



Vivian Vaden Rossi

September 30, 1940 - February 23, 2026

Vivian Vaden Rossi, of Riverton, passed away on Monday, February 23, 2026, at Samaritan Healthcare and Hospice at the age of 85.

At age ten, Vivian wrote a biography titled “My Complicated Life So Far,” reflecting on her childhood. She was born on September 28, 1940, at St. Agnes Hospital in Baltimore and lived in Catonsville, MD. She had a white kitten named Princess, the first of several cats she adored throughout her lifetime. One story she shared was about the only spanking she ever received—at age three—after placing her mother’s cigarettes on a freshly painted table (after her mother said not to). In her early writing, she established deep red and sky blue as her favorite colors and she proudly reported that her nickname was “Hot Stuff.”

Vivian’s biological father, Peter Ault, served as a Marine in the Pacific. After he returned from the war, her parents separated. When Vivian was seven, her mother married John David Fansler, an Army veteran and D-Day survivor who became a devoted father and grandfather.

Vivian had a beautiful alto voice and a gift for harmony. She loved singing with her mother and cousins, and they recorded their music on a magnetic tape recorder. Her favorite hymn was “The Old Rugged Cross.” Vivian had other talents, to name a few:

- She was a skilled seamstress who made many of her own clothes, including matching dresses for herself and her daughter.
- She enjoyed creating ceramics with her mother and aunts.
- She was known for her famous chocolate chip cookies, sweet tea and pies, especially lemon meringue.
- Often at Christmas, she made apple butter as gifts using a recipe passed down from her maternal grandmother.
- She also loved playing scrabble with friends and family and especially enjoyed doing puzzles with her younger grandchildren.

Vivian loved the New Jersey shore, and her summers were never complete without family outings to enjoy the beach. She also enjoyed trips to Florida to visit her son and granddaughters and her sister's family. Her other favorite summer activity was rooting for the Phillies.

Vivian served on the parish staff at Our Lady Queen of Peace in Pitman, New Jersey, for more than 20 years. She cherished both her work and her parish family and retired at age 71.

Vivian had a playful nature. She was also woman of deep faith, living with grace and gratitude through both hardships and joy, always making others feel valued and at ease. She was able to discover the best in everyone she met. Vivian's children will always remember her kindness, generosity, other-centeredness, and genuineness.

Vivian spent her final decade at Riverview Estates in Riverton. She sang in their choir. Staff remembered her as positive, kind, and funny. She retained the ability to feel deeply grateful for the staff, residents, and her family. In photographs from this more challenging chapter of her life, her joy and laughter always shine through.

She is survived by her children, Julia Frost; son-in-law Francis Frost; and Jon Rossi; grandchildren, Nicole Baldwin (Todd); Tim Frost (Rita), Amber Rossi, and Caylee Rossi; great-grandchildren, Austin Baldwin, Cameron Baldin, Ellianna Frost and Emerson Frost; sister, Linda Radigan; brother-in-law, Ed Radigan; nieces, Jessica Fansler (Dennis) and Brenna Radigan; and nephew, Justin Radigan.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend her visitation on Saturday, June 20th from 2-3 PM at Perin Chief Chapels, 438 High St., Mt. Holly. A memorial service will be held at 3 PM at the funeral home.

Upcoming Events

Visitation

JUN **20**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Perinchief Chapels
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Memorial Service

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