



## Rita Grace Saigh

February 9, 1936 - November 17, 2020

Rita Grace Gourlie-Saigh passed away suddenly on November 17th, 2020 at the age of 84 of heart failure.

She is survived by her husband Michael J. Saigh of 63 years. Also, their four children Michael T. Saigh, Michelle (Thomas) Mills, Marcella (James) Flemming and Maureen (Stephen) Chaney. She felt so blessed with having fourteen grandchildren Kristina (Ryan) Saigh Nevedal, Michael J. (Danielle) Saigh II, Megan Saigh, Ryan Saigh, Stephanie (Ryan) Mills Herdrich, Stacy (Luke) Mills Gosselin, Sarah (Ben) Mills Kitzmiller, Steven (Gracie) Mills, Jessica (Thomas) Flemming Paulsen, Melissa (Michael) Flemming Colucci, Daniel (Stacy) Flemming, David Chaney, Rachel Chaney and Lauren Chaney. Proud great grandmother of 18 great grandchildren.

Rita was born on February 9, 1936 and attended Denby High. She worked at an insurance company for two years then resigned in 1954 to take care of her mother who passed away that year. Rita and Mike were introduced to each other on a blind date in 1953. Four years later, on September 21, 1957 they were married resulting in a large family beginning with Mike T. born on November 6th, 1958 followed by Michelle born on October 15th, 1959 then Marcella in 1961 on February 22nd and the last baby was Maureen, born on June 24th, 1963.

Her favorite things to do were going to Metro Beach, long rides, carnivals, Cedar Pointe and especially to Frankenmuth for the chicken dinners.

She was the proud wife of her husband's accomplishments including his 30 years as a member of the Sterling Heights Rotary Club.

We will miss you dearly my lovely wife. I love you. You are with God

Visitation Sunday 3-6 pm at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home 8459 Hall Road (3 Blks E. of Van Dyke)

Utica. Instate 9:30 am Monday at St. Therese of Lisieux Catholic Church 48115 Schoenherr Road Shelby Twp. until time of Mass 10 am.

Interment St. Lawrence Cemetery, Utica Michigan. Due to COVID 19 your thoughts and prayers are most appreciated even if you can not attend. Also visitation at the funeral home will be limited to 25 people at a time.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Lawrence Cemetery

Auburn Road  
Utica, MI 48317

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **22**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

## In State

NOV **23**. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Therese of Lisieux Catholic Church  
48115 Schoenherr Road  
Shelby Twp., MI 48315

## Funeral Mass

NOV **23**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Therese of Lisieux Catholic Church  
48115 Schoenherr Road  
Shelby Twp., MI 48315

## Entombment

NOV **23**. 11:20 AM (ET)

St. Lawrence Cemetery  
Auburn Road  
Utica, MI 48317

# Tribute Wall

AA

“ Dear Mike and all Rita's loved ones,

*Sincere condolences to you. Rita will always be in your hearts. Eternal rest grant unto her, Oh Lord.*

*Love and huge hugs,*

*Angel Aubrey Ackley  
(Nadia and Kallil's daughter)*



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**Angel Ackley** - November 21, 2020 at 09:50 PM

MS

*Thank you, Angel.  
Your condolences mean so much in consideration of your mom's passing. Both your mom and Rita will always be in our hearts and memories.  
Mike*

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**Mike Saigh** - December 11, 2020 at 09:36 AM

MC

*Thank you so very much 🧡🧡🧡 Sincerely  
Steve , Maureen(Saigh) , Dave , Rachel, and Lauren chaney*

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**maureen chaney** - December 12, 2020 at 08:57 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rita Grace Saigh.



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November 21, 2020 at 01:19 PM

DB

“ Our deepest condolences go out to the ENTIRE family of Rita Saigh. Rita was a wonderful person and will leave footprints in our hearts. You ALL be in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to attend her viewing due to COVID-19.

With deepest sympathy,  
Dee Mueller & Dawn Baldwin



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**Dawn Baldwin** - November 21, 2020 at 09:12 AM

MS

Thank you, Dawn. Your condolences and kind thoughts are very much appreciated.  
Mike & Family

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**Mike Saigh** - December 11, 2020 at 09:41 AM

MS

Thank you Dee and Dawn for your kind words and thoughts of Rita. She will be greatly missed. I think of your family and Ken often and are in prayers as well.  
Mike and Family.

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**Mike Saigh** - December 11, 2020 at 09:55 AM

MC

Thank you very much Dawn and Dee and family 🧡❤️💔

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**maureen chaney** - December 12, 2020 at 08:59 PM

CS

“ My heart breaks for you all during this very difficult time. Rita was good to me and the love I carry for her will be forever. My deepest condolences for your loss.

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**CHERYL MUELLER SAIGH** - November 20, 2020 at 07:38 PM

MS

*Thank you.  
Mike and Family*

**Mike Saigh** - December 11, 2020 at 09:42 AM

MC

*Thank you Cheryl 🧡  
Steve, Maureen, and family*

**maureen chaney** - December 12, 2020 at 09:01 PM

TD

“ *The Mueller Family - Dolores, Cheryl, Kenny, Dawn purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Rita Grace Saigh.*



**The Mueller Family - Dolores, Cheryl, Kenny, Dawn** -  
November 20, 2020 at 07:31 PM



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



November 20, 2020 at 10:35 AM

FE

“ *Dear Mike and family,  
I wish to extend my sympathy to you and family at the loss of Rita,  
dear wife, mother, etc. I will sure remember her in prayer at future  
Masses as well as you and family.  
Fr. Ron Essman*

**Fr. Ron Essman** - November 20, 2020 at 10:24 AM

MS

*Thank you Fr. Ron. Your condolences are a special consolation to me. I appreciate that you will have Rita in your prayers at Masses.*  
*Mike Saigh & Family*

Mike Saigh - December 11, 2020 at 09:30 AM

MC

*Thank you so very much Father Ron is greatly appreciated* 🍷  
*The Steve Chaney Family ( Maureen Saigh-Chaney)*

maureen chaney - December 12, 2020 at 09:04 PM



“ *I'm so very sorry for your loss ,*  
*Rebecca Hollis*

Rebecca Hollis - November 20, 2020 at 09:14 AM

SA

*Maureen so sorry for the loss of your Mom prayers and comfort to you and your family*

Sharron Allen - November 20, 2020 at 07:14 PM

MC

*Thank you very much Sharron* 🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷  
*Love Maureen and family*

maureen chaney - December 12, 2020 at 09:06 PM

JG

“ *JIM RIEHL JR & THE FRIENDLY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Rita Grace Saigh.*



JIM RIEHL JR & THE FRIENDLY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP -  
November 20, 2020 at 09:09 AM