

## **RITA L. NAPOLI**



Rita L. Napoli entered eternal life with our Lord on October 20, 2024, joining her husband Joseph who passed away on January 2, 2013. She is survived by her children, Maria (Mike) Altrudo of Saint Louis, MO, Joe (Sandy) Napoli of Phoenix, AZ, and Jim (Karen) Napoli of Pittsburgh, PA; along with her seven grandchildren, Michael, Christina, Laura, Jonathan, Rachel, Tim and Becca. She had 14 great-grandchildren.

Born Rita Louise Sylvester in Monaca, PA, on August 23, 1924, she attended high school at nearby Mount Gallitzin Academy and earned her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, PA, in 1946. She married her wartime pen-pal on June 6, 1947, and they lived in Western PA for most of their married life. A life-long educator, Rita taught early elementary grades and kindergarten for many years in several schools, and retired from the Brooks Elementary School of the Moon Area School District as a second-grade teacher in 1996. Her favorite grade was kindergarten.

This lovely lady had a beautiful life and touched many people along the way. She embraced the role of hostess, serving countless fabulous home cooked meals to all. Her faith has been a constant; we have all benefited from a novena or two. A century filled with cherished memories and love that spans generations.

The Funeral Mass will be at St. Ambrose Church, 5130 Wilson Avenue, on Saturday, November 2, 2024, at 10:00 am. Recitation of the Holy Rosary will be at 9:45 am. Right of Committal will be at 11:00 am, on November 7, 2024, at Mount Olivet Catholic Cemetery in Aliquippa, PA.

Memorial donations may be made to Pastoral Care to the Elderly at Saint Ambrose Church, 5130 Wilson Avenue, Saint Louis, MO 63110.

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