



Ila Chris Rye

September 9, 1957 - September 17, 2025

Ila Chris Rye, age 68, of Blacksburg died, Wednesday, September 17, 2025. She was born in Roanoke, Virginia on September 9, 1957, to the late Maynard and Jonelle Johnston DeHart. Ila was a real estate agent in the New River Valley for many years. She was a longtime member of Blacksburg Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

She is survived by her sister and brother-in-law, Carla and Randy Whitaker; nephews, Brent (Monica) Whitaker and their daughter, Skyanna; Reagan (Ally) Whitaker; and several aunts and cousins.

A memorial service will be conducted Saturday, September 27, 2025, at 11:00 am in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. J.B. Beane officiating. The family will receive friends from 10:00 -11:00 am prior to the service on Saturday, September 27, 2025, at McCoy Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **27**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home
150 Country Club Dr. S.W.
Blacksburg, VA 24060
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Memorial Service

SEP **27**. 11:00 AM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home Chapel
150 Country Club Dr S.W.
Blacksburg, VA 24060

Tribute Wall



“ *A Piece of My Heart Necklace was purchased for the family of Ila Chris Rye.*



November 01, 2025 at 02:54 PM



“ *Janice and I (Joyce) have many fond and fun memories with Ila Chris! From playing starlight, moonlight and other night games, having slumber parties, swimming (a lot of alligator tag in the deep end), playing basketball, tennis, football, shopping...*

Ila Chris and I even worked together at Rustler Steak House. I can still visualize Ila in her uniform with her cowboy hat in the back room tasting some chocolate crème pie as she was slicing it.

We loved having Ila and her family come visit us one year at the Cape! I remember taking a picture of Ila, Janice and Libby sunbathing on the beach - such fun memories!

Sometimes my younger brother would call Ila up to ask her if she had any m & m's or other candy. She would immediately walk over to our house and bring him some.

Ila was a very good seamstress and cook and she made us all laugh. Janice and I and our family have been blessed to know Ila Chris! We will always remember her! Those beautiful memories will last on! We send our love, thoughts and prayers to you Carla! Thank you for being such a kind, loving and supportive sister to Ila.



Joyce Baum - September 27, 2025 at 08:37 PM

AB

“ Annette Oates & Keith Books planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ila Chris Rye.

Annette Oates & Keith Books - September 22, 2025 at 02:57 PM

JB

“ June L. Books planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ila Chris Rye.

June L. Books - September 22, 2025 at 02:53 PM

CD

“ Cindy and Michael DeHart purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ila Chris Rye.



Cindy and Michael DeHart - September 22, 2025 at 09:13 AM

KJ

“ Kenny Jarels lit a candle in memory of Ila Chris Rye



Kenny Jarels - September 21, 2025 at 11:40 PM

VI

I la was a recently made friend of mine, a very good friend, and I'm still in disbelief that she's gone. We became instant friends, laughed at the same things, commiserated about the same grievances, shared the same sentiments. I will miss her tremendously but know that she is at peace and without pain and suffering at last.

Vicki - September 22, 2025 at 04:41 AM

KJ

“ *Kenny Jarels sent a virtual gift in memory of Ila Chris Rye*



Kenny Jarels - September 21, 2025 at 11:40 PM

DS

“ *David Meyers & Carroll Krause (lil sis) purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Ila Chris Rye.*



David Meyers & Carroll Krause (lil sis) - September 21, 2025 at 05:39 PM

DS

“ *David Meyers & Carroll Krause (lil sis) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ila Chris Rye.*

David Meyers & Carroll Krause (lil sis) - September 21, 2025 at 05:39 PM

DC

“ *Rest in peace sweet Ila. Keep smiling. You will be missed.*

Diane Criner - September 20, 2025 at 05:05 PM



“ *Brenda Flack sent a virtual gift in memory of Ila Chris Rye*



Brenda Flack - September 19, 2025 at 11:07 PM

KJ

“ *Ila, I'm still in disbelief. We just talked several days before I heard the news. You were truly a great friend. I will miss talking to you.*

Kenneth L Jarels - September 19, 2025 at 07:48 PM

LK

“ *Love, Carla, Randy and kids purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Ila Chris Rye.*



Love, Carla, Randy and kids - September 19, 2025 at 03:19 PM

LK

“ *Love, Carla, Randy and kids planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ila Chris Rye.*

Love, Carla, Randy and kids - September 19, 2025 at 03:19 PM



“ *Kathy McCoy lit a candle in memory of Ila Chris Rye*



Kathy McCoy - September 18, 2025 at 05:54 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ila Chris Rye.*



September 18, 2025 at 04:07 PM



“ *Aunt Jennifer, Jason, Kelly, Aubie, Alex purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Ila Chris Rye.*



Aunt Jennifer, Jason, Kelly, Aubie, Alex - September 18, 2025 at 03:12 PM