



Rita Waples Barrett

March 12, 1926 - March 18, 2013

Rita Waples Barrett, 87, of Fairfield, Iowa formerly a long-time resident of Wolcott Hollow Road, Athens, PA was born into Eternal Life Monday, March 18, 2013 from the Jefferson County Health Center in Fairfield, Iowa.

Rita was born in Johnstown, PA on March 12, 1926 one of six children to James and Esther Bowser Waples.

She grew up in Mildred, PA and was a graduate of St. Basil's High School in Dushore, PA class of 1945. Following high school she attended Marywood College studying nursing in Scranton, PA.

On December 27, 1948 Rita married Anthony James "Tony" Barrett of Asylum Township, PA at St. Francis Catholic Church in Mildred. In 1955, the couple entered into farming purchasing their own farm in Athens Township which they operated until 1995 when they sold the farm to their son Tom. After selling the Farm, Rita and Tony traveled the country together and even volunteered at Yellow Stone National Park.

Rita was a communicant of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Ridgebury and the Altar and Rosary Society. She was a member of the Diahoga Grange for 45 years. One of the greatest events in her life was meeting and hugging Mother Theresa at a Scranton Deanery meeting.

Surviving are her son and daughter-in-law, Tim and Annette Forrest Barrett of Lambertville, Michigan; daughter, Esther Barrett Urban and son in law(Tom), with whom she resided of Fairfield, Iowa; daughter-in-law, Kathy Sullivan Barrett of Athens, PA, granddaughters, Jennifer Barrett White (John) of Dayton, Ohio, Tiffany Barrett Sanders (Mike)of Perrysburg, Ohio, Jessica Barrett Swanbeck (Tim) of Toledo, Ohio, Shelley Urban of Fairfield, Iowa, Kerry Barrett Bocko (Joe) of Elmira, New York, grandson, Kelly Barrett and wife Kate VanNote Barrett of Athens, great grandchildren, Timothy, Aidan, Zachary, Margaret and Annaleise White, Natalie, Courtney Sanders and Robbie, Paige, Maxwell Swanbeck, and Kellan Barrett; brothers and sister-in-law, Robert and Lois Waples of Suffield, Ohio, Eugene Waples of Uniontown, Ohio, sister-in-law, Betty Barrett of Marshview, as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by; her husband of 53 years, Tony on October 24, 2002, son, Thomas Anthony Barrett on September 25, 2008, infant daughter, Patricia Ann Barrett, infant twin sons, Anthony Mark Barrett and William Joseph Barrett, brothers, James and John Waples, brothers and sister-in-law, Joe and Alice Waples, Jack and Serena Waples, brothers-in-law, Joe and Patrick Barrett, brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Eugene and Mary Barrett and nephews Kevin Barrett and Harry Waples and niece Nancy Waples.

The family will receive friends at the Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home 217 York Ave. Towanda, PA on Sunday, March 24 th from 2 to 5 p.m. with Recitation of the Rosary at 2:00 PM.

A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, Ridgebury Township, PA on Monday March 26, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. with interment following in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Cemetery.

Cards and Mass stipends may be sent to Esther B. Urban at 1643 Hwy 34 W. Fairfield, IA 52556. Memories and condolences may be expressed and shared by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Cemetery

Ridgebury, PA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **24**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home
217 York Ave.
Towanda, PA 18848
(570) 265-2272
info@bowenfuneralhomes.com

Service

OCT **25**. 9:30 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel
Ridgebury, PA

Tribute Wall



“ *Rita Waples Barrett*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Rita Waples Barrett*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Rita Waples Barrett*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



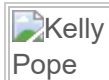
“ *Rita Waples Barrett*

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *Rita Waples Barrett*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *Some of my favorite memories growing up are ones our family had with "Aunt " Rita and the entire Barrett family at Pine Top farm. Our prayers are with you all. Love Kelly Rush KK*

Kelly Pope - March 24, 2013 at 04:04 PM

RS

“ Our sympathy to you on the passing of your Mom. I remember her (all of you) coming into my parent's store in Athens. She had a great personality. Sincerely, Steve and Ruth Brewer Schrader

Ruth Schrader - March 24, 2013 at 02:25 PM

DW

“ Rita was my first babysitter. I am now 51 years old and I can remember going up to our neighbor's farm just to see the farm animals. Rita had a very good sense of humor and taught me to say good morning to anybody who came into the house. Growing up in Wolcott Hollow, I honestly believe Rita and Tony were the hardest working people there.

David Wintermute Pittsburgh PA

david wintermute - March 23, 2013 at 09:07 AM

SA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Sanders - March 22, 2013 at 11:38 AM

SS

“ From all of us at Rita's nail salon in Athens, heartfelt and deepest sympathy. Rita was always fun when she entered our door and made us all laugh and happier at the end of our day. She has left a beautiful memory in this world. May your memories bring peace and happiness as well.



Sherry Smith - March 22, 2013 at 09:14 AM

KW

“ Dear Tim and Annette, Esther and family,

Very sorry to hear that your Mom passed away. I recall her fun, caring, and direct ways. She was most unique, with a great sense of humor. It is a pleasure to have known her. She was great to hang out with and listen to, around the kitchen table.

Our thoughts are with your family

Take care,

Ken and Susan Wiles

Ken Wiles - March 21, 2013 at 02:10 PM

LH

“ Our deepest condolences from the staff at Chemung View Apartments. We all adored Rita and feel privileged to have shared a few years with her.

Lisa Horton - March 21, 2013 at 12:58 PM

CP

“ *Cathy Parshall lit a candle in memory of Rita Waples Barrett*



Cathy Parshall - March 21, 2013 at 10:03 AM

LH

“ *Dear Tim and family,*

So very sorry to learn about your mother's passing. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Larry Hoey

Larry Hoey - March 21, 2013 at 07:48 AM