



Phyllis B. Rettig

March 23, 1955 - December 30, 2025

Phyllis B. Rettig of Blacksburg, VA, passed away on Tuesday, December 30, 2025, surrounded by family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank H. Brown and Pauline Kivett Brown.

Phyllis was born in Julian, NC. She graduated from Southeast Guilford High School, received a B.A. from UNC Charlotte, and a master's degree from Appalachian State University. She taught kindergarten for 37 years, the last 17 at Belview Elementary School. She was adored by her students, many of whom have continued to stay in touch with her.

After retiring from teaching, she served as the office administrator for Blacksburg Baptist Church (now Church on Main) for 5 years. She continued to serve at the church and loved being part of the Young at Heart and MomCo programs.

Phyllis was a beautiful representation of being the hands and feet of Christ. She loved others sacrificially, cared for others above herself, and was able to brighten any room with her infectious personality and warmth.

Phyllis is survived by her husband of 39 years, David Rettig; son, Dustin; daughter, Eva McGuire (Zach); two beloved grandsons, Miles and Isaiah; brother, Neil Brown (Patricia); nephew, Tate (Catherine); niece, Amanda

Schroder (Thomas); four great-nieces and great-nephews; and numerous cousins.

A celebration of life will be held at McCoy Funeral Home in Blacksburg on Saturday, January 3, 2026. Visitation will be from 2:30–4:00 p.m., with a service following. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Church on Main memorial fund.

She will be greatly missed by family, friends, and all who knew her.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 3. 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home
150 Country Club Dr. S.W.
Blacksburg, VA 24060
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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

ES

“ Mrs. Rettig was my kindergarten teacher around 20 years ago and I never once forgot about her. Even so many years later she was my favorite teacher. With this tree planted in her honor, I hope it will one day be home to a hive of bees for every Belview bee she taught. She was loved and will most certainly be missed.

Edwin Sheffield - January 02 at 11:31 PM

ES

“ Edwin S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Phyllis B. Rettig.

Edwin S. - January 02 at 11:25 PM

ST

“ We met Phyllis and her family through our neighbor her father. She was hardworking, talented, friendly and loved her family and parents so much. I know her husband, Dustin and Eva, all of her family and friends will miss her greatly. Our prayers are with you all. (I still call where her dad lived Mr. Brown's house).
Sarah, Joe, Paul and Michael Turner

Sarah Turner - January 02 at 05:56 PM

AM

“ Mrs Rettig was my daughter's 1st grade teacher at Belview. She was just the sweetest and always happy to hear how Caroline was doing as the years went by. What a treasure! My condolences to all her family.

Allison Mease - January 02 at 05:54 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Phyllis B. Rettig.*



January 02 at 03:51 PM



“ *Phyllis was always so loving and supportive of us young moms at MomCo (MOPS). I feel so blessed our paths crossed.*

Katie Beck - January 02 at 10:16 AM



“ *Keith, Randie, Karen, Ken and Debbie purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Phyllis B. Rettig.*



Keith, Randie, Karen, Ken and Debbie - January 02 at 09:32 AM



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Keith, Randie, Karen, Ken and Debbie - January 02 at 09:32 AM

KR

“ *Phyllis was a wonderful person full of life. She was an inspiration to many. My sympathy to Dave Eva and Dustin
You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Karen Reitzel - January 01 at 08:47 PM

LR

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family of Mrs Rettig. She was my children's teacher at Belview. Her smile, laughter, and love was infectious and she will be truly missed. I pray that you feel the comfort and the Lord surrounding you during this most difficult time.*

Lori Roop - January 01 at 07:21 PM

GH

“ *When I moved to Blacksburg, Phyllis was one of the first people I met. She had been serving as the lead volunteer with the youth at BBC while they were without a youth pastor. Phyllis welcomed me as the new youth pastor and did everything she could to encourage me as I learned the ropes. I can still see her offering this warm infectious smile and hearing a soft chuckle as she shared words of wisdom. When I think of people that greatly impacted me and helped me have the ministry I had- Phyllis and Dave were at the top of that list. Over the years I have cherished every time I ran into her. Her love for teaching would pour through as she asked about my wife's school and the growth of my own kids.
Phyllis was so full of life, able to find the best in others, and a model of Christ grace and compassion.
Dave, Eva, and Dustin, I am praying for you. We are so sorry we can not be there to celebrate Phyllis's life this Saturday as we are still returning from a trip. We love you all very much.*

Gregory Harrell - January 01 at 06:48 PM

JR

“ Jackie R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Phyllis B. Rettig.

Jackie R. - January 01 at 06:25 PM

LS

“ Love, Steve and Carol Snyder planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Phyllis B. Rettig.

Love, Steve and Carol Snyder - January 01 at 04:58 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Phyllis B. Rettig.



January 01 at 04:58 PM

RJ

“ Dave, our deepest sympathy to you, and your family. Phyllis was the Rock for all of us, and we will deeply miss her. May God comfort you all with peace , hope and love. Love from Junior and Kathy.

R. Horace Conner, Jr. - January 01 at 03:46 PM

JR

“ Keep trying to say how much I cared for Phyllis she loved my brother. She so cared for Dustin and Eva and Zach. Her love for Miles and Isaiah was something to see. I am so glad I got to know Phyllis and taste her Red Velvet cake. Love you Phyllis

jackie rettig - January 01 at 03:45 PM