



## Rita A. Hamley

May 30, 1940 - December 21, 2021

Rita A. Hamley, 81, of Concord Twp., passed away December 21, 2021, at her home. She was born in Toronto, Ohio, to the late Joseph and Anna (nee Berescak) August, on May 30, 1940. She married William R. Hamley on January 27, 1968, and they were married for 40 years until his passing in 2008.

Rita was a teacher for 25 years, sharing her love of reading and writing with middle school students. Most of her career was in the Riverside Local School District. Rita was an avid reader, book club enthusiast, and volunteer with the Friends of Morley Library. She loved to garden and travel, and she had a knack for making people feel at home. She was a first-rate listener and friend.

Rita is remembered most for the love and undivided attention she gave to her daughters, grandchildren, and the loving network of friends and family who will remember her for her kindness, sense of humor, and engaging conversations.

Preceding her in death were her husband, her parents, and her sister, Joanne August.

Cherishing Rita's memory are her daughters, Kara (Jeffrey) O'Donnell and Kristin (Dustin Grove) Hamley; grandchildren, Amelia O'Donnell, Julia O'Donnell, Jasper Grove, and Jinan Grove; and her partner, Ken Kriegmont.

The family will receive friends to celebrate Rita's life from 4-8 p.m. Monday, December 27, 2021 at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

A memorial mass will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, December 28, 2021, at St. Gabriel Church, 9925 Johnnycake Ridge Rd., Concord Twp., OH 44060. The family kindly requests that masks be worn by all, regardless of vaccination status.

In lieu of flowers the family requests contributions be made to Friends of Morley Library, 184 Phelps Street, Painesville, OH 44077-3926, [www.morleylibrary.org](http://www.morleylibrary.org).

Please offer condolences at [www.brunners.com](http://www.brunners.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 27. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center  
8466 Mentor Avenue  
Mentor, OH 44060  
(440) 255-3401  
ajs@brunners.com  
<https://www.brunners.com/>

## Memorial Mass

DEC 28. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Gabriel Catholic Church  
9925 Johnnycake Ridge Rd.  
Concord Twp., OH 44060  
(440) 352-8282

# Tribute Wall

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“ Rita was a wonderful person to know. I worked with her through Friends of Motley Library for many years and i was amazed at her kindness and generosity, coupled with her lovely sense of humor and dedication to the readers in our community, especially the children. She will be sorely missed!

*Sue Kaufman*

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**Sue Kaufman** - December 27, 2021 at 11:53 AM

SS

“ Dear Kara and Kristin,

*My sincere sympathy and prayers to you and your family on the death of your dear mother, Rita. I met her and you many years ago when I was the principal at St. Gabriel's School. She was such an interesting and interested person to know and work with. She still LIVES on in you through an eternal love you share. The good and caring God console you at this difficult time.*

*Much love, prayers too,*

*Sister Mary Lisa Novak, SND*

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**Sister Mary Lisa Novak, SND** - December 26, 2021 at 03:40 PM

KN

“ *Dear Kara, Kristin and family,  
We were so deeply sorry to hear about the passing of your beautiful mother. Your parents welcomed us into your family almost 38 years ago and from the moment of meeting them, they made us feel loved and that they had known us forever. Your mom (and dad) have left an indelible imprint on our lives, they will never be forgotten. Rita was a ray of sunshine - so filled with love for her family and friends. We will treasure her gift of friendship forever.  
May she Rest In Peace.*

*Love, the Nelson Family*

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**Karen Nelson** - December 26, 2021 at 09:54 AM



“ *Kara, Kristin and Family,*

*We were so very saddened to hear of the loss of your wonderful Mother. We have so many wonderful memories dating back to when you were both young girls. We loved and admired your Mom and Dad more than you know and want to send you our sincere condolences on your Mom's passing.*

*Rita was one of a kind. Her sense of humor, her way of making you feel so welcome and loved, and her genuine interest in everyone made you feel special just being in her presence. We will never forget all the wonderful times we spent with her. Her love of learning through books and nature remind us how truly wonderful and interesting Rita was.*

*The years she spent teaching at Auburn and JRW are truly a magical time. The group of teachers that had a very special bond will never be repeated and the memories made during those years will stay with us the rest of our lives.*

*We will hold close to our hearts all of the wonderful memories, lots and lots of laughs and great times that we spend with her.*

*We can all honor Rita by keeping her memory alive and living our lives fully and with a zest for learning and sharing and loving, just as she did her whole life!*

*Such a classy Lady who will be missed by many and Never forgotten!*

*May God hold her in His loving arms and welcome her to her heavenly home!*

*Tony and Kathy Montonini*

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**Kathy Montonini** - December 24, 2021 at 02:30 PM

CP

“ Kara, Kristin, and Family,

*Words cannot describe the loss of your mother places in the world. A large hole exists because of the many people who have been impacted by her love. While that hole can never be filled, it is the memories within that hole that sustains many. Her ability to know just what to say or not say, her love of nature and all of it's beauty, her joy of laughter at jokes or just crazy things, her passion for prayer and church, her devotion to her family and friends, her beauty both outside and inside, her zest for the finding just the right words to capture a photo, and her gift of time she shared so generously. Although Rita is gone, she will NEVER be forgotten. The memories and moments in time shared with family and friends will forever be just a thought away. We have all been blessed to have had her in our lives. There will always be a part of Rita Hamley we will carry in our hearts forever. May God envelop all of you at this difficult time and give you strength. You have all been touched by this wonderful soul. She set the example and showed you the way. Now live your life as she would like, with joy and wonder, never letting life get in the way of sharing yourself with those you love.*

*May She Rest in the Peace of the Lord She Served so Graciously,*

*Love, The Parsons Family*

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**Chris and Laura Parsons** - December 23, 2021 at 04:05 PM