



# Rita Matkovich

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**R**ita Ann (Willberg) Matkovich died peacefully on Friday, July 14, 2023.

Anyone who met Rita remembers her. While on this earth she touched countless lives.

Rita was born in Westphalia, TX. She learned to cook for a big group of people being the oldest of nine kids. That experience, along with her dedication of caring for her community, resulted in many years where Rita hosted Thanksgiving dinner for 100 people. She wanted to make sure everyone had somewhere to go and gave so many people something to be thankful for.

Rita was raised on a farm where she learned how to work hard. As a young woman she would walk the fields and pick cotton by hand. This formative work ethic stayed with her, and in her adult life, she put siding on apartments, roofed buildings, laid carpet and tile. Additionally, she was a skilled painter, designer, and decorator.

Rita earned her bachelor's degree in Home Economics from Incarnate Word in San Antonio, TX. She believed if you gave time to God, he would give back to you. She was known to give many kids a quarter for attending church. When someone would talk to her about a problem, big or small, she would say, "Well, you have to pray hard", and then would go out of her way to help them in any way she could.

Rita always looked out for those around her, and was known to give people hats or gloves if she saw them walking around in the winter without them. Rita leaves behind her husband of nearly 52 years, Bill Matkovich, along with their 4 children, Billy Matkovich, Andy Matkovich, Marijo Allen, and Jenny Matkovich, as well as 5 grandchildren.

Rita met Bill in Maypearl, TX where she was a Home Economics teacher and he was in the Army, stationed in Fort Hood, TX after getting drafted for the Vietnam War. After Bill was discharged,



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and a brief stop in Lewistown, MO, they moved to Centerville, IA, where they have lived since.

Rita continued teaching Home Economics, where she taught people to create a budget, cook (she started a "Cooking for Bachelors" class), sew, and bake. Rita was well known locally for her delicious cinnamon rolls. You may have eaten one of her thousands of huge, warm, homemade cinnamon rolls covered in frosting.

Rita built a rental real estate business in Centerville, IA. If you lived in one of her apartments, you may have received a cake for your birthday, a gift for Fathers Day or Mothers Day, Valentine's Day, Halloween, AND Christmas. For her birthday, she would hand out breakfast to her tenants.

Rita was quick to tell anyone how she had to get up and work, and no one is known to have ever heard her complain about doing any job. She was talented and creative, and she could make something from nothing. She could garden, paint art, and sew outfits for herself and her kids. She also loved to travel, go to art auctions, and attend plays.

Rita also looked after the world around her. She could be seen picking trash up off sidewalks or streets. If there was a building that needed to be painted, she was there to help. She and Bill were foster parents to many children in need of a place to stay. If you stayed over at her house, you had her cookies and likely walked out with a bag of clothing or food.

She was classy. She was sassy. And man was she bad a\$\$y. One of her Rita-isms was saying "I think everyone in this world is an a\$\$hole except for you and me...and sometimes I wonder about me." She thought the world of you.

Please, no donations. If you feel so moved, memorials can be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church. Alternatively, and more meaningfully, make the world around you a little more beautiful. Next time you walk by a piece of trash, pick it up, throw it away, or help somebody in need, and remember Rita.

Rita was survived by her husband Bill Matkovich; her children Billy (Amy) Matkovich, Andy (Kelly) Matkovich, Marijo (Ben) Allen, Jenny (Matt Saladino) Matkovich; her grandchildren Demetrius, Deyla, Luka and Jakob Matkovich and Ava Allen; her siblings Barbara (Robert) Macek, Charles (Renaë) Willberg, Ronnie (Randy) Willberg, Doris (Charlie) Wright, Karen Pomykal,



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Arlene (Rick) Wegwerth, Steve (Linda) Willberg, and Connie (David) Tindle; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Rita's body has been cremated. Per her wishes, no services will be held. Memorials may be given to St. Mary's Catholic Church and condolences may be shared at [www.thomasfh.com](http://www.thomasfh.com) or [facebook.com/thomasfuneralhome](https://facebook.com/thomasfuneralhome).



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MM

**Mary Mattix** posted:

So sorry to hear about Rita. I always enjoyed her and Bill when they would come to Aunt Teresa's Matkovich. Prayers for her family. She was always so nice and so very interesting. She will be greatly missed.

