



Rita Evelyn Politzer (nee: Votaw)

June 24, 1929 - November 27, 2023

Rita Evelyn Politzer (nee: Votaw), 94, of Concord Township, passed away November 27, 2023 at Kirtland Rehabilitation and Care Center. She was born June 24, 1929 in Cleveland to the late Frank and Evelyn Votaw. She graduated in 1947 from West High School in Cleveland which is where she met her husband, Eugene. They married on August 19, 1950 and moved to Concord Township in 1963.

Rita was a charter member of St. Gabriel Parish and very active in the Parish. She was a member of Mission Circle, the Bible Study Group, the Heavenly Dusters, a volunteer at the Food Pantry, and a Catechist in the Good Shepard Program, where she taught 3-9 year olds about religion.

Rita was also active in her community. She served as a Girl Scout Leader and volunteered for Lake Hospital System, Meals on Wheels, Christ Child Society, and the Creative Artists Association. She was very talented at drawing and painting and also enjoyed gardening and spending time with her family.

Survivors include her daughters, Laura (Jack) Melvin and Julie (Ed) Kunas; grandchildren, Andrew (Aun) Hart, Tyler (Nicole Anderson) Hart, Michelle (Josip) Papic, Megan Mahne and Molly Kunas; step-grandchildren, Nicole Hart, Michael (Cathleen) Melvin, Jennifer Melvin, Monica Nichols, Carolyn (Pete) Cirasole, and Eddie (Lindsey) Kunas; great grandchildren, Jocelyn,

Emily, Addy, Emilia, Mia, Olivia and Deandre; twelve step-great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Rita is preceded in death by her beloved husband of 60 years, Eugene Politzer; grandson, Joseph Politzer; brother, Don Votaw; nephew, Bob Votaw and niece, Judith Politzer.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. at St. Gabriel's Catholic Church, 9925 Johnnycake Ridge Rd., Concord Twp., Ohio 44060. A funeral mass will follow at noon. Rev. Fr. Fred Pausche will officiate. A private family burial will be held at a later date in Mentor Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Rita's memory may be made to St. Gabriel Food Pantry, 9925 Johnnycake Ridge Rd., Concord Twp., Ohio 44060.

Arrangements entrusted to the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, Ohio 44060.

Offer condolences at www.brunners.com

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 12. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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

Memorial Mass

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Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Laura and Julie,

My sincere sympathy to you and your families on the death of your dear mother, Rita. I can still see your mom and dad walking down the hall at St. Gabriel's to meet me when I first was assigned there in 1971. They were so welcoming then and always were willing and able to help out in various projects. They're still involved in a different way with all that's going on with you and yours. Watch for it. I'm sure that they'll both be missed during these holidays.

With much love and prayers too,

Sister Mary Lisa, SND

Sister Mary Lisa Novak, SND - December 16, 2023 at 11:26 AM