



## Rita Lund

August 11, 1939 - April 9, 2016

Rita Lund, age 76, passed away April 9, 2016. She was born August 11, 1939 in Detroit. Rita enjoyed playing Mahjong, Cribbage, and also knitting.

Loving mother to Peter (Karen Potchynok-Lund), Chuck, and Elisa (Sam) Lund Watkins. Proud grandmother of Mary and Laura Lund; Hunter and Jack Watkins.

Visitation Monday from 2-8 PM at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road, (3 blocks East of Van Dyke) Utica, MI. In state Tuesday 9:30 AM until time of funeral Mass 10:00 AM at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, 44633 Utica Road, in Utica. Entombment in Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Township. Memorial contributions in Rita's memory to The St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at [stjude.org](http://stjude.org). Please share a thought or memory with Rita's family at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Road  
Clinton Township, MI 48038

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 11. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home  
8459 Hall Road  
Utica, MI 48317  
(586) 731-2411  
utica@sullivanfh.com  
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

## Funeral Mass

APR 12. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Lawrence Catholic Church  
44633 Utica Road  
Utica, MI 48317

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Mark, Deb and Mike Rossi and their Families purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Rita Lund.*



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**Mark, Deb and Mike Rossi and their Families** - April 11, 2016 at 01:03 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rita Lund.*



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April 11, 2016 at 10:30 AM

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“ *Amara and Nicole purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Rita Lund.*



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**Amara and Nicole** - April 10, 2016 at 11:42 PM

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“ P2This woman has given so much to so many... whether it be her amazing personality, advise, LOVE, pinches...or if you're one of the (many) "lucky" ones who received one of her beautifully knitted afghans (not sure if you know she calculated how many hours it took for each one! Hopefully if I remember correctly around 38!) And her card friends...she so loved going to play cards/ Mahjong.....TO spend time with Rita was time well spent, putting it mildly. Her spirit will remain with me for a lifetime! My only regret is not spending more time with her. I love you Rita Lund, like a mother & best friend...May you rest in peace & look over all of us from heaven.  
~Carrie Fraser, Rita's Nail Tech & Friend.

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**Carrie Fraser** - April 10, 2016 at 09:52 PM

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“ P1Our Dear Rita....

*I have known Rita since 2006 when she came to my nail salon and that was when our friendship started! She shared she was one of the first Revlon Nail models and I was So nervous..& excited at the same time, feeling so honored this beautiful famous lady was sitting at my table! I couldn't wait for her appointments because she always shared these amazing stories from her past...Which included working at the race track,( running into people from race track ) raising her children by herself...bragging (modestly)! She spoke fondly of her parents, particularly about her father which included the story of her pinky ring ( she loved her jewelry!) I loved how she collected pearls & recently had made into a necklace & gave to Mary( I hope my memory is serving me)...About Chucks eye site as a child & surgery's and how he became a pilot...with an island....& a salon in AZ! Which during my divorce in 2010 sounded very appealing...& I wondered if she was trying to sell him to me? Having me look up Belize and showing me his pictures! lol Very handsome btw....But moving on.. To helping Pete get elected by working the elections & her visits to her daughter in Washington and the move to California. The story about meeting Tom Selleck in Las Vegas by the pool & Harry Connick jr in New Orleans at 3 am by an atm machine with her girl friend...to the Frank Sinatra Concert & being set up with or a date with someone from Ben Hur?? Can't remember all the details..but what i do remember sitting with her back then was that this was one incredible woman! Our relationship only grew...she was as loyal as loyal can be. We shared our lives with each other... She always spoke of her family.. Especially her grandchildren... She was so proud! Of all of them. Even those she claimed as family ...the twins...how smart they were! The story about when they were reading a particular book & the word "nigger" was in it...& how she told them that was not a nice word....& how she tested him to see if he would repeat it! But he was to smart for that! ( I apologize for not recalling the twins names)but I am overwhelmed with sorrow at her loss.. She so loved those in her life! She was always talking about how her card guys loved her nails... and how some of the ladies thought she was crazy getting her nails*

