



## Rita Rossi

September 10, 1930 - April 17, 2019

Mary "Rita" Rossi of Grasonville, MD, passed away peacefully on April 17, 2019, after a brief illness. Born in Dallastown, PA, she was the daughter of the late Daniel D and Mary Irene Colgan Callahan.

She is survived by husband of 65 years, Tony Rossi of Greensburg, PA; her son, Frank; and four daughters, Margie (Gary) Reedy; Karen (Arthur) Charron, JoAnn (Peter) Carroll and Janet Rossi; sister, Kathleen Jones of DE; and brothers, Francis and Walter Callahan of PA; ten grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her brothers Daniel, John, Paul, Carroll, Richard, Donald, and sister, Jeanne Miller.

Rita was a Registered Nurse who completed her nursing training at Saint Agnes Hospital. She became an infection control practitioner at Saint Agnes, Mercy, and Harbor Hospitals of Baltimore. She worked for Queen Anne County Health Department for many years before retiring.

She was a 17-year breast cancer survivor. Rita was a devout Catholic and active member of the parish of Saint Christopher Catholic Church in Chester, MD, as well as a Secular Franciscan of the Third Order (SFO). She supported many charitable organizations including Haven Ministries homeless shelter in Queen Anne's County.

The family will accept visitors on Monday April 22, from 5-8 p.m. at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newman Funeral Home in Chester MD. A funeral mass will be held on Tuesday April 23, 11 a.m. at St Christopher's Church in Chester. A private burial will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that people make donations to Haven Ministries at <https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E333275&id=2> in memory of Rita Rossi.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **22**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Chester Location / Kent Island  
106 Shamrock Road  
Chester, MD 21619  
(410) 643-2226  
info@fhfuneralhome.com

## Mass

APR **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Christopher's Catholic Church  
1861 Harbor Drive  
Chester, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rita Rossi*



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - April 18, 2019 at 04:30 PM

HE

*Rita Rossi was a classmate at All Saints H.S. She brilliant and good natured. Rest In Peace, friend.*

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**Helen** - May 02, 2019 at 02:32 AM



“ *Rita Rossi*

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October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Rita Rossi*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Rita Rossi*

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January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

MC

“ *Mary Lou Christian lit a candle in memory of Rita Rossi*



Mary Lou Christian - May 01, 2019 at 09:07 AM

MC

*I was so sorry to hear of Rita's passing. I had the pleasure of working with her at QACDOH. My thoughts and prayers to all. Love, Mary Lou*

Mary Lou Christian - May 01, 2019 at 09:08 AM

JW

“ *Juanita Wieczoreck lit a candle in memory of Rita Rossi*



Juanita Wieczoreck - April 30, 2019 at 09:05 AM

JW

*I was very saddened to hear of Mrs. Rossi's passing. My heart goes out to you all.*

Juanita Wieczoreck - April 30, 2019 at 09:07 AM

AM

“ *RIP Miss Rita, We will miss you at Grasonville Senior Center. Your smile would light up the room.*



Ann Martin - April 29, 2019 at 02:09 PM

LC

“ I have wonderful memories of the fun times Rita and my mother had together! We feel so blessed to have had such a special person like Rita as our mothers cherished friend. RIP Rita, love you 💕💕

Lillian Conrad - April 28, 2019 at 08:54 PM

RK

“ Robin Kincaid lit a candle in memory of Rita Rossi



Robin Kincaid - April 22, 2019 at 12:36 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rita Rossi.



April 20, 2019 at 07:43 PM

RK

“ Remy And Klaus sent a virtual gift in memory of Rita Rossi



Remy and Klaus - April 20, 2019 at 12:39 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Rita Rossi.



April 19, 2019 at 02:12 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rita Rossi.



April 19, 2019 at 10:56 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Rita Rossi.



April 19, 2019 at 10:45 AM



“ FAA, ASP Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rita Rossi.



FAA, ASP Family - April 19, 2019 at 07:54 AM

LR

“ Love, Ken, Scott, Diane & Ryan purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rita Rossi.



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**Love, Ken, Scott, Diane & Ryan** - April 18, 2019 at 05:46 PM

CS

“ Dear Rossi family,  
I had the pleasure of meeting your mother/ wife on a single occasion . She had a beautiful soul and made Mr Rossi smile . That is how I will remember our meeting. Peace to you all. Cherish your memories  
Charla Sparks

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**Charla Sparks** - April 18, 2019 at 05:04 PM

MF

“ My dear Karen both Lisa and I are so sad to hear the news about your mothers passing

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**Mark & Lisa Frezza** - April 18, 2019 at 03:11 PM