



Rita Pare

April 30, 1926 - January 9, 2021

Rita (Wollen) Pare, 94, passed away peacefully in the early morning hours of January 9th at Southern New Hampshire Medical Center.

Born and raised in Nashua, Rita moved with her family to a small farm on Pine Hill Road when she was twelve years-old. It was there that she learned the value of family teamwork.

Rita attended local schools and sometimes joked that she was a graduate of Whipple's Academy and Hard Knocks College. She worked in local industries including the Nashua Mills and the Hathaway Bakery. Intelligent and inquisitive, she was fluent in both French and English.

She met her future husband Maurice Pare while she was seated in her parents' Packard on the Main Street Bridge, and Maurice (accompanied by his friend Leo Morin) walked up to her and asked her if she knew what the ball scores were.

After marrying Maurice in 1950, Rita subsequently raised four children and was looked upon by at least one neighborhood child as a second mother. Skilled as a seamstress, she was able to make some of her young children's clothing. Equally talented as a cook, there were seldom any leftovers at her dinner table. She was perhaps most skilled as a baker, and her creations were

devoured at family gatherings.

Generosity with food was Rita's gift to those around her. Whether it was her children, their friends, or their teammates, no-one went hungry at Rita's.

Rita was predeceased by her parents John and Evelyn (Sareault) Wollen, her husband Maurice, her sisters Beatrice Bois and Theresa Wilkins, and her brother John Wollen.

She is survived by her son Maurice Jr., her daughter Rita and husband Robert Dana, her daughter Marie and husband Michael Cashin, and her son Joseph and wife Louise Pare. She is also survived by eight grandchildren: Justin Dana, Colton Dana, Beau Dana, Andrea Cashin, Jennifer Cashin, Brandon Pare, Tyler Pare, Lauren Pare, and one great-granddaughter Hensley Pare. Additionally Rita is survived by two step-grandsons: Brandon Kloppenburg and Adam Kloppenburg.

Rita's family would like to express their thanks to the people at 360 SHS (Complete Senior Home Services, formerly Seniors Helping Seniors) for making it possible for Rita to remain at home as she wished until her final days.

On Friday, January 15th, there will be a private viewing for immediate family members at Dumont Sullivan Funeral Home in Hudson, followed by an 11:00 AM Mass of Christian Burial at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, 777 West Hollis St. in Nashua, followed by interment at St. Francis Xavier Cemetery in Nashua. All may meet at church. All those attending the services are asked to please wear a face mask or facial covering and to follow the social distancing guidelines in place. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Rita's memory to 360 SHS, 360 Route 101, Suite 3 B, Bedford, NH 03110.

Previous Events

MASS AT CHURCH

JAN 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph the Worker Parish
777 West Hollis St.
Nashua, NH

Tribute Wall



“ *Rita Pare*

October 06, 2023 at 08:13 AM



“ *Rita Pare*

September 27, 2023 at 04:05 AM

TP

“*There goes my only possession
There goes my everything
I hear footsteps slowly walking
As they gently walk across a lonely floor
And a voice is softly saying
Darling, this will be goodbye forever more*

*There goes my reason for living
There goes the one of my dreams
There goes my only possession
There goes my everything*

*As my memory turns back the pages
I can see the happy years we had before
Now the love that kept this old heart beating
Has been shattered by the closing of the door*

*There goes my reason for living
There goes the one of my dreams
There goes my only possession
There goes my everything
There goes my only possession
There goes my everything”*

*My Memere once told me that she wanted this song, sung by
Engelbert Humperdinck, played at her funeral.*

I love you, Memere. Thank you for everything.

Tyler Pare

Tyler Pare - February 05, 2021 at 10:13 AM

AT

“ Sorry for your lost. Rita was a specialady enjoyed my time with her and many laughs. You are all in my prayers. Andrea Taylorl



Andrea Taylor - January 16, 2021 at 08:25 PM

CH

“ So many warm and caring thoughts are with you during this time. Aunt Rita was a fun loving soul. Was always a character, and could get everyone laughing. As Steven's godmother and Uncle Maurice his godfather we thought of you often. You both came to our wedding in DE that meant so much to us. May you find peace and strength as you honor her life and love.

Collene and Steven Hudson

collene hudsjon - January 16, 2021 at 02:54 PM

CC

“ As a child, I remember living below you and enjoying our visits. You had Maurice and Rita before you moved to your own home. You and Uncle Maurice were my sister Deborah's Godparents. It seemed like every time I went to Market Basket we ran into each other. What a way to keep in touch! Odd thing is, I was just thinking about you last week. Must have been a sigh from God. Rest in Peace, prayers for your family. Your Great Niece Carole Brunelle Clark



Carole Brunelle Clark - January 13, 2021 at 01:17 PM

JD

“ *Our sympathy to the Pare family. Rita was full of fun and laughs! We are thinking of you and treasure the special memories!*
John and Becky Dubowik

John Dubowik - January 13, 2021 at 10:23 AM

EM

“ *Thoughts and prayers to the family. Rita Pare was always so nice to us growing up*
Ed Marquis (1 Labine St)

Ed Marquis - January 12, 2021 at 04:20 PM

KP

“ *Kathleen Poirier sent a virtual gift in memory of Rita Pare*



Kathleen Poirier - January 12, 2021 at 12:27 PM

KP

“ *Kathleen Poirier lit a candle in memory of Rita Pare*



Kathleen Poirier - January 12, 2021 at 12:26 PM

AH

“ Joe:

*Deepest condolences on passing of your mother.
May you and your family find peace and serenity.
Peace be with you.*

*Andy Horton
Classmate, Nashua High*

Andrew P Horton - January 12, 2021 at 11:44 AM

JT

“ *Our prayers and love go out to all your families.
With Sincere Sympathy
John & Jeanne Toth*

J. Toth - January 12, 2021 at 10:47 AM