done or wearing "hooker" red at Christmas time.... also the one ( name escaping me, I met you once...you know who you are!) who would drive way out of the way to take her to play when she was unable to drive herself. She really appreciated that btw! She cracked me up with her no nonsense way! Saying things exactly like they were...And her use of the "F" word! And a really funny story about her and my guy, Joe...lol. He is also a no nonsense kind of guy..who flirts & says things that can sometimes make one uncomfortable...But Rita...Dear Rita....Leave it to her to give it back! One day I was doing her nails and Joe came in with his usual over friendly way! I had told her I just cut his hair....So when we were finished with her nails she had asked him if she could feel his head!! He was standing at the other side of the counter & said sure! She got up, went over to him...felt his hair and said "Ohhhhh nice.....then proceeded to slide her hand down his butt pretty close to you know what...cupped & pinched! LOL I have never seen him turn red or be speechless....It was Epic!! Since then she always got her squeeze in....& she always said, " Just because theres snow on the roof....doesn't mean there isn't fire in the furnace...!" Wow! Theres just so much I can write about Rita....I can't put all of my memories here as I would like to.

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Carrie Fraser - April 10, 2016 at 09:51 PM

CF

“ I spent all day yesterday & today thinking of all the memories shared by Rita with Rita during our visits together... I tried to copy/paste here but it was over the 4000 character limit- So I will Split it in half and post here with Part 1 & 2...Hopefully all who read can put it together...Thank you..  
Love & Prayers to all of her family & friends..She was a true Jem of a lady that put a sparkle in all the lives she touched..  
Carrie Fraser

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Carrie Fraser - April 10, 2016 at 09:49 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rita Lund.*



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April 10, 2016 at 07:33 PM



“ *Rite is a loving and giving Mother and Grandmother. i will cherish the Afghan quilt she made for me years ago. You just know when someone puts forth that much hand effort and time into something personal for you that this is her way of expressing unconditional love. The decade that I knew Rita in the social and card groups we enjoyed, I always felt welcome with her warm smile and greeting. She spoke proudly and frequently of her family and grand-kids. She rarely asked me of favors, but I always knew that she appreciated even the slight gestures.*

*Carl Kolenda*

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**Carl Kolenda** - April 10, 2016 at 04:10 PM



“ *I will miss you my friend, May you rest in peace.*

*Rose Marie Dombrowski*

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**Rose Marie Dombrowski** - April 10, 2016 at 10:22 AM

MD

“ My sympathy to the family. When someone we love dies the pain and grief can be unbearable. Mere words cannot convey the overwhelming feeling of disbelief that can result from the death of a loved one. Recall pleasant memories you shared with your loved one. God promises that the dead will live again.-Isaiah 26:19

Ms. Dee - April 10, 2016 at 06:10 AM

PL

“ I was blessed and thankful to have Rita in my life. Weather it was playing cards, a game of Mah Jongg or an eat-out, Rita made life fun. She was a dear friend who always cared about me and my family. I will miss her dearly but I know she is with our Heavenly Father and will be at rest. I love you, Rita...Phyllis Livingston

phyllis livingston - April 09, 2016 at 10:30 PM

DD

“ I had the pleasure of working with Rita at the Race Tracks in Michigan and she made me one of her hand make quilts we would eat at work and like we only had 15 or 20 minutes to eat are food. Now I know Rita had a loving family so now your Mother. Grandma Aunt and all of the other family titles she held has left this Earth yes you will cry and greave its only natural you have lost your Mom never to see her again but what she has left with is unconditional Mother love I to have lost my Mother at the age of only 52 from stomach cancer so I can share your pain know in your hearts of hearts we all greave with you. And now I say sincerely to you she now is in Gods hands so with a faint smile let her go she now is pain free. May God bless Rita and her amazing family.

dpn donley - April 09, 2016 at 07:50 PM