



Nina C. (Edwards) Rittenhouse

January 10, 1935 - November 29, 2021

Nina C. Rittenhouse -- Affectionately known as Grammy, all who knew Nina saw her joy for life, and her delight in being with family and friends. Her 13 grand and 15 great-grandkids kept her young at heart and she never missed an opportunity to play when they were around. She loved her family and was an inspiration to each of us. She carried herself with poise, but always enjoyed the humorous side of life.

Nina was born in Randolph County on January 10, 1935 to Russel and Maud Edwards. She grew up on a farm south of Winchester, where she could be found driving a tractor, helping in the kitchen, and playing baseball on the boys' team.

In 1952, Nina married her sweetheart, George Rittenhouse. Together they shared their early years at Purdue, a few years in the Air Force, and raised their family: Kent, Linda, Greg and Brock in their country home east of Bluffton. Nina and George embarked on three overlapping business ventures: Bluffton Pharmacy, Ritten-House Restaurant and Rittenhouse Square (designs of girls party dresses). Her dresses were sold in retailers in New York City, Florida, Hawaii and Marshall Fields in Chicago.

A sense of humor made for a strong marriage, and she frequently teased him for her duties as an Air Force wife, to carry the kids and the groceries because of the rule that while wearing his uniform, George needed his hands free, should he need to salute another passing officer.

Nina had a love for education and creativity, and over the years attended

Purdue, Ball State and schools for design in New York. She was Mrs. Indiana in 1964-65, and runner-up in Granny Smith Apple Queen contest at Wenatchee, Washington in 1997.

She will be missed ever so much. While unexpected, Nina passed away so peacefully early morning, Monday, November 29th, coincidentally George's birthday, surrounded with love from her family.

Family church services are being held for her, with burial in Randolph County. A Celebration of Life will be held at the Creative Arts Center, 211 Water Street, 2-5 pm on Sunday, January 9, 2022. Memorials may be made in her honor to the Creative Arts Council of Wells County – <https://www.wellscocreativearts.com>.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the Rittenhouse family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Lawndale Cemetery

825 North 100 West
Deerfield, IN 47380

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Gathering

JAN 9. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Wells County Commerce & Arts Building
211 West Water Street
Bluffton, IN 46714

Tribute Wall



“ *Nina C. (Edwards) Rittenhouse*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *I am very grateful to have had the opportunity to meet Aunt Nina. I am with my heart and prayers with the whole family.*

*Lesly gomez
DeeAnn's Daughter*

Lesly Gomez - December 09, 2021 at 09:20 AM



“ *Lesly Gomez (Nina's niece) purchased the Writte n in the Stars for the family of Nina C. (Edwards) Rittenhouse.*



Lesly Gomez (Nina's niece) - December 09, 2021 at 09:15 AM



“ *Christine And Dan Hunt lit a candle in memory of Nina C. (Edwards) Rittenhouse*



Christine and Dan Hunt - December 03, 2021 at 01:53 PM

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“ GEORGE BROTHER VERN CALLED ME OF NINA PASSING ON. I COULD NOT STATE ALL MEMORIES OF FRIEND NINA SINCE FIRST GRADE WHICH I WILL CHERISH. BLESSINGS ALICE LAVONNE STANLEY

ALICE LAVONNE - December 02, 2021 at 09:42 AM

VJ

“ Thinking of you. Cherish the memories.
Valerie Wilson Jackson (BHS 1972)



Valerie Wilson Jackson - December 02, 2021 at 08:52 AM

NY

“ Nya lit a candle in memory of Nina C.
(Edwards) Rittenhouse



Nya - December 01, 2021 at 09:19 AM

DP

“ Dan & Peggy Paxson lit a candle in memory
of Nina C. (Edwards) Rittenhouse



Dan & Peggy Paxson - November 30, 2021 at 07:02 PM

BC

“ Dear George, Kent and Rittenhouse Family so very sorry to hear about your loss of your Wife and Mother Nina! Our Prayers go out to u as u grieve for your loss of Nina! 🙏 Nina was such a Good Wife and Mother to all her Children! I will dearly miss seeing Nina and George coming into the Hospital at BRMC we had a lot of very nice visits together! God Bless the Rittenhouse Family! Love, Barry and JoEllen! ❤️



Barry Crosbie - November 29, 2021 at 10:01 PM

RC

“ Rod And Brenda Clamme lit a candle in memory of Nina C. (Edwards) Rittenhouse



Rod and Brenda Clamme - November 29, 2021 at 09:25 PM