



Rita Shepard

February 28, 1929 - August 6, 2020

Rita N. Shepard, 91, died August 6, 2020 in Boston, MA.

Rita was born in Antrim, NH, February 28, 1929, daughter of James Daniel Nazer and Anne Murdock Nazer.

She was predeceased by her brothers, James D. Nazer Jr., Albert T. Nazer, Frederick L. Nazer, John F. Nazer and George E. Nazer Sr. and her sister Mary Nazer Burke.

Rita graduated high school in 1947, 1st in her class. She was a scholar athlete, playing basketball and other sports. She graduated from the Nashua Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in 1949.

She married her husband Donald in 1950. She was an extraordinary wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She always put everyone else first.

After her children grew up she returned to nursing, private duty in Nashua and then Greenbriar Healthcare in Nashua.

She was a long time member of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Nashua. She was an avid fan of the Red Sox, Celtics and Patriots and was an expert golfer. She and her husband traveled to the Bahamas, Bermuda and Barbados where they played golf and swam in the ocean. They spent many winters at Cape Canaveral, FL where they had great times with their dear friends Wally and Joan Jalbert. Rita and Donald loved music and dancing and often would dance the night away. Her favorite place in the world was Goose Rocks Beach in Kennebunkport, Maine.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 70 years, Donald C. Shepard Sr. of Hudson; her beloved children; sons, Donald C. Shepard Jr. and his wife Sandra of Milford, and Robert M. Shepard and his wife Linda of Pelham; daughter, Brenda S. Conrad and her husband Albert of Groton; her beloved grandchildren; Derek Conrad of Rochester, Michael Shepard and his wife Mia of Nashua, Nicholas Shepard and his fiance Linda Tran of Nashua, Stephanie Gardner and her husband Eli of Bridgewater, MA, Nicole Zaremski and her husband Jeffrey of Norwood, MA, Allison Shepard and her significant other Justin Shaffer of S. Portland, ME, and Lindsay Shepard of Allston, MA; her beloved great-grandchildren; Savannah, Sophia, Camden and Peyton Rose; her beloved sister Irene Nazer Fortune of Independence, MO, as well as many nieces and nephews. She is also survived by many dear friends and dear neighbors including Mark and Cynthia Murray of

Palm Coast, FL and the Darin Wieggers family of Hudson. Memorial and graveside services will be private.

Rita will be laid to rest in Sunnyside Cemetery, Hudson, NH. Memorial and graveside services will be private. lieu of flowers please send contributions in Rita's name to the Front Door Agency, 7 Concord St. Nashua, NH or to the charity of your choice.

Cemetery

Sunny Side Cemetery

98 Central St.

Hudson, NH,

Comments



“ I will always Love you.....

Donnie.

Donald Shepard - August 22 at 02:12 PM



“ Don and Rita have been our neighbors for many years. We often stopped and chatted with them on our walks around the neighborhood. Over the years, their walks got shorter, but their spirit remained positive. I will always remember Rita strolling with her cross country ski poles through all kinds of weather, just enjoying the day. This summer she was only able to walk around her driveway, but her optimism remained. She was a kind, lovely person and will be missed.

Adele and Al Langguth - August 21 at 11:35 AM



“ Dear Mom,
Thank you for taking care of all of us for so long. Thank you for taking such good care of Dad. Now it's time for you to rest in the arms of God Almighty. We will all love you forever.

Brenda Conrad - August 17 at 10:58 AM



“ I grew up one street over from the Shepard Family. Their son Bob, is my oldest, and most trusted and valued friend. I have many great memories of my time with the Shepard's. They are wonderful people. Mrs. Shepard always made me feel welcome, and there were times when I was at their house more than I was at my own. I experienced her kindness, warmth and generosity first hand, and I will always be grateful for this.
My prayers are with the Shepard Family. I'm sure there is some comfort in knowing that her pain has ended, but the sense of helplessness and loss must feel almost insurmountable right now. I pray that you will soon be able put this pain aside, and dwell instead in the joy of the many blessings that her life has given to you.

Rick Standish - August 12 at 10:34 AM



“ My grandmother was such a loving and selfless person, always making sure others were comfortable and happy. I consider myself very lucky to have experienced her great sense of humor, competitive spirit, enduring strength and appreciation of nature and the outdoors. So many great memories - teaching me to swim at Pemaquid Beach, teaching me golf ("Keep your head down and don't swing so hard!"), cribbage showdowns and many family gatherings filled with fun times, great food and laughter. In recent years she would frequently say to me "Stay happy and keep smiling." Words to live by. Although difficult to express the full impact she has had on my life, I am forever grateful and will carry her spirit forward.

Derek Conrad - August 11 at 03:39 PM



“ I have such fond memories from an early age; from the old neighborhood and beyond. Your Mom was a major part of those memories. She made chocolate chip cookies, unlike no other, and still holds true today. She was a woman to marvel with her fight and determination.
It's easy to see why your Dad fell in love with her.
Fondly,
Sue Benner

Sue Benner - August 11 at 03:30 PM



“ I have so many memories of Mrs. Shepard's (I always continued to refer to Shep's parents as "Mr. & Mrs Shepard" because of the respect I had for them from the time I met them as a teenager to this day) kindness and caring manner. All the times she had me sit down to dinner with the family and then happily give me rides home to Pelham and then to Dracut. She was always smiling and laughed so easily at all the stories we would tell her. She made me feel like I was family and I always thought of her as family. Both Bev and I will miss her greatly! Rick & Bev Gagnon

Richard Gagnon - August 11 at 01:35 PM



“ I'm very sorry for the loss of your Mother. Rita was a very special lady. I have known her for many years. I was also her hairdresser for years. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Brenda Hamelin - August 11 at 11:50 AM



“ I was blessed to have a loving kind mother in law. She loved and cared for her family with all her heart. She was a wonderful mother, grandmother and great grandmother. My grown sons have such fond memories of her. She has such a positive impact on their lives and will forever. Our granddaughters loved her and she loved them They loved to visit her. She always wanted to feed all of us too. We will all miss you and forever carry your love in our hearts. With Love, Sandy Shepard

Sandra Shepard - August 10 at 11:07 PM



“ Grammie is the only person I've ever met who regularly made bread by hand, and without a bread machine. Everything she made always seemed to be made with love. I will forever hold onto great memories of cooking and baking with her. Her love for cooking and baking is a big part of why my children have been in the kitchen with me from such a young age.
Grammie was so loving and cared so much about family. She has truly inspired me to continuously improve myself. It is not possible to put my love, appreciation, and gratitude for her involvement in my life into a paragraph, or to highlight only one memory. I will always love her, and her love will forever live on.

Mike Shepard - August 10 at 10:08 PM