



## Rita Wilhelmina Callahan Callaway

April 8, 1927 - June 2, 2022

Rita Callaway passed away on the night of Wednesday, June 1, 2022, at Arcadia Senior Living in Chester. She was 95 years old.

Rita was born on April 8, 1927, to the late Alton Callahan and the late Margaret Favinger Callahan. She grew up in Longwoods of Easton on a farm where she spoke highly of their farm to table lifestyle.

After high school, Rita worked as a secretary for a Children's Adoption and Foster Agency.

Rita was a very devoted wife and mother. She married Hazel "Toby" Callaway and together in Carmichael, they had a farming business which included dairy and crops. They raised two children, Mollie and Lee, and nephew, Michael Callahan, since the age of 3. Rita was a great cook and homemaker and known for her great hospitality. She was quite the household and farm manager and relied on for her excellent bookkeeping skills. She loved gardening and flowers. She found great joy in her grandchildren and was always there for them and family. She was a devoted Catholic all her life and belonged to St. Peter's Catholic Church.

Along with her parents and her late husband, she is predeceased by her brothers Jack, Carlton, and Hazel Callahan.

She is survived by her daughter, Mollie (Joseph) Scharnus; son, H. Lee (Linda) Callaway and Michael (Deanna) Callahan; granddaughters, Amy (Kyle) Hollis, Katelyn (Brendan) Giardini, Sarah Scharnus, Kirby (Hunter) Hopkins; grandnephew Brandon Callahan; grandniece Hillary (William) Wakefield; great-grandchildren, Mason, Landon and Mackenzie; and great grand nephew, James.

A gathering will be held on Tuesday, June 7th from 10-11 am at St. Christopher's Catholic Church: 1861 Harbor Dr, Chester, MD, followed by a mass beginning at 11am.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to St. Peter's Catholic Church in Queenstown, Arcadia Assisted Living in Chester, or Compass Regional Hospice in Centreville.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery

5319 Ocean Gateway  
Queenstown, MD 21658

# Previous Events

## Gathering

JUN 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Christopher's Catholic Church  
1861 Harbor Drive  
Chester, MD 21619

## Mass

JUN 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Christopher's Catholic Church  
1861 Harbor Drive  
Chester, MD 21619

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rita Wilhelmina Callahan Callaway*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Rita Wilhelmina Callahan Callaway*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Rita Wilhelmina Callahan Callaway*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rita Wilhelmina Callahan Callaway.*



June 06, 2022 at 04:25 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



**Amy** - June 03, 2022 at 07:55 PM

AM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall

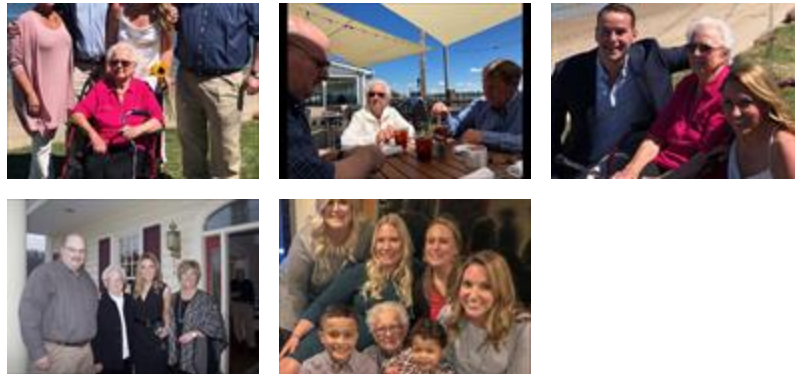


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Amy - June 03, 2022 at 07:53 PM

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Amy - June 03, 2022 at 07:03 PM

RP

“ Rachel Phillips lit a candle in memory of Rita  
Wilhelmina Callahan Callaway



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Rachel Phillips - June 03, 2022 at 05:02 PM

JC

“ June Clark lit a candle in memory of Rita  
Wilhelmina Callahan Callaway



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**June Clark** - June 03, 2022 at 04:38 PM

SD

“ Sara Jane Davidson lit a candle in memory of  
Rita Wilhelmina Callahan Callaway



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**Sara Jane Davidson** - June 03, 2022 at 02:49 PM

BC

“ Sympathy to the family at the loss of Mrs. Calloway. Classmate to  
Mollie & Mike,  
Billie Pelke Carroll

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**Billie Carroll** - June 03, 2022 at 02:19 PM

RM

“ Rick Morris lit a candle in memory of Rita  
Wilhelmina Callahan Callaway



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**Rick Morris** - June 03, 2022 at 01:03 PM

RM

*My name is Rick Morris (Ricky). In the early to mid 1960's I lived on Taylor Mill Rd. in Centreville. Through first grade to fourth grade I went to Centreville Elementary. I was good friends with Mike and Mollie. There were times I went to their house in Carmichael. Mrs. Rita was the sweetest and nicest lady. To all of Mrs. Rita's family, I am so sorry for your loss. She was a special lady and she will be missed.*

**Rick Morris** - June 03, 2022 at 01:18 PM

JP

“ *JoAnn & Royden Powell lit a candle in memory of Rita Wilhelmina Callahan Callaway*



**JoAnn & Royden Powell** - June 03, 2022 at 11:54 AM

AM

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



**Amy** - June 03, 2022 at 10:42 AM

JA

“ *Mollie, Mike, Lee and families- I am so sorry for the passing of your Mom. I enjoyed seeing pictures of her on Facebook during her stay at Arcadia. She always looked happy and I know she was well cared for. I have very fond memories of her as I was growing up, especially at St. Peter's. May you all be comforted in knowing she lived a full, productive life. It is now time for her to rest!*

**Jane Anthony** - June 03, 2022 at 09:35 AM

JE

“ *Jim And Mary Ann Edwards sent a virtual gift in memory of Rita Wilhelmina Callahan Callaway*



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**Jim and Mary Ann Edwards** - June 03, 2022 at 08:54 AM

GP

“ *Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Rita Wilhelmina Callahan Callaway*



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**Gene and Lynda Palmatary** - June 02, 2022 at 10:21 PM

GP

*Ms. Rita was a wonderful lady. She always had a smile and her laugh was one you could never forget. She lived a long life and saw many changes during her life time. Prayers and blessings to the family and she will never be forgotten. Gene and Lynda Palmatary*

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**Gene and Lynda Palmatary** - June 03, 2022 at 06:26 PM

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Amy - June 02, 2022 at 09:53 PM

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Amy - June 02, 2022 at 09:13 PM

KA

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Katelyn - June 02, 2022 at 08:48 PM

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Amy - June 02, 2022 at 08:44 PM

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Amy - June 02, 2022 at 08:28 PM

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Amy - June 02, 2022 at 08:20 PM

MO

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**Mollie** - June 02, 2022 at 07:10 PM

MS

*Family photo (Rita as a child)*

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**Mollie Scharnus** - June 02, 2022 at 07:13 PM

MK

“ *So many fond memories of Mrs. Rita. Such a sweet lady ! Thoughts and prayers are with the family during this sad time*  
*Margaret Cohey Kaufman*

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**Margaret Cohey Kaufman** - June 02, 2022 at 07:04 PM