August 16 at 7:00 PM

MS

**Mary Stewart** posted:

Bill and Family, I am so sorry to hear of Rita's passing. She was so many wonderful things to so many people. What an incredible partner and mother to have shared your lives with. I admire her faith and send my prayer for peace for all of you. Mary Stewart

July 20 at 7:00 PM

LC

**Lizzie Carter** posted:

She will be deeply missed. Mrs. Rita was my neighbor for 7 years and she was always there for a chat. The first night we moved in to our house she came over and walked right in with some of her famous cinnamon rolls to introduce herself. I don't think she had ever known a stranger. and every time she would see my kids she would light up and they never walked away empty handed. Prayers to her family.

July 19 at 7:00 PM

MD

**Margery Davison** lit a candle in honor of Rita.

Sorry for your loss. Our condolences for your family. Tony Shriver and Margery

July 19 at 7:00 PM



AC

**Allen Cooper** posted:

Prayers for the family

July 19 at 7:00 PM



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BG

**Barbara Hoelscher-O'gorman** posted:

Rita has a special place in my heart. She was a cheerful friend in elementary and Jr high in WestphaliaTexas.I only saw her a couple of times after she moved away. However, I kept up with her thru her mother and sisters.The memory of her high energy and cheerfulness is ever present. The world is a better place because of her.Love you forever Rita,Barbara Hoelscher-O'Gorman

July 18 at 7:00 PM

RJ

**Ruth Mosier Jochims** posted:

She was a wonderful person!

July 18 at 7:00 PM

PA

**Patty** posted:

I am so glad I knew this woman. She was such a wonderful human being. We will miss Rita's light.

July 18 at 7:00 PM

JG

**Janice Grenko** posted:

Sorry for your loss!

July 17 at 7:00 PM

CW

**Cindee Paas White** posted:

Rita was a giver. She will be sorely missed by all. Prayers of peace and comfort for her family and friends.

July 17 at 7:00 PM

MG

**Marilyn Greger Cox** posted:

Bill & family, I was so sorry to hear of the loss of Rita. She was an adventurous person & liked knowing all her family were taken care of. I remember she called one nite about 11 or 11;30pm. I said Rita, is something wrong "no why" "because we were in bed asleep." "Oh my she said. I just got home from work."I thought Rita you are working way to late. I guess that was what she loved.I pray for peace in your heartsMarilyn Greger Cox.

July 17 at 7:00 PM



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RM

**Rita Martin** posted:

Rita was such a caring individual, she was a great friend of Carl Martin, Kenny's Uncle. Carl enjoyed her, she was such a hard worker, & they enjoyed their rental properties, helping each other. They're enjoying visiting together now, reminiscing about their handiwork. Sympathy to Bill & family!!

July 17 at 7:00 PM

DV

**Deborah Bankson Vanblaricon** posted:

She was so kind and caring! So for families loss ❤️

July 17 at 7:00 PM

CK

**Cindy Keene** posted:

Rita was one of the hardest working and kind people I have ever known. When my husband died she showed up at my front door with a pan of her famous cinnamon rolls. Just one of her many unsolicited acts of kindness. We can all learn from her.

July 17 at 7:00 PM

AJ

**Ann & Jesse Johnston** posted:

Rita was the kindest woman I've ever met. I once heard her described as Centerville's own Mother Theresa, and I couldn't agree with that more. She always gave my husband a kiss on the cheek each Sunday at church. We will forever cherish the time we knew and loved her.

July 17 at 7:00 PM

CR

**Centerville Iowa Rotary** posted:

Rita was a beautiful soul.

July 17 at 7:00 PM

ST

**Sara Tait** lit a candle in honor of Rita.



July 16 at 7:00 PM



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JV

**Jan Vinzant** lit a candle in honor of Rita.

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ME

**Max Ervin Sr** lit a candle in honor of Rita.

July 16 at 7:00 PM



JB

**Jenn Buban** posted:

She was such a Beautiful caring soul!! with a heartOf gold!!❤️❤️ she will be missed!!💔 love you neighbor! & all the family!Fly high sweetie 😊

July 16 at 7:00 PM

LM

**Lisa Myers** posted:

Rita was very good to our family. She was kind and generous. Prayers for her family.

