



## Beth H. Ricks

April 6, 1953 - June 6, 2022

Beth Holland Ricks passed away on Monday, June 6, 2022 in Arlington, VA. She was the beloved wife of John Edward Ricks, Sr.; cherished mother of Carolyn Amanda Ricks, Kimberly Lorine Pini and John Edward Ricks, Jr.; mother-in-law of Alex James Pini; devoted grandmother of Penelope Louise Pini; and sister of the late Curtis Vincent Holland, Jr. She will truly be missed by many.

Beth was born Beth Almeda Holland on April 6, 1953 to the late Carolyn Booker Holland and Curtis V. Holland Sr. in Youngstown, Ohio. Beth and her older brother, Curtis Vincent (called Vincent by his family). In her youth, Beth enjoyed reading, writing, photography, and traveling with her family. She was educated in Ohio and then Florida school systems before settling permanently in Washington, DC. where she attended and graduated from Academy of Our Lady Catholic School.

Beth attended Syracuse University's Newhouse School of Journalism. In her second semester of her freshman year, she met her husband, John, a sophomore at the time. Theirs was a relationship full of love and laughter. Beth enjoyed photography, acting, and spending time with her friends. Beth was a member of the charter line of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Over the years she maintained close relationships with her line sisters and returned on several occasions to Syracuse to celebrate the chapter's anniversaries.

Beth and John married in 1979 in Washington DC. They settled in Clinton, Maryland and found their church home at Oxon Hill United Methodist Church. In 1983, their daughter Carolyn Amanda was born, followed by Kimberly Lorine in 1986, and then John Edward Jr. in 1988. Shortly before John Jr. was born, the family relocated to Alexandria, Virginia. Beth volunteered to support children's ministries including vacation bible school. She loved music and became a member of the church choir. It brought Beth so much joy to lift her voice on Sundays and holidays through the years.

Like her mother, Beth was dedicated to education. She spent 25 years working for Fairfax County Public Schools as an Instructional Assistant for both Special Education and Kindergarten and later Office Manager at Groveton Elementary School.

Beth enjoyed spending quality time with her husband and children, some of her favorite activities included trips to the beach, sip and paint nights with her daughters and attending baseball games. She will be remembered by her family for her optimism, kindness, love and strength.

Relatives and friends may call at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Rd. Alexandria, VA 22308, from 12-1PM, on Saturday, June 11, 2022. Funeral service immediately following. Inurnment will be held privately. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

<https://donate3.cancer.org/?campaign=search>

For more information please view the church website at

<https://www.aldersgate.net/>

For a livestream viewing of service please visit

<https://www.youtube.com/c/AldersgateChurchva/videos>



# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 11. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Aldersgate United Methodist Church  
1301 Collingwood Rd  
Alexandria, VA 22308

## Funeral Service

JUN 11. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Aldersgate United Methodist Church  
1301 Collingwood Rd  
Alexandria, VA 22308

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beth H. Ricks*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ *Grace and Peace*  
*To the family of our Kappa Lambda Soror, Betty Holland Ricks,*  
*sending sincere condolences, prayers and love.*  
*Rest in Peace. ❤️🕊️❤️*  
*Soror Laurie Kingsberry*  
*KL DST, Ayanna '81 🤝💙*

Laurie Kingsberry - June 13, 2022 at 11:57 AM



*So Sorry fir your loss may Hod be with each of you*  
*Cynthia Nixon*

Cynthia Nixon - June 14, 2022 at 02:00 PM



*May God be with you*

Cynthia Nixon - June 14, 2022 at 02:00 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family*  
*of Beth H. Ricks.*



June 12, 2022 at 01:33 PM

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“ John (Bama); I hope and pray that God will grant you and your family his perfect peace during your time of bereavement. Beth was the best. With much love; Ham (Filty Few '72)

Charles Alexander III (Ham) - June 11, 2022 at 11:55 AM

RL

“ Sister Beth always had a smile when she greeted us. Us was the Little Rascals Syracuse University Pledge Line of Omega Psi Phi. She was the apple of my line brother John Rick's' eye. They were soul mates. We will miss you sister Beth. 🙏❤️🌹

Rodney Littles - June 11, 2022 at 11:40 AM

LG

“ May you rest in eternal peace Mrs. Ricks. Your soul is light and free. I pray that your loved ones feel you with them as they work through their grief. Amen. I love you all, please let us know if we can be of service in any way.



Leah Geeston-Enum - June 10, 2022 at 08:28 PM

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“ Renee T. Williams (Syracuse 1975 -1977) purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Beth H. Ricks.



Renee T. Williams (Syracuse 1975 -1977) - June 10, 2022 at 06:45 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of Beth H. Ricks.



June 10, 2022 at 03:38 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Beth H. Ricks.



June 10, 2022 at 01:19 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Beth H. Ricks.



June 10, 2022 at 10:30 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray* was purchased for the family of Beth H. Ricks.



June 10, 2022 at 10:19 AM



“ *Sweet Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of Beth H. Ricks.



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June 10, 2022 at 10:14 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Beth H. Ricks.



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June 10, 2022 at 10:14 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of Beth H. Ricks.



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June 10, 2022 at 09:19 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Beth H. Ricks.



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June 09, 2022 at 11:01 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Beth H. Ricks.*



June 09, 2022 at 10:23 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Beth H. Ricks.*



June 09, 2022 at 09:47 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Beth H. Ricks.*



June 09, 2022 at 05:18 PM



“ *Beth was a rock for her family and Groveton Elementary! Much love and Peace!*  
*Christine Lamb*



**Christine Lamb** - June 09, 2022 at 05:17 PM

LF

“ Love, Diane and Wayne Bowman and Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Beth H. Ricks.



Love, Diane and Wayne Bowman and Family - June 09, 2022  
at 04:37 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Beth H. Ricks.



June 09, 2022 at 02:39 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Beth H. Ricks.



June 09, 2022 at 01:05 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Beth H. Ricks.



June 09, 2022 at 10:33 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of *Beth H. Ricks*.



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June 09, 2022 at 09:10 AM