



## Margaret Raye Ritchie

July 28, 1936 - September 22, 2024

Margaret Raye Ritchie, 87, of Dayton, formerly of Milano, passed away on Sunday, September 22, 2024. A funeral service will be held at 2:00 pm on Thursday, September 26, 2024 at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale. Burial will follow at Milano Cemetery in Milano. Visitation will start at 1:00 pm at the funeral home on Thursday. Serving as pallbearers are Travis Taylor, Matt Taylor, David Hare, Preston Haynes, Jeremy Goebel, and Troy Wayne Huddleston. Honorary pallbearer is Andrew Beason.

Margaret started her family with her husband, David Hare in Beaumont, TX where she enjoyed being a stay at home mom, having coffee with her best friend, Charlene, each morning and raising her family.

After losing her first love and husband, David, at an early age, she moved her family to Channelview, TX where she met her next and last love, John Ritchie. They were married on December 13, 1968. John took Margaret and her 3 children and raised them as his own. After the children graduated from High School, Margaret and John moved to Milano, Texas where they bought joint acreage with her sister, Dolores and husband Bobby, and they enjoyed the country life, raising cattle and gardening for many years. Margaret loved flowers and could recite the names of most any flower conceivable.

Margaret loved living next door to her daughter, Kelly, during those years in Milano and helping raise their 2 grandsons, Travis and Matt, who grew up

beside them. Margaret also enjoyed summers when her granddaughters, Vanessa, Brandi, and Kimberly, could come up for summer trips where she would take them on excursions that the girls still love to talk about.

Margaret enjoyed quilting and made beautiful quilts that her children and grandchildren still have today. She and John moved to Dayton, TX in 2003 and lived next door to her son, Russell and his wife Cynthia, where she helped take care of her great-grandson, Andrew Beason, and made many friends while playing BUNCO and through her church in Dayton. She enjoyed living close to both sons and being able to go visit often with her son, Ronny and his wife Carol, who lived nearby in Bayton. This allowed her and John to go watch their grandson, David, play football during his high school years.

Margaret was a very hardworking woman, both at home and at her job. She could out-work any of her children/grandchildren. She absolutely loved it when the entire family got together, it made her so happy and she smiled constantly as she cooked breakfast for everyone.

She is preceded in death by her husbands, David O'Neal Hare and John Hicks Ritchie; mother, Margaret Higgins Roderick; father, Preston O. Haynes; sister, Delores Huddleston and husband Bobby; and granddaughter, Brandi Brooks.

Margaret is survived by her sons, Russell and Ronny Hare; daughter, Kelly Hare; grandchildren, Vanessa Goebel and husband Jeremy, Kimberly Hollerbach, David Hare and wife Joyce, Travis Taylor and wife Linsey, and Matt Taylor; great grandchildren, Marin and Myles Goebel, Andrew Beason, Beau and Preston Hare, and Shelby and Caleb Taylor; brother, Preston Haynes; and sister, Nina Hoffman and husband Larry.

# Cemetery Details

## Milano Cemetery

254 N. 6th Street  
Milano, TX 76556

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **26.** 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Rockdale  
1041 West Highway 79  
Rockdale, TX 76567  
(512) 446-5454  
phillips\_luckey@yahoo.com  
<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

## Funeral Service

SEP **26.** 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

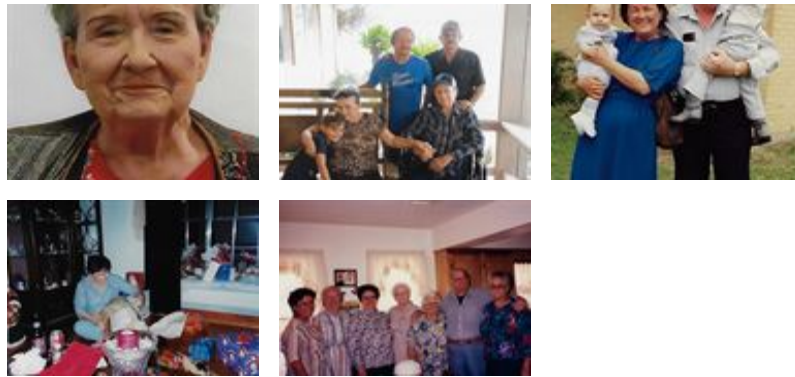
KH

“ *I was so blessed to have this woman for my mother.  
She loved and cared with her whole heart.  
My Mom and my best friend.  
I love you Mama and you will be truly missed.*

Kelly Hare - September 27, 2024 at 07:37 PM



“ *81 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - September 26, 2024 at 09:58 AM

BB

“ *Bill and Laura Bell purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Margaret Raye Ritchie.*



Bill and Laura Bell - September 26, 2024 at 08:37 AM

BB

“ Bill and Laura Bell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Margaret Raye Ritchie.

Bill and Laura Bell - September 26, 2024 at 08:37 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Margaret Raye Ritchie.



September 25, 2024 at 05:41 PM

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“ Larry, Nina, Hope and Rodney purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Margaret Raye Ritchie.



Larry, Nina, Hope and Rodney - September 25, 2024 at 04:31 PM

VM

“ Vanessa, Jeremy, Marin & Myles purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Margaret Raye Ritchie.



Vanessa, Jeremy, Marin & Myles - September 25, 2024 at 04:30 PM

VM

“ Vanessa, Jeremy, Marin & Myles planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Margaret Raye Ritchie.

Vanessa, Jeremy, Marin & Myles - September 25, 2024 at 04:30 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Margaret Raye Ritchie.



September 25, 2024 at 04:28 PM

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“ The Inmans planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Margaret Raye Ritchie.

The Inmans - September 25, 2024 at 04:28 PM

CC

“ My favorite memory is every time Russell, Ronny, and I played music she always wanted us to play "Stand By Me." She was a second mom and grandmother to our family. She gave Karen her dirty rice recipe one Thanksgiving in the late 1970s and it became a part of our family tradition every Thanksgiving and Christmas ever since. We will miss her dearly.

Calvin and Karen Cox - September 25, 2024 at 02:08 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Margaret Raye Ritchie.*



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September 25, 2024 at 01:46 PM



“ *Cox Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Margaret Raye Ritchie.*

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**Cox Family** - September 25, 2024 at 01:46 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Margaret Raye Ritchie.*



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September 25, 2024 at 12:36 PM