July 16 at 7:00 PM

SF

**Shelley Frasher** posted:

Prayers for family, loved seeing and visiting with Rita.

July 16 at 7:00 PM

RM

**Robin Mccullar** posted:

She was my High School Home Ec teacher. She tried very hard to make things fun and no two classes the same.I'll never forget her.

July 16 at 7:00 PM



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RC

**Rochon Cain** posted:

She was my teacher in Schuyler County, Missouri in the late '70s. I have not ever forgotten her, her love of the students, and the lessons she taught me. I absolutely adored her.

July 16 at 7:00 PM

DG

**Diana Guffey** posted:

So sorry for the families loss. 🙏🙏

July 16 at 7:00 PM

LH

**Linda Henderson** posted:

Rita was a very special person and coached me on making lemon pie for holidays as we lived not far from each other Washington St in Centerville. I made the lemon pie per her instructions for the holidays...no one ate it! But when Rita inquired about the pie told her it was delicious as couldn't hurt her feelings. Centerville will miss Rita greatly!

July 16 at 7:00 PM

FP

**Fran Paul** posted:

Rita, was such a kind person. Prayers and hugs for her family.

July 16 at 7:00 PM

MW

**Melissa Willey** posted:

I went to school with her son. I didn't know her well, but her name was very known in Centerville for so many good things. Very sorry for your families loss

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PB

**Paul S. Barnes** posted:

As a police officer, I worked with many landlords over the years and you were one of the best Rita. You always had a heart for the homeless and those who were struggling and were willing to give someone a chance at a new start, when others would not take that risk. I believe you had this love for people because of your relationship with your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I will see you on the other side! Centerville will most definitely miss you! I am grateful to have known you! I believe you have heard the Lord say, "Well done, good and faithful servant." May the Holy Spirit comfort you Bill and family. Sincerely, Paul S. Barnes

July 16 at 7:00 PM

RG

**Roger And Sandy Griffing** posted:

Our sincere condolences to the family. Rita was very kind and caring and was a blessing to so many. She will be missed.

July 16 at 7:00 PM

RL

**Reta Louise Sandner Long** posted:

So sorry to hear this

July 16 at 7:00 PM

MB

**Malinda Buckley** posted:

She was a blessing! ♡♡ absolute wonderful lady! Prayers to the family and friends! 🙏❤️

July 16 at 7:00 PM

LW

**Leona Walker** posted:

We will miss Ewing Rita popping in and out of the store sharing all her stories and having conversations with us! She's was a super hard worker . She always bragged about her husband Bill and all her wonderful children and her family. You could tell how much they all meant to her. She was always talking about one of them! She will be missed .Thinking of Bill and all of the family! Prayers! ❤️

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ME

**Max Ervin Sr** posted:

A Great lady, and a joy to work with.

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RB

**Robert D Broshar** posted:

Rita was a very nice lady.

July 16 at 7:00 PM

JR

**Jonna Kruzich-Reed** posted:

Such a dear, kind, precious soul. Rita called my eldest son, Nick, "Nicky." Nick is deaf and Rita thought highly of him [as she did every one of her tenants]. He returned the fondness of Rita. She will be forever missed. 😞❤️

July 16 at 7:00 PM

DS

**Denise Sheston** posted:

Rita was a special person and one of the first people I met in Centerville. She was the most generous and friendly person to everyone here. She left this world a better place, and her children are all great kids. We will miss her. Prayers for all the Matkovich family.

July 16 at 7:00 PM

CM

**Chris Mcdanel** posted:

So sorry for your loss prayers for your family

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MM

**Marti Mefferd** posted:

So sorry for your loss! She was one in a million! A saint for sure!

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AC

**Ann Covington** posted:

Sorry for you loss

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HK

**Hannah Korthaus** posted:

Anna Marie James ❤️

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RW

**Rebecca St.Clair Woodruff** posted:

Thank you for sharing! I remember my first year teaching, assuming the teacher/Coach/Sponsor position, and the first year Highland introduced a PomPom Squad (approximately 70 excited, energetic young ladies!), Rita volunteered to assist/direct homemade uniforms for each young lady. It was a task she welcomed without hesitation. I will always remember Ms Matkovich, her caring, generous, helpful, loving spirit. She was a gem!

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LN

**Laura Peterson Noel** posted:

SHE was one of a kind!! Makes me so happy that I got the chance to care for her and her family in my line of work! Extraordinary family!! ❤️❤️ prayers for comfort...

July 16 at 7:00 PM

LA

**Lea Anna See** posted:

I met Rita when I was looking for a place to live. We quickly went from, tenant/landlord, to friends. I will miss her deeply. She always greeted me with, "Hello my angel" . Now, she is the angel. Fly high Rita. RIP. Much love! ❤️😭😊

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RD

**Rita Draper** posted:

Sorry for your loss

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CS

**Connie Shiltz** posted:

RIP Rita. You certainly deserve it. I never knew a harder working women. She was so giving. Prayers for the family.

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BN

**Belinda Noel** posted:

I lived in one of Rita's rentals, a house on Washington Street. She brought me a birthday cake once and what a kind gesture from a landlady. I have to admit I was taken aback. She was fair, kind and compassionate. This community will feel her loss for a long time.

July 16 at 7:00 PM

JB

**Janette Shriver Barber** posted:

Rita always meet you with a smile and always ready to talk

July 16 at 7:00 PM

AT

**Anita Wardlow-Trout** posted:

Rita was a force of nature...she will be missed by so many who were so lucky to have known her even for a short time during her lifetime. Hers "was a life well lived." Sending comfort and piece to her family in the days to come.

July 16 at 7:00 PM

LR

**Linsey Rouse** posted:

Rita was always so gracious when at her house, don't ever say your not thirsty or hungry..she would give you both! She was always generous and caring. She was a staple of this community. She will be missed.

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DS

**Dianne Strickler** posted:

My sympathies you all. Rita was a true character who set good examples in many ways for us all to follow

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CS

**Carla Sebolt** posted:

Rita was one of the most giving people I have ever met. I would see her often when I shopped with my littles around town. She took special joy in our son when he was a little guy - and would always somehow manage to get a big cheesy smile out of him - for a dollar! Lol. He enjoyed looking for her when we shopped. She was such a big personality in a tiny, hard working body. I pray she knows how she touched the lives of others through her generosity through the years. May she rest in peace.

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MC

**Melinda Campbell** posted:

I am so sorry to hear this

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JC

**Jeannie Cruse** posted:

so sorry to hear this.

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SM

**Stephanie McGill** posted:

Prayers and hugs for your loss.

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CJ

**Candi Jones** posted:

A beautiful soul ❤️ rest sweet lady ❤️ 🙏

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LJ

**Linda Louthan-Johnson** posted:

Yes Rita never knew a stranger. She was one of a kind and loved my many. She will be missed by so many ppl. Hugs to her family

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KA

**Kathy Ayres** posted:

Prayers and condolences to family and friends 🙏🙏

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SD

**Susan Duley** posted:

I just finished reading this when I got your text!!

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MB

**Mary Bennett** posted:

Rita was certainly a talker and seemed like she knew everything and everybody! So sorry for the loss of your mother Mari Jo and family!

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KD

**Kathy Davenport** posted:

Prayers of comfort for the family.

July 15 at 7:00 PM

TK

**Tarah Kovacevich** posted:

An absolute beautiful soul and a Centerville icon. The world could use a little more Rita. ❤️

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BB

**Brandy Bauer** posted:

Prayers for this family

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JP

**Joyce Parker** posted:

Such a wonderful caring lady

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JB

**Jenel Allen Barth** posted:

She sought me out after my Dad died to tell me good things about him. They both had a strong work ethic. I will miss her visits to the library and seeing her pick up around town. Rita was one of a kind and most of...she was kind.

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GB

**Greg Baker** posted:

Prayers for her family

July 15 at 7:00 PM

KA

**Kathy Allen** posted:

I am so sorry to hear this :-(. Rest in peace Rita

July 15 at 7:00 PM

NT

**Nellie Thomas** posted:

So sorry for your loss. Rita knew no stranger and would always stop and chat when she seen me. Yes she was always busy doing something she will be missed. Prayers sent to all the families.

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CA

**Cheryl Craig Arnold** posted:

Such a nice lady,

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CT

**Charlie Thomas** posted:

Rita was a wonderful person she will be missed by everyone that ever met her

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DS

**Dixie Serna** posted:

Prayers for her family and friends ❤️

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RW

**Rhonda Whitaker** posted:

I'm so sorry for the family's loss ❤️

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MC

**Michelle Conger** posted:

Prayers to the family fly high rita

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TB

**Tammy Bullard** posted:

Thoughts and prayers for her family.

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DA

**Debbie Atkinson** posted:

Rita was an extremely loving and very kind Lady ❤️ and who loved you from the heart ❤️ and never knew a stranger. R.I.P My beautiful friend ❤️ you've gained your Halo and your wings ❤️

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DA

**Deanna Allen** posted:

Rita was one of a kind. Her heart was so full of joy and love. Prayers for her family

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PS

**Paul Sheston** posted:

Rita was truly one of a kind, and had a heart of gold. An incredibly generous and thoughtful person who will be sorely missed by many in the community. Our deepest and most heart felt condolences go out to the entire Matkovich family-

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CZ

**Carl Phillip Zotz** posted:

so very sorry. prayers to all the family. she was one of a kind. she was very kind to everyone.

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GM

**Genevieve Mehrhoff** posted:

When my daughters was younger we were neighbors with Rita and her wonderful family. She was always friendly and kind. If she would see us in a store or anywhere she would always visit with us. So sad to hear of her passing.

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SC

**Susan Barker Cole** posted:

Sending sincere condolences to the Matkovich family. Rita was so giving and always so interested in the fine arts departments at school-and those cinnamon rolls were divine!

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MS

**Mary Smith** posted:

Condolences for the family

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PC

**Patricia Conger** posted:

I first met Rita as she was having new carpet laid at White apartment buildings near Baseball field. I was walking by and commented how pretty the carpet was She invited me in to see more and offered me something to drink. Our paths have crossed a few times after this. She was always gracious and kind. She lead by example.

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TB

**Todd Baze** posted:

So sorry 😞 A great hard working woman.

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PC

**Pamela Young Curtis** posted:

What a caregiver to so many people, hugs and prayers to her family.

July 15 at 7:00 PM

CP

**Crystal Perrin** posted:

Such a generous beautiful soul ❤️ prayers for THIS amazing woman's family 🙏

July 15 at 7:00 PM

MR

**Molly Revers** posted:

My deepest sympathies.

July 15 at 7:00 PM

KH

**Kenny Hogg** posted:

She was such a beautiful soul. So sad to hear she has passed

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CH

**Charlotte Head** posted:

Whatever purpose that God had for her, she fulfilled it with the biggest smile and helpful heart...."Well done thy good and faithful servant". Prayers for strength and comfort..... she will be missed by all those who knew her!

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CB

**Carolyn Bills** posted:

My condolences to her family,Rita was one of the sweetest ladies I ever ment,may she Rest In Peace



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VC

**Vickie Caraccio** posted:

Great lady!

July 15 at 7:00 PM

JA

**Jan Allen** posted:

Dick worked at True Value when Him and Dave Stephens owned it. Rita came in often, and Dick always enjoyed helping her with what she needed to buy. I used to walk quite a lot, and she would stop and visit when she saw me. She was a kind lady, and will always remember her friendly, caring conversations. Our sympathies and prayers are with your family for comfort and peace during this difficult time....Dick and Jan Allen

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VB

**Vicki Butler** posted:

Prayers for her family

July 15 at 7:00 PM

JA

**Jan Dick Allen** posted:

She was a kind, caring lady. Prayers for her family 🙏

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PJ

**Peggy Johnson** posted:

Condolences to the family.

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CH

**Carol Ponsetto Heffron** posted:

Rita was such a giving person. May she rest in peace. Sending love to her family. 🙏

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BW

**Burdetta Weideman** posted:

Sorry to hear about Rita's passing

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RE

**Russell Elarton** posted:

Sorry to hear that she passed

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AT

**Amy Tubbs** posted:

We will miss Rita!

July 15 at 7:00 PM

JB

**Jerimy Brockus** posted:

Rip Rita..

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RK

**Roger Kinnamon** posted:

Condolences

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WD

**Willa Dobbs** posted:

So sorry for your loss

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AF

**Ann Finch** posted:

Heart of gold!! My sincere sympathy to the family.

