

RITA M. MILLETARY



After a long illness that slowly diminished her vitality, though never her constantly cheerful demeanor or the sparkle in her beautiful blue eyes, Rita Milletary passed away peacefully on Friday, July 7, 2023. This kind and lovely woman was loved by many, who knew that her true beauty radiated from her caring and loving heart.

Rita was eternally youthful and full of life. She loved going to the beach, dancing, taking girls trips, singing with her church choir, baking holiday cookies, rooting for the Steelers, going to craft shows with her daughters and sisters, enjoying her grandkids' antics and cheering them on in their sports. She also enjoyed reading, chocolate ice cream, her cousins' card club, Harry Potter, and fresh flowers. She was an avid bowler, participating in local and regional tournaments, where she met her oldest and best friend. And perhaps most of all, she loved being a grandmother.

Born March 12, 1938, in Pitcairn and a graduate of Turtle Creek High School, Rita first worked as a secretary for Union Switch and Signal. Years later, she enjoyed a new career and the friendships made with Moon Area School District, retiring as one of their most loved and most popular employees.

Rita was the loving mother of Lisa Airesman (Chris Pratt), Karen Mallik and Stephanie Santucci (Ken), and adored Mimi to her littlest loves, Christopher (Taylor), Katie, Alexis and Connor.

Missing her deeply are beloved sisters Dolores Mallik and Joyce Gundlach, along with many nieces, nephews, cousins and good friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents Thomas and Rose McNeill, brother John Paul McNeill and a stillborn son.

Friends and family will be received on Wednesday, July 12 from 2-4pm and 6-8pm at **R. D. COPELAND FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 981 Brodhead Road in Moon Township, where a funeral prayer will be held on Thursday at 9:30 am, followed by a mass of Christian Burial at 10:30am at St. James Church - Divine Redeemer Parish, 200 Walnut Street, Sewickley.

In lieu of flowers, you're asked to consider a contribution in Rita's name to Victoria Manor Personal Care Home at 100 Rose Court, Oakdale, PA 15071 or to Commonwealth Hospice at 4955 Steubenville Pike, Suite 125, Pittsburgh PA 15205.