



Rita O'Neill

June 6, 1922 - July 26, 2013

O'Neill, Rita E. Age 91. July 26, 2013.

Beloved wife of the late Edward T. O'Neill. Loving mother of Kathleen O'Neill, Timothy Diane O'Neill, Mary Ellen James Cassady, Margaret the late William Fitzgerald, Barbara Clair Hoehn and Maureen Timothy Kapala. Proud grandmother of Kathleen O'Neill, James O'Neill, Julie Eric Swanson, Martin Cassady, William Fitzgerald, John Fitzgerald, Meghan Fitzgerald, Michael Hoehn, Maureen Dustin Gladden, Christopher Hoehn, Margaret Hoehn, Joseph Kapala, Elizabeth Kapala and Michael Kapala. Great grandmother of Margaret and Luke Swanson. Survived by her sister, Jean Turner, brother-in-law, Jack Fallows and sister-in-law, Patricia Crawford. Predeceased by her siblings, Marjorie Martin Shea, Robert Katherine Crawford, Kathleen Fallows, Kenneth Crawford, Grace Crawford and brother-in-law, Spencer Turner. Rita loved life! Her zest for life was unmatched. She was a gem. Visitation Tuesday 3-8 p.m. with a 7 p.m. scripture service at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Rd. 4 blks. E of Woodward, Royal Oak. In state Wednesday 9:30 a.m. until time of Mass 10 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church, Royal Oak. Memorials to the Foundation Fighting Blindness or Hospice of Michigan are appreciated. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Tribute Wall

EM

“ Looking at Rita's picture put a smile on my face and brought back so many wonderful memories of fun times in the Northwood Blvd., Roseland and Houstonia neighborhood growing up. Rest in peace Rita and know you touched so many lives. God Bless!! Elaine Beach McIntosh

Elaine Beach McIntosh - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ Life was not much better than when Mrs. O'Neill came for a visit or my folks returned from the family home on Roseland. I have thought often of the gracious and kind Mrs. O'Neill and know I am better for knowing her. I hope the family is well. Fond Regards,Patrick Beach

Patrick - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ I have fond memories of growing up as a neighbor of the O'Neill's on Roseland. Rita would stop by often for a cigarette / coffee break with my mom Alice. Her bright and cheerful mood was contagious. She will be missed. Condolences to all the family. John Perreault

john perreaultOw - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SU

“ For many years, I have been a good friend of Martha Shea. Consequently, I had the pleasure of having met, visited several times, and on one occasion, shared a meal with Rita and her sister Jean. In those few visits, one knew immediately what a wonderful person Rita was. I noted that she "always looked you in the eye" when she spoke with you. I hope to remember her example of sincerity, kindness, and good nature. She set the bar high. My deepest condolences to her family. Carol Thomson

sullivanfd - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Dear Maureen, Michael and Family, So sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. Please know that we are thinking of you during this very difficult time. xo

Anna & Chad Matton - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Of course I miss Rita already. I am so grateful and satisfied of our relationship as neighbor, friend, and garden committee member. She and Ed have lived here at Coventry for 21 years. Coventry Park Homes will miss Rita as well. She was one of the founders of the Coventry Garden Committee. She went to board and committee meetings, was our "phone email person", her knowledge and love of gardens was a great asset. Our committee has made a visual difference and built a wonderful sense of community here and Rita was a great force in those accomplishments. She died living and making a difference right to the end of living. An inspiration to all of us.

mary johnston - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ We are saddened by her passing but we are better for having her in our lives. I will always remember her smile. Her gentle nature. Her sense of humor. Her love for her family and most of all the way she always agreed with me when I told her she was my favorite aunt. Our prayers are with you at this time. Tom and Beth Turner

tom turner - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ This is so hard to write because there were so many things to say about Aunt Rita. She had a wonder sense of humor and always made me feel special whether it was outside of church while she was waiting for her ride or at her home. She had a great laugh and raised one of the nicest families I know. I am proud to have called her my Aunt and will miss her so much. It is comforting to know she is with her family now, especially her mother. May God bless her and the ones she left behind.

Susan Turner Jurczak - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ What a wonderful and graceful lady Rita was! She shared her love and generous spirit with all those dear to her. Some of our favorite memories include being with Rita who was fun, charming, and had that special zest and twinkle in her eye. In loving memory, Gary and Martha.

Gary and Martha - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ Rita was a totally amazing, amazing person and was like a second grandmother to me. She always found the best bargains at estate sales, and she was always the first to say, "Let's go check out that Edmund Frank!" I remember hanging out by the pool with her during the summers with my grandma. She'd listen to my adolescent woes and give good advice. I'll miss her dearly.

Sally - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM