



Marguerite "Rita" Berryman Overton

April 5, 1925 - December 3, 2025

Overton, Marguerite (Rita) Berryman, 100, of Blacksburg, passed away Wednesday, December 3, 2025. She was born April 5, 1925, to the late Raymond Matthew, Jr. and Carol Brown Berryman. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Bernard Purcell Overton.

Rita was 5 years old when the Great Depression began and 16 when Pearl Harbor was attacked, which made her part of the Greatest Generation. She graduated from James Madison University. She was a faithful active member of Blacksburg United Methodist Church for 58 years serving Christ her entire life. She also was the Head Secretary in Mechanical Engineering for 17 years at V.P.I. & S.U.

She is survived by her sons, John Byron Overton(Becky), Stephen Michael Overton, David Kevin Overton(Alyssa); grandson, Zachary K. Overton; and many extended family.

Rita had a very kind spirited energetic personality, and was loved by all who knew her.

Graveside services will be held Tuesday, December 9, 2025, at 1:00 pm in the Westview Cemetery, Blacksburg.

Cemetery Details

Westview Cemetery

723 E. Roanoke Street
Blacksburg, VA

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC 9. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *The village will never be the same w/o her. She will forever hold a special place in my heart.*

Tiffany Sherman - December 12, 2025 at 07:17 PM

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“ *My condolences to the Overton family. Marguerite was a lovely person. She certainly was a faithful member of Blacksburg United Methodist Church and I'm glad I got to know her.*

Lois Moorefield Davis - December 08, 2025 at 09:49 PM

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“ *It was a pleasure to have known Rita as a friend and coworker at VT. She was always so kind and upbeat! Rita remained positive in the most challenging of times. Sending my condolences to the Overton family. 🕊️*



Angie Gunther - December 08, 2025 at 07:43 PM