



## Rana Catherine Bayer Dillon

August 12, 1936 - June 2, 2020

Rana Catherine Bayer Dillon, fourth generation and lifetime resident of Winfield, passed from this life Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at The Morris Homestead, the family home of six generations.

Rana lived her life in Winfield as the one of the last homesteaders of the Town of Winfield. Her love of Winfield, Putnam County and Democratic politics are well known to all who met her. Her dedication to her family and her friends was immeasurable. She had many affectionate monikers throughout her life. Some know her as Rana, R.C, Pud or Dose. A single mother, who reared three children, Rana considered her highest accomplishment as providing a university education for each child. Rana's guidance, praise, and admonishments were always given with passion as well as love, and extended not only to the children, but to all in her life.

Educated at De Sales Heights Academy in Parkersburg, her career extended from bookkeeping and accounting for the Air National Guard to Metro Area Agency on Aging.

Rana was preceded in death by her father, Beverly Pitzer Bayer; mother, Louise Morris Bayer; sister, Margaret Bayer Stanley; daughter-in-law, Ginger McKay Dillon; and former husband, Monte Delano Dillon.

Cherishing her memory are her children, Marybeth Beller (Gerald "Gerry") of Charleston; Matthew Blair Dillon of Poplar Bluff, MO; Catherine Louise Luikart (the current 5th generation) at the Homestead; grandchildren, Patrick Murray Luikart and Roza Camille Beller (both 6th generation), Lisa Anne McBride (Kevyn), Lora Beth Ford (Eric), LezLee Collette Lisi (Patrick), Steven McKay Wright, and many wonderful great grandchildren.

The family sends its gratitude to Elaine Moore, MD; Anita Yeager Smith, MD; and Gwenalyn Garcia, MD, for their care and love for Rana over these past years. We also thank her marvelous friends who cared for her, in good times and bad: Michael Luikart, Tim and Anna Beavers, Gina Rose, Aly White, Elizabeth Potter, Randy and Judy Barrett, Nancy Dickson and Paul Joe Billanti.

Requiem Mass will be held at 12 Noon, Monday, June 8, 2020 at St. Francis Catholic Church, 1028 Sixth Avenue, St. Albans co-celebrated by Father Patrick M. McDonough and Father William K. Matheny. Burial will follow at St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery, Scott Depot. Visitation will be held from 5-7pm Sunday at Chapman Funeral Home, Winfield where the Rosary service will be held at 7pm (or 7:30pm Pud time)... Social distancing guidelines will be observed throughout all services.

You may also visit her tribute page at [ChapmanFuneralHomes.com](http://ChapmanFuneralHomes.com) to share memories and offer condolences to the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in her honor to St Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 ([stjude.org](http://stjude.org))

Chapman Funeral Home, family-owned and located at 12848 Winfield Road, Winfield is honored to serve Rana and her family.



# Cemetery Details

## St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery

Joyce Road  
Scott Depot, WV

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Chapman Funeral Home, Winfield  
12848 Winfield Road  
Winfield, WV 25213  
(304) 586-2542  
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## Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 8. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church  
1023 Sixth Avenue  
St. Albans, WV 25177

# Tribute Wall



“ *Chapman Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rana Catherine Bayer Dillon*



Chapman Funeral Homes - June 07, 2020 at 08:06 AM



“ *Rana Catherine Bayer Dillon*

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *Love, Michael Segle purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Rana Catherine Bayer Dillon.*



Love, Michael Segle - June 06, 2020 at 01:31 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Rana Catherine Bayer Dillon.*



June 06, 2020 at 11:16 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Rana Catherine Bayer Dillon.*



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June 06, 2020 at 11:09 AM



“ *Nancy Maack purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Rana Catherine Bayer Dillon.*



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**Nancy Maack** - June 05, 2020 at 08:36 PM



“ *Dearest Pud - I loved you so very much, just as everyone who knew you did. Your sense of humor, intelligence, warmth and love for all will be sorely missed here on earth. You and the rest of the Dillon clan made me feel like part of your family from the very start.*

