



Rachel A. Leach

May 9, 1943 - February 15, 2021

Rensselaer-Rachel A. Leach passed away peacefully on February 15, 2021, with her beloved brother Jon and sister in law Danielle by her side. She lived to be 77.

Rachel was born in Albany, NY on May 9, 1943 to the late Charles M. and Rachel I. Leach. She attended Colonie High School and lived most of her life in the City of Rensselaer, NY.

Rachel is survived by her brother's Jon (Danielle) Leach and Michael Leach.

Rachel worked for many years as a telephone operator with AT&T. She then retired after 20 years of service as a clerk with the Rensselaer County Department of Social Services.

Rachel was a gifted painter of watercolors, enjoyed crossword puzzles and loved telling stories about the trips she took with her mother and their friends from the Rensselaer Senior Center. She was a lover of all animals and supported many groups such as the ASPCA and WWF. Her pet cockatiel,

'pretty birdie' Louie, gave her much joy and she delighted in teaching him to talk. Every summer, Rachel looked forward to sitting on her front porch watching the hummingbirds visit her feeders and socializing with her dear friends. We are sure that her dog's Sandy and Smokey were there to greet her as she entered into Eternal Life.

The family would like to extend their gratitude for the kind and compassionate care Rachel received from the St. Peter's Hospital ER and ICU staff.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Rachel's family Monday, February 22, 2021 11:30 am to 1:00 pm at the William J. Rockefeller Funeral Home, 165 Columbia Turnpike, Rensselaer, NY 12144.

Her funeral service will follow at 1:00 pm.

To leave a message for the family please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society, 3 Oakland Ave, Menands NY 12204.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 22. 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

William J. Rockefeller Funeral Home
165 Columbia Turnpike
Rensselaer, NY 12144

Service

FEB 22. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Rachel A. Leach



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - February 19, 2021 at 12:25 PM

EH

What a beautiful video of her memories. Rachel you are going to be missed. You were such a beautiful person. RIP Rach

Eddie & Lisa

Eddie & Lisa Van Horn - February 20, 2021 at 06:59 PM

WI

what a beautiful loving family.i got to know a Rachel i never knew through this video.Thanks for posting it.jon and Mike you were great Brothers and rachel loved you both so very much right until her last day.that should be a great comfort to you both.she`s smiling in every picture.rest In peace rach.

will irish - February 20, 2021 at 10:47 PM

HB

Beautiful video. She would have loved it. Everything & everyone that mattered to her.

Heather Blank - February 22, 2021 at 09:34 AM

BA

A beautiful video of a beautiful person. Sending condolences to Rachel's family. Bruce and Bernie

Bernadine Alix - February 22, 2021 at 06:43 PM



“ *Rachel A. Leach*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *Rachel a good buddy of mine. A lot of memories at the legion. Had a lot of great talks and stories. Miss our scratch-off tickets time. She won a lot. We met there and became friends. She would send me a lot of super funny emails. She knew how to make you laugh. She was a friend to all & her beloved pets. She will be missed. Sorry for all our loss. May she Rest In Peace. Great caring funny lady. Heather & William Blank.*

Heather Blank - February 21, 2021 at 09:37 PM



“ *We Love You Rachel. Rest In Peace. will Irish And Family E Greenbush Ny*

will irish - February 20, 2021 at 10:28 PM



“ *Mike and Jon, very sorry for your loss. May Rachel RIP.*

Art Elmendorf - February 20, 2021 at 12:27 AM



“ 40 files added to the album Life Tributes



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WI

these pictures are beautiful and priceless.

will irish - February 20, 2021 at 10:48 PM