 03:49 PM

DA

“ *Took mom for a ride.* ”



Daphne - March 29, 2022 at 03:45 PM

DA

“ Mom was a star. Stunning in her twenties right up to the end.



Daphne - March 29, 2022 at 03:43 PM

TJ

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Tiffany Jarrett - March 28, 2022 at 09:21 PM

JH

“ What a true honor to have been blessed with this lovely woman in my life. The privilege of being considered close as family can be without blood. Ritta will always hold a place in my heart and my mind. She will always be smiling when I look out into a field of sunflowers.

Janet Hamel

Janet Hamel - March 28, 2022 at 09:13 PM

TJ

“ *She loved her family and we loved her!* 💜



Tiffany Jarrett - March 28, 2022 at 08:56 PM

TJ

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Tiffany Jarrett - March 28, 2022 at 08:46 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ritta Burckhardt.*



March 28, 2022 at 03:23 PM

DS

“ *My memories of this beauty are many. The last and probably my fondest memory was when Rocky and I went down to Daphne and Kens in November.*
Ritta talked a lot to me one evening about Germany.
As I told her my Mom named me after her Friend from Germany, she told me all about the River Donna that my name came from.
Her conversations were intriguing and her spirit was infectious. She will truly be missed. RIP Sweet Oma. 💕🌸💕

Donna Smith - March 28, 2022 at 02:26 PM

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“ *Oma was always a welcome and loving presence to our extended family. Her generosity of spirit was contagious and she will always hold a special place in my heart*

Lynn Ridley - March 28, 2022 at 01:15 PM