*We know you are looking down on us all now and take comfort that we have another angel on our side. Looking forward to the day we meet again so we can share more good times, laughter and hugs.....and perhaps one more rendition of 'Paradise by the Dashboard Lights'!! ;-)*

*xoxo,  
'The Maack'*

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**Nancy Maack** - June 05, 2020 at 08:24 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Rana Catherine Bayer Dillon.*



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June 05, 2020 at 12:46 PM



“ *I am so saddened to hear about Rana's passing. She was such a dear, dear friend. She had a wonderful way about her that was so endearing and special. I feel blessed to have so many good memories of our times together - she made me laugh like nobody else could. This loss will be so sorely felt in Winfield, as she was such a part of that community. I want to extend my heart-felt condolences to her wonderful family. She was a wonderful mother - one that I admired and tried to emulate. All of her children show the same compassion and love that she did. I am so very sorry Marybeth, Matthew and Kate....and all my love to your whole family.*

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**Linda Taylor Harshbarger** - June 05, 2020 at 12:38 PM



“ *Matt - You are in my thoughts & prayers. So sorry to hear about the loss of your Mom.*

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**Charlene** - June 05, 2020 at 10:45 AM

CM

“ *Charlene - Your Missouri Dispatch Family - MO-MOCC purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Rana Catherine Bayer Dillon.*



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**Charlene - Your Missouri Dispatch Family - MO-MOCC** - June 05, 2020 at 10:43 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rana Catherine Bayer Dillon.*



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June 05, 2020 at 09:38 AM

TG

“ *Tim & Laura Gardner purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rana Catherine Bayer Dillon.*



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**Tim & Laura Gardner** - June 05, 2020 at 07:59 AM

KS

“ *Loved your momma and you have my deepest sympathy You had a mother who respected, cherished, and celebrated each and every one of her children and her lucky circle of friends and admirers. Kitty*

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**Kathryn Sandy** - June 04, 2020 at 10:14 PM

RS

“ I never know her but have become a close friends of her son Matt. And meet her daughters. She raised a great family and I'm sure she will be missed. Rest in peace

Robert Sine - June 04, 2020 at 08:00 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rana Catherine Bayer Dillon.



June 04, 2020 at 05:38 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rana Catherine Bayer Dillon.



June 04, 2020 at 03:23 PM

TT

“ I remember coming to her home with my Mother whom Mrs Dillon n her we're good friends. A lovely lady kind n sweet left quiet an impression on us all .

Our prayers and Sympathy reach out to the family

God bless from the Family of Nancy Watson Miller . 🙏💕🙏

Tamra Watson Tomaszewski - June 04, 2020 at 02:44 PM

GR

“ My Dear Rana,  
You told me I was welcome in your home any time. You told me I was family. And I knew you were sincere. I felt like your “other daughter”. This was just one of your many wonderful attributes; making people feel welcome, comfortable and loved. I’m sure there are several who feel like your “other children”! And you raised three (actual 😊) beautiful and intelligent children who possess this same lovely quality. You did good, Rana.  
I will miss your smile, laughter and that mischievous twinkle in your eye. I will miss your stories, our talks and the fun times.  
I will miss you. Thank you for making my little piece of the world a better place. ❤️

Gina Rose - June 04, 2020 at 10:52 AM

CH

“ Ohhhh, my friend. As Janice used to say, "Recall as often as you wish, a happy memory never fades." You know you mean everything.

Carolyn Wright Hatchell - June 04, 2020 at 08:50 AM

LD

“ Lisa (Call) Dorsey sent a virtual gift in memory of Rana Catherine Bayer Dillon



Lisa (Call) Dorsey - June 04, 2020 at 03:29 AM

BM

Marybeth, Katie what a lovely and personable lady she was! We send our heartfelt sympathies to you and all your family. We are thinking about you. Butch and Kathy Melton

Butch and Kathy Melton - June 07, 2020 at 03:15 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Rana



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**Chapman Funeral Homes** - June 04, 2020 at 03:13 AM