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DZ

**Dorothy Zaputil** posted:

Sincere condolences to the Matkovich family. Rita was a wonderful, kind individual. Her cinnamon rolls were always a huge treat at the volleyball suppers. Prayers for comfort and peace.

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TS

**Travis Sidles** posted:

She's an angel, no doubt about it. She's always had a positive impact on me. I'll miss her greatly "I hope You get the big win Rita." Many condolences for her family.

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MN

**Melissa Neher** posted:

She was a wonderful, giving lady. She will be missed.

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KH

**Karen Smith-Hughes** posted:

Condolences for the family

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SN

**Sandy Nab** posted:

Sending prayers for the family and friends

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DL

**David Lewis** posted:

Sorry for your loss

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JB

**Jeanine Benac** posted:

So loved Rita...She was by my side at a very difficult time of my life...My son , McCaine Zimmer (RIP ) and Rita's son , Billy, graduated together at CVHS class of 1992....Rita is a saint in heaven for sure.....RIP

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PD

**Patricia Devore** posted:

So sorry to hear she was a kind heart women know she ll be missed

July 15 at 7:00 PM

BC

**Bethony Cockrum** posted:

Rita will be remembered as one of the most kind and generous Centerville residents. She was one of a kind and I adored her! My condolences to Bill and family.

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AH

**Ashley Hawkins** posted:

So sorry to hear this. Rita was a wonderful person, I really enjoyed talking with her whenever I saw her. Condolences to the whole family.

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DH

**Deborah Hobart** posted:

Very sweet lady ♥

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JK

**Janet Turnage Klein** posted:

So sorry for your loss!

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GE

**Gerry Eckert** posted:

OMG Rhonda She was younger than me, but when you were from the country ... You learned to work at an early age & No Cry Baby Stuff !!!!! Kids now days have everything & too easy 🥺🥺🥺😭😭😭  
😭!!!!!!

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TT

**Tracy Thomas** posted:

She was a nice person. We were a young married couple and she would always bring us eggs and leave them on our back porch.

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NJ

**Nancy Jones** posted:

Definitely one of a kind. She'll be missed.

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DB

**Donna Lee Belloma** posted:

So sorry for you loss

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KS

**Kairee Scott** posted:

I'm so thankful for the times that Rita has helped my mentally ill aunt and put up her sh\*t. Any time we came to visit the apartments that my aunt lived in she was always so sweet and very cheerful. I remember her giving my kids money on Halloween walking around trick or treating.

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GH

**Garydenise Howe** posted:

So sorry to hear about Rita. Such a generous person. She will be missed.

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MA

**Mary Abbott** posted:

Praying for the family in their time of loss!!!!

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CH

**Courtney Hiatt Hawkins** posted:

So sorry for the family's loss. ❤️

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MP

**Misty Powers** posted:

Prayers for all sorry for your loss

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JE

**Julie Eckles** posted:

My deepest sympathies for Rita's family. Rita was such a kind hearted person who did good everywhere she went. No body was a stranger to Rita, if she didn't know she was sure to get to know you. Rita will definitely be missed.

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BM

**Barb Melvin** posted:

This truly breaks my heart. She was the kindest woman I have ever known. RIP

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JK

**Jennifer Swanson Knapp** posted:

So sorry for you loss. Rita was such a kind hearted person. She will be missed. ❤️

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LR

**Lacie Romans** posted:

So sorry to the family!

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ER

**Emilie Florea Rumble** posted:

Dear Bill and Family, The Florea family is holding each of you in our hearts and our prayers 🙏 We treasure the true friendship we have shared for more than 50 years! Know that you are loved. Emilie, Tim, Paula and Chet

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SM

**Sherry Murphy** posted:

So sorry for your loss. Rita made the world a better place. She will be missed!♥

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SM

**Shirley Morlan** posted:

Sweet woman, prayers for her family. She will be missed.

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PH

**Paige Rochelle Houser** posted:

Prayers for the family!

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MF

**Marcia Montegna Foglesong** posted:

A beautiful soul and heart of gold! She will be missed! My sincere condolences to all her loved ones!

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JV

**Jo L Veach** posted:

I'm sorry to hear this. Prayers for family and friends.

