



## Patricia "Patsy" Ann Lackey Rutledge

August 30, 1939 - February 28, 2026

Patricia "Patsy" Ann Lackey Rutledge, 86, of Asheville, passed away peacefully at her residence on February 28, 2026, surrounded by her loving family.

Pat cherished her relationship with God above all else and devoted her life to her family. Her faith was a guiding light throughout her life. She was baptized at Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church, where her grandfather served as preacher, and she remained an active member of several churches over the years.

She served as a bookkeeper for Juno Tire and Service Center, a family-owned business. A woman of energy and dedication, Patsy gave generously of her time to her community. She served as Treasurer of the Erwin Youth League for many years and was deeply involved in Girl Scouts. Each year, her home would fill with boxes of cookies as she coordinated and delivered them to troops throughout Buncombe County. She poured her heart into everything she did.

Pat had many talents and simple joys. She loved to sew and created beautiful clothing for her family. She was well known for her delicious pound cake, a treat that became a family favorite. She enjoyed painting rocks, reading, and staying active. Most of all, she dedicated her life to making sure everyone around her had everything they needed or wanted.

She is survived by her children: Bunny Smith (Danny), Charles Joseph Rutledge Jr. (Christine), and Amy Rutledge Ray (George); her granddaughter Arianne Ray (Colby); her great-granddaughters, Jimma and Estella; her grandson, Tony Smith; her sister-in-law, Marilee Rutledge Taylor; her niece, Angie Norris (Ron); her great-nephew, Taylor (Kristen); her brothers, Ronney and Walter Lackey; her sister-in-law, Peggy Lackey and her children; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, "Bud" Charles Joseph Rutledge Sr.; her parents, William and Vergie Lackey; her brothers, Jim and Terry Lackey; and her brother-in-law, Scott Taylor.

A graveside service will be held at Lewis Memorial Park on Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

Pat's legacy is one of faith, service, and unconditional love. She will be dearly missed and forever cherished by all who knew her.

# Cemetery Details

## Lewis Memorial Park

415 Beaverdam Road  
Asheville, NC 28804

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

MAR 4. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Mike and Sarah Norton purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Patricia "Patsy" Ann Lackey Rutledge.



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**Mike and Sarah Norton** - March 03 at 10:55 AM