



Rita C. Kelpin

June 27, 1941 - May 9, 2025

Rita Kelpin passed away peacefully on May 9, 2025, following a courageous battle with thyroid cancer. In her final days, she was surrounded by her loving family and close friends. Despite the challenges she faced over the past two years, Rita never lost her warmth or sense of humor. She remained deeply compassionate, often asking others how they were doing even as she confronted her own health struggles. Her kindness and concern for those around her were a true reflection of the generous spirit she carried throughout her life.

Rita was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and "Gigi." She met the love of her life, Ron, when they were teenagers, and the two married in 1962. Over their 63 years together, they built a joyful and fulfilling life. Rita is survived by her five children: Todd and Karen Kelpin, Tracy and Matt Logan, Terri and Dave Osowski, Kris and Kevin Atkinson, and Ron and Genny Kelpin. She was the proud grandmother of thirteen grandchildren-Jessica, Brittany, Ashley, Allie, Kevin, Louis, Tyler, Vinnie, Justin, Daniel, Genevieve, Mason, and Connor-and cherished her role as Gigi to Jolene, Sawyer, Jamie, Ashton, and Casey.

Rita found her greatest joy in family. She especially loved the lively gatherings during holidays, where the house would be filled with the happy chaos of children, laughter, and love. Her presence brought comfort, and her memory will forever live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved her.

A Celebration of life gathering will be held at Ron and Rita's home on Sunday,

June 29th from 12pm-4pm. The family welcomes all who knew Rita to stop by and celebrate her life with them.

A Private burial service will be held at Great Lakes National Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Road
Holly Township, MI 48442

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

JUN **29**. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM.

Ron & Rita's Home

Tribute Wall

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“ Robert and Karrie Osowski purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Rita C. Kelpin.



Robert and Karrie Osowski - June 15, 2025 at 01:53 PM

KM

“ Oh! The memories! Camping as children, the get-togethers, christmases, crafts and so much more! Too many to list, but each beautiful to remember. Aunt Rita was a fun lady to be around, especially later in our lives, she filled a void, I didn't know I needed filled. Our weekly bingo nights were something I looked forward to eagerly, the laughter we shared, priceless. My children loved her. They got a taste of our family upbringing and family gathering. And that meant so much to her, family. May my cousins and their children, and their children and Uncle Ron, always be filled with the happy memories.

Kathy Maul - May 16, 2025 at 01:29 PM

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“ Kristen H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rita C. Kelpin.

Kristen H. - May 10, 2025 at 09:22 PM

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“ 20 years ago I met Rita while camping, and have camped every year with the family ever since. We have so many great memories to hold on too & cherish. We are grateful to have known her & adopting us into her family vacations. We will miss our talks, advice, kindness, humor, compassion, love & her hugs! She gave great hugs! Rita's life, love, & laughter will always be carried in all of our hearts & shared when we are camping, till we meet again 🧡

Lisa & Steven Chess - May 10, 2025 at 07:06 PM

TK

Thanks for the kind words, we're lucky to have your family in our lives.

Todd Kelpin - May 12, 2025 at 09:39 AM