



Rita Mary Nicholas

July 5, 1940 - December 9, 2018

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Rita Mary Nicholas, 78, wife, mother and grandmother, died on Sunday December 9, 2018. She was a 1958 graduate of Notre Dame Academy and earned a Bachelor's degree in Communication in 1980 at the University of Wisconsin, Parkside.

In high school and beyond (CYO) she performed in plays and musicals with leading roles in "The Boy Friend" and "Hit the Deck". Rita married her high school sweetheart Richard on August 4th, 1962 (it took her six years to say yes). As a Free-Lance writer she edited a book on economics, later she worked for several years as a Real-Estate agent concluding her career as a leasing agent. After 43 years spent in six different states she and her husband retired back to Toledo in 2006.

Throughout her adult life Rita was active in her church volunteering on numerous social action committees and assisting the poor in her community. Her most recent involvement was with the St. Vincent DePaul group and a member of the Daughters of Mary at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Toledo. Rita also volunteered as a mentor for NAMI. Thank you Dr. Robert Rudolph for leading the Monday night support group. In 2006, Rita received a kidney from the University of Toledo Medical Center Kidney Transplant Team. Thank You Dr. Michael Rees and his associates. Rita's passion in retirement included travel and painting. She had special fondness for her trips to Ireland

and Switzerland. She has left her family with many treasured paintings. Thank you Bob Schira at “For The Love of Art” for being her teacher and friend for the last 12 years.

Rita is survived by her loving husband Richard, son Karl (wife Karen) daughter Katherine, and Grandson William. Rita and her cousin Judy Carroll were especially close. Relatives include: Robert (Jan) Nicholas, Ron (Joyce) Nicholas, Mary Nicholas, Pat (Mike) Todak and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents Karl F. Schultz and Helen I. Schultz.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., on Friday, December 14th from 2-8 p.m. where a Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. The Funeral will begin at Coyle at 11:30, followed by the Funeral Mass on Saturday December 15th at noon, at Our Lady of Lourdes. Interment will be at Resurrection Cemetery following the mass.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may take the form of contributions to the Saint Vincent DePaul Society at Our Lady of Lourdes parish. Please view Rita’s memorial video and sign our online “guest registry” at CoyleFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

5725 Hill Avenue
Toledo, OH 43615

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 14. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614

Rosary

DEC 14. 7:00 PM (ET)

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1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614

Funeral

DEC 15. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Our Lady Of Lourdes
6149 Hill Ave.
Toledo, OH 43615

Tribute Wall

MC

“ Dear Richard, Katie, and Karl,
Please accept my sympathy and prayer. "May songs of the angels welcome Rita, and guide her along her way. May the smiles of the martyrs greet her own as darkness turns into day. Every fear will be undone, and death will be no more--as songs of the angels welcome you before the face of God."
Love, prayer, and thought,
Margaret Collins Peg Collins

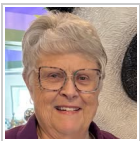
Margaret M. Collins - December 16, 2018 at 01:20 PM

CV

“ 2 files added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE



COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - December 14, 2018 at 08:52 AM



“ Only know Rita for a few years, but she was a very influential and inspiring women to get to know. Thank you Richard for sharing Rita with me on many occasions. She was a great mentor with her work as a NAMI volunteer !! Nancy Karg

Nancy Karg - December 13, 2018 at 10:38 AM

RI

“ *Richard & Kate,
Rita was such a special lady and will be greatly missed. NAMI Greater Toledo will be forever grateful for her support and service to our organization. Wishing you find comfort and peace in the coming days.
May her memory be eternal.
Deepest sympathies from NAMI Greater Toledo Board and Staff*

Robin Isenberg - December 13, 2018 at 10:36 AM

KN

“ *Aunt Rita was one of those shining lights that brought joy to the room when she was in it. The last time I saw her at Becca's wedding, I hugged her and I could feel the same genuine love and affection she showed me as a kid. She could smile with her eyes and she talked to you and you knew she cared. I'm forever thankful that she and Uncle Richard gave me Kate and Karl as my two older cousins. This time of year was always the highlight for us as the Nicholas family, so let us honor her soul by holding her memory up in our hearts as we celebrate this Christmas. I love you Aunt Rita...and to Richard, Karl, Kate, Karen and Will...I'm so sorry I can't be with you. My love is with you as you grieve. ❤️ 🕯️*

Kim Nicholas - December 12, 2018 at 10:26 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Rita Mary Nicholas.*



December 12, 2018 at 07:49 PM

SP

“ *What a wonderful picture! Shows off her Irish heritage! She was very proud of that! She and her cousin Judy would always talk about their family in Ireland.*

A very kind and generous person. Yes, I remember your wedding, we had to hurry up Sherri's birth so Jim could be in the wedding! She was so talented and kind! She had many challenges during her life which she met gracefully So sorry for her lose but will be filled with lots of memories Prayers for you and family! May u you always find peace in her memories.

Sharon Peoples

sharon a peoples - December 12, 2018 at 01:55 PM

JS

“ *I fondly remember her gorgeous smile and twinkling eyes. We volunteered at Heart to Heart and the moms loved her b/c she was such a good listener. Such an intelligent and always caring lady. We had so much fun shopping, making cards and making our annual trip for the Ohio*

Light Opera followed by wonderful dining and of course shopping in Amish country. Lovely Rita you will be missed.

Judy Stead - December 12, 2018 at 12:54 PM

JN

“ Rita (SIL) was a wonderful friend. She could always find humor in a serious situation and share it just between us. She was the first to introduce me to the word “couturier”, one of her many talents. She endeavored to succeed in several career challenges, particularly proud of the new homeowners she encouraged. In retirement she took up painting which, of course, she did well. Rita was a good listener and always offered her help. She was highly intelligent, generous, kind and encouraging. While having a mastery of wit, Rita maintained style and elegance. She loved her family dearly and will be sadly missed by all of us who loved her.

Joyce Nicholas - December 11, 2018 at 08:12 PM

JN

“ So sorry for the loss of your mom, Karl. Jamie and I extend our heartfelt condolences to your dad and sister, as well. Much love to you all.

j norris - December 11, 2018 at 04:02 PM

TM

Rita and I went to NDA together. I remember her always being very sweet and caring. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace Amen.

Toni Miller Moriarty - December 13, 2018 at 10:42 AM

BN

“ One of our last family gatherings.... August 2018. We love you Rita,...Jan and Bob.



Bob & Jan Nicholas - December 11, 2018 at 02:51 PM