



Rita J. Tomasso

January 17, 1943 - August 21, 2024

Rita J. Tomasso, 81, well-known resident of Waverly, NY, passed away peacefully Wednesday, August 21, 2024, at her home. Rita was born in Sayre, PA on January 17, 1943, the daughter of Harry Lyons and Helen Yuska Lyons. She was a graduate of Sayre High School with the class of 1960. In early years, Rita was employed by Epiphany Parish, H&R Block, and the Metropolitan Insurance Company all in Sayre.

Rita assisted her husband Louis J. Tomasso in the operation of Tomasso's Restaurant in Waverly for many years. Rita was a member of Saint James Catholic Church, Waverly and the parish Altar and Rosary Society. Rita enjoyed spending time with her family and friends and especially loved being with her grandchildren as they participated in their various activities and events.

Rita is survived by her children, Jodi Scott, LuEllen (Alan) Hoyt, Joseph (Gwen) Tomasso, and Jacqueline (Joseph) Picco, her grandchildren, Kacie Hoyt, Alexandra, Sidney, and Joseph Tomasso, Capria, Gianna, and Gabriella Picco, her twin sister, Barbara Bennett, and many special nieces, nephews, cousins, and good friends. In addition to her parents, Rita was predeceased by her husband, Louis Joseph Tomasso on April 16, 2020, and her brother, James Lyons on July 3, 2012.

The family will receive friends Tuesday, August 27, 2024, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Alteri-Bowen Funeral Home 314 Desmond St. Sayre, PA. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Wednesday, August 28, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. at

the Church of the Epiphany, South Elmer Ave. Sayre. Interment will be private in Epiphany Cemetery, Sayre. The family suggests that contributions be directed to a charity of one's choice in memory of Rita J. Tomasso. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Epiphany Cemetery

134 South Keystone Ave
Sayre, PA 18840

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 27. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Alteri-Bowen Funeral Home
314 Desmond Street
Sayre, PA 18840
(570) 888-2113
info@bowenfuneralhomes.com

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 28. 9:30 AM (ET)

Church of the Epiphany
304 S Elmer Ave
Sayre, PA 18840

Tribute Wall

GR

“ Gary Regan purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Rita J. Tomasso.



Gary Regan - September 27, 2024 at 04:19 PM

PB

“ Rita was a fond memory of my great childhood. Whenever I would run into her, she always greeted me with her warm smile. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

Love, prayers and hugs,

Patti Ball - August 27, 2024 at 08:09 AM

NN

“ Rita was the calm in so many lives. She will be remembered for being a peaceful soul who loved her family, extended family, and friends. Heaven gained an angel. Be at peace. We love you.

Nancy Nau - August 26, 2024 at 06:16 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Rita J. Tomasso.



August 25, 2024 at 01:49 PM

CH

“ Cheryl lit a candle in memory of Rita Tomasso



Cheryl - August 25, 2024 at 01:16 PM

CM

“ Rita was always a bright light, wherever she was. She always made you feel welcome. She has been the center of the Yuska cousins - in touch with everyone and the person to call for updates. And she was so proud of her family -- and especially all the grandkids. She will be greatly missed. cj Madigan (Carole Sachs)

cj Madigan - August 25, 2024 at 12:16 PM

CH

“ I wish I could be there in person to tell you some of the numerous times Rita was a wonderful human and terrific cousin. She faced more challenges than most people in her life. Losing her parents a a young age, losing her brother and then losing her spouse. Regardless of her problems she was always patient, loving and kind. We, on the Yuska side were part of a large, loud, sometimes intimidating but loving family. Rita always maintained her cool and made time for even the youngest of her cousins. Most teenagers would have brushed off the younger infrequent visiting cousins from out of state; Not Rita! She made a point of acknowledging you and making you feel you were worth her time. She was a LOVELY person. We will miss her so much. Our deepest condolences and know your Mom was a treasure to all who knew her. God Bless you during this transition time and forever. Love your cousin,
Cheryl and Bill (in California)

Cheryl - August 25, 2024 at 12:07 AM

CH

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Most older teenagers would have brushed off the younger out of town cousins that were infrequent visitors: Not Rita!!! She made a point of acknowledging you and making you feel part of the family and that you were worth her time. She was a lovely human. Her faith was strong and she was a fabulous role model. She always spoke proudly of her children and grandchildren. Fortunately, I was able to tell her this some months before she became ill. I write this so that those of us left can follow in her footsteps and try to imitate the amazing person she was. May she rest in peace and may all of her family realize what a treasure we had.

With admiration and love.

My deepest condolences to everyone. This is a very hard loss for us all.

Farewell dear cousin: we all love you.

Cheryl and Bill (California)

Cheryl - August 24, 2024 at 07:22 PM

NS

“ Rita was always so upbeat and positive- such a sweet person. I always enjoyed talking with her and sharing stories of our grandkids. Sincere sympathy to her family members.

Nancy Schrader - August 24, 2024 at 07:12 PM

SB

“ Rest in peace Rita. From your cousin Susan Lyons Black and husband Don. Don always enjoyed his chats with you in the grocery store.

Susan Black - August 24, 2024 at 06:44 PM

AB

“ Rita was the rock who kept the cousins united. She was the one who remembered all the Yuska family history- the keeper of our stories. She was a gentle soul with a musical laugh and a good word to say about everyone. She was the one each cousin would call to ask advice, unburden their troubles or just to chat. She was a wonderful listener, but she also loved talking about each of her grandchildren, their successes and their sporting endeavors. She was so proud of them. Rest in peace, Rita, united in love with your parents, Louie, Jimmy and your very special friend MaryEllen. Love- Andrea and Lionel

Andrea Brown - August 23, 2024 at 10:19 PM

JS

“ My deepest condolences to the family. Rita was a sweet lady. I so enjoyed our luncheons. We always exchanged scratch offs on our birthdays. She will be missed.

June Satterly - August 23, 2024 at 06:37 PM