



Shirley Rittenhouse Runde

February 17, 1921 - September 27, 2021

Shirley Rittenhouse Runde, 100, a devoted wife, mother, home economist, Methodist then Quaker, teacher and librarian, died September 26, 2021. Born in Chicago on February 17, 1921, Shirley was the oldest of four children born to Leila Byrne Rittenhouse and Franklin Stuart Rittenhouse. Her brother Stuart and two sisters, Helen and Mary Beth, predeceased her. She attended public schools in Chicago's South Side Gresham neighborhood and graduated from Calumet High School. At Northern Illinois State Teacher's College, she represented her college at a leadership program as a delegate to the George Williams College Camp in Wisconsin where she met her future husband, Robert Mill Runde, who was representing his college. She graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Home Economics.

Shirley married Bob in Belleville, Illinois, in 1941, where he was stationed at Scott Air Base. They were transferred to Camp Barkeley in Abilene, TX, where he served until 1946. In 1952, Bob and Shirley built a house in Park Ridge, Il., after determining it had one of the highest rated public schools in the Chicago area. They had four boys -- Earl, Keith, Doug and Evan.

After her divorce, Shirley and her sons moved to Maryland. She worked as a home economics teacher at North Harford High School from 1970-1980. In 1980, she was asked to return to Chicago to be the caregiver for her widowed mother. After her mother died, she moved to Baltimore to be near her son

Evan, his wife Tonette and their family, where she greatly enjoyed being part of their family and her new neighborhood.

Realizing at age 83 that she needed a different living arrangement, her family helped her move to Friends House Retirement Community, in Sandy Spring, MD. Here she was a loved and respected community member at Friends House.

Being an involved member of her extended family was very important to her. This tradition went back many generations. Both the Byrne side and Rittenhouse side of her family were important to her, to her parents, her grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. Their families supported them in many positive ways. Family reunions go back as far as she can remember and continue today. Shirley, with her sister Beth Vaughan and brother in law Chuck Vaughan, organized family reunions in Maryland in 1976, 1986, and 1996.

One of her sons, Keith, predeceased her. She is survived by sons Evan, Doug and Earl; Evan's wife Tonette; Sally Borghardt; grandchildren, Nicole Runde and her husband Zach Adams, Dylan Runde, Carrie Runde Paddock, her husband Kristaps Paddock; two great-grandchildren; their daughter Ella and their son Graham.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Friends House Retirement Community in Sandy Spring, MD.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Shirley Rittenhouse Runde*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - October 01, 2021 at 09:40 AM



“ *Shirley Rittenhouse Runde*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Shirley Rittenhouse Runde*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM

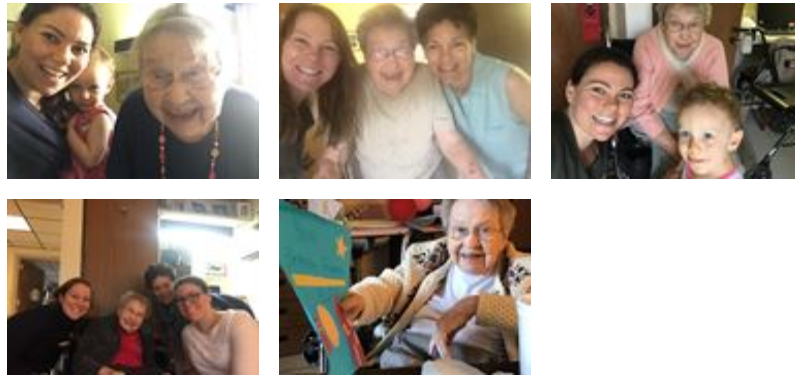


“ *Shirley Rittenhouse Runde*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



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Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - October 04, 2021 at 03:31 PM

RA

“ Radine lit a candle in memory of Shirley Rittenhouse Runde



Radine - October 03, 2021 at 05:50 PM

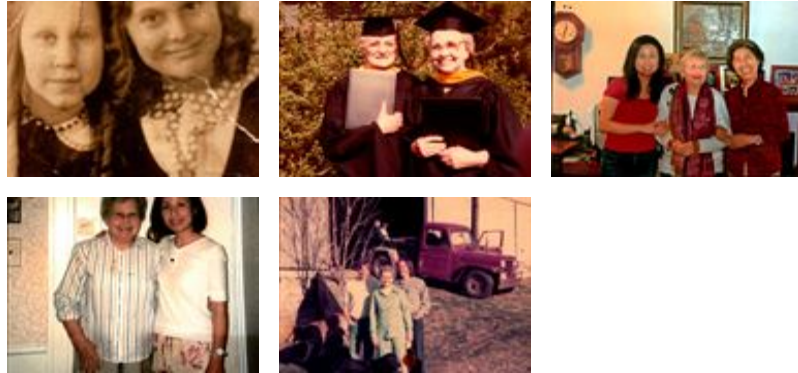
RA

Many sweet memories from the years I stayed with Shirley as her tenant. She embraced me with an open heart, taught me so much about US culture, and stayed interested in oriental culture. To me, Shirley is like my American grandma whom I love and respect. She will definitely be missed.

Radine - October 03, 2021 at 06:02 PM



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Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - October 01, 2021 at 09:40 AM

JG

“ *Jeanne Geibel lit a candle in memory of Shirley Rittenhouse Runde*



Jeanne Geibel - September 30, 2021 at 09:59 PM

BG

“ Shirley was a great addition to Stony Run Friends Meeting in Baltimore. We were so pleased when she decided to become a member and call herself a Quaker. As others have said she was always kind, smiling, positive, and volunteered to help when ever she could. She was interested in people, compassionate, accepting and welcoming to everyone. She was a true lady. She was an active part of the community and added to the spiritual presence in meeting for worship until her move to Friends House, in Sandy Spring, Md.

I was fortunate to know her.

Ms. Brian Gamble

brian gamble - September 30, 2021 at 07:27 PM

GW

“ Shirley was none of the most interesting persons I've known. Met her through her son Earl when she was in a Chestertown nursing home and was impressed with her wit, range of knowledge, and humor. — Gerry and Basia Waterson

Gerry Waterson - September 30, 2021 at 09:21 AM

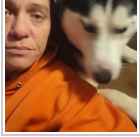
TR

“ Such a sweet lady. Always had a smile and made you feel loved. Will definitely be missed. Prayers to her family.

Tracey Hamonko. September 30Th



tracey - September 30, 2021 at 05:50 AM



“ *Mrs Runde was a great lady who will be missed by many. I was only in her life for a short few months but she was very loving. I was blessed to have known her. May she rest in peace. Prayers to all her family and friends.* ”

Candi Phillips - September 28, 2021 at 08:03 PM

CF

“ *Chester River Health Foundation lit a candle in memory of Shirley Rittenhouse Runde* ”



Chester River Health Foundation - September 27, 2021 at 02:51 PM

MR

“ *Max & Maryann Ruehrmund lit a candle in memory of Shirley Rittenhouse Runde* ”



Max & Maryann Ruehrmund - September 27, 2021 at 02:50 PM