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JM

**Joan Mobley** posted:

So sorry for your loss. Prayers for her family 🙏🙏

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CD

**Chris O'donnell** posted:



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JS

**Jimmyandangela Stufflebeam** posted:

She was a a beautiful soul .prayers for the family.🙏🙏🙏

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CH

**Carl Hamm** posted:

She was such a great lady. RIP Rita

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DM

**Debbie Farrington Miller** posted:

My sympathy to all

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KM

**Karen K Mattly** posted:

A giving person. Prayers to family.

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PS

**Peggy Sales** posted:

Oh how I hate to hear this! Just seen her acoulpe weeks ago! She work so hard and was a giving person!

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MK

**Mary Lee Koziol** posted:

Rita was a wonderful lady. I have many memories of her. One stands out when she and Bill were staying in Perry at the Hotel Pattee. Bill had business for the day so she and I shopped together in Des Moines. We had lots of laughs. Thank you family for the tribute you gave her, it is well deserved. Love to you all.

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JM

**Jodie Oden Mccoy** posted:

What a nice lady. So sorry for the families loss! 🙏

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SJ

**Shyrel Johnson** posted:

Very sweet lady she will be missed by many. My thoughts and prayers are with her family and all who knew her.

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TC

**Tammy Wells Cassady** posted:

So sad she was a helping hand to so many. Hard working nice lady

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NC

**Nelle Conn** posted:

She was such an amazing women. Many prayers for her family and all who knew her.

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JZ

**Jill Pefley Zintz** posted:

Such a kind soul. 🙏❤️🙏

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BH

**Barb Halupnick** posted:

So sorry to the whole family for your loss! Rita was the most kind hearted sweet lady I knew 🙏

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SV

**Sueand Wayne Veach** posted:

So sorry to hear about her passing. She was a great friend and knew you wherever she saw you. She will be missed.

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KO

**Kord L Oliver** posted:

Sorry for your loss, she was my teacher in high school always going full throttle , never a dull moment ,then several years later I would meet her again in life at wal-mart where she was buying supplies and would give her a deal on messed up paint ,a good lady

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RJ

**Robin Jackson** posted:

She was my home ec teacher at Schuyler County. She taught me so many useful things and waS such a nice person.

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TB

**Teresa Adreon Bauer** posted:

Rita was one of of the hardest working ladies I know and such a kind sole. Thoughts and prayers to her family.

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MS

**Maryann Stottlemyre Long Sparks** posted:

So sorry! Keeping the family in my thoughts and prayers!!

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GM

**Gary Masters** posted:

Sorry for your loss she was a wonderful busy lady RIP

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DB

**Dawn Ball** posted:

So sorry for your loss.

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JC

**Jane Craver** posted:

Rita was such a kind & giving person. She will be missed. Condolences to her family.

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NT

**Nellie Thomas** lit a candle in honor of Rita.

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GT

**Greta Tarbell** lit a candle in honor of Rita.

Please know our thoughts, are with the family at this difficult time. Rita was a very caring lady, always helping people with whatever they needed. Cherish all your wonderful memories, of a caring lady. With Deepest Sympathy..Darl and Greta Tarbell

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TC

**Tammy (Parcel) Cadena** lit a candle in honor of Rita.

Had so many moments with Rita! My grandma rented apartments from her through the years and Rita was always so kind and such a go getter! There was not anything she could not or would not do!! And yes always giving food to folks! And her delicious cinnamon rolls! There are so many things I could say about her and her heart of gold! I'm glad I was able to know her through the years. My condolences to Bill and the children. So sorry for your loss!!

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DL

**Dennis & Beverly Sisul Laurson** lit a candle in honor of Rita.

Dear Bill & Family, We are so sorry to hear about Rita. Please accept our sincere sympathy and prayers , and may your loving memories bring you peace.

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DM

**Dewey Brad Mcconville** posted:

Rita was a saint, walking among us daily.

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JM

**Jeff Medina** posted:

Rita was a real class act. She was always working on her rentals but always took the time to say hello. When my own mother passed Rita came to my home to give her condolences. Words can't express the thanks I have to a good lady. She had more guts than most people and would tell it to you straight. My best to her family and my condolences to her husband.

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LA

**Lena Anderson** posted:

My heart goes out to the family ♥ she was such a sweet lady

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