



Rita Madeline Aviza

December 5, 1926 - April 1, 2021

Albany - Rita Madeline Aviza passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 1, 2021, at the Teresian House.

Born December 5, 1926 in Albany, Rita was the daughter of Leo Patrick and Julia Ann (Clarke) O'Dea and is survived by her beloved daughters, her "girls," and her beloved son-in-laws, Joanne and Paul Marchand, Paula and Frederick Young, Kathy and David Guest and Terry (late Dennis) Dick. Rita will be remembered with much love by her eight grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren and twenty-one nieces and nephews. Rita will also be remembered with great love by her sister and brother-in law, Eileen and Willis Roach, her brother-in-law, Richard Kaczmarek, and her dear friends Donna and Marino Franchini. She was predeceased by her husband Paul J. Aviza, her beloved brothers, Gerald, Leo and Edward O'Dea, and her sisters, Mary Aloisi, Eleanor Pelgrin, Jean Kaczmarek and Patricia Stamas.

Rita will be remembered for her great sense of humor, her love of playing bingo with her friends, her love for life and her family. Rita loved get togethers with family and singing Irish melodies and all the "old" songs with her sisters while her brother Leo played the harmonica. We were blessed to have her in our lives and she will be so missed by all.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Rita's family Monday, April 5,

2021 8:30 am to 10:00 am at the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206. Please only enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot doorway; masks and social distancing are required; and 45 visitors at a time will be allowed in the funeral home.

Rita's funeral service will follow at 10:30 am at Blessed Sacrament Church, 607 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12206 where her Funeral Mass will be celebrated. Please only enter the church from the Hunter Ave. Parking Lot doorway; masks and social distancing are required; 150 visitors at a time will be allowed in the church.

To view Rita's Funeral Mass go to Blessed Sacrament's Facebook Page

The Rite of Committal will be held at Our Lady of Angels Cemetery immediately following the Funeral Mass.

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

Cemetery Details

Our Lady of Angels Cemetery

1389 Central Ave
Albany, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 5. 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.
208 N Allen St
Albany, NY 12206
(518) 489-0188
info@mcveighfuneralhome.com
<http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com>

Service

APR 5. 10:30 AM (ET)

Blessed Sacrament Church
607 Central Ave (Father John Bradley Way)
Albany, NY 12206
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Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Rita Madeline Aviza*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - April 03, 2021 at 05:50 PM



“ *Rita Madeline Aviza*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *"When Irish eyes are smiling..." Aunt Rita is singing with her beloved brothers, sisters and parents now. Godspeed, Aunt Rita. I offer my sincerest condolences to Joanne, Kathy, Paula, and Terry and families, along with Aunt Eileen and everyone. God bless.*

Liz A.

Liz - April 05, 2021 at 01:17 PM

A brown square icon containing the white letters 'JM', representing the profile of Joanne Marchand.

Thank you Liz...I can hear her singing now..

Joanne Marchand - May 07, 2021 at 10:11 AM

PC

“ Eileen, so sorry to hear of Rita's passing. She was such a fun person to be around, and always had a smile. My deepest sympathy to you and Rita's family.

Pam Cross

Pam Cross - April 05, 2021 at 12:24 PM

ER

Pam, thank you dear friend. She was fun and always smiling. I will miss her.

Eileen Roach - April 08, 2021 at 12:28 PM

JL

“ my sincerest condolences to the Aviva family..I made decision due to Covid not to be in large crowds I will always cherish working on her car for many years and her spunky atttitude....She always had a good story for me....Will miss her,,,,,,sincerely John Lonardelli of Mechanic of Wheels.....

john lonardelli - April 04, 2021 at 04:30 PM

JM

Thank you John for always being there for her...she always appreciated your quick service and kindness as did we.

Joanne Marchand - May 07, 2021 at 10:19 AM

MG

“ Terry and family,
*I wish you peace at this difficult time.
Hopefully it gives you a small measure of comfort to know you are in the thoughts and prayers of a friend from long ago.*

Mark Kulzer, - Sacred Heart gradeschool - April 04, 2021 at 01:07 PM

JP

“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



J Prusinski - April 04, 2021 at 12:19 PM

LO

“ *Joanne, Paula, Kathy, and Terry,*

I'm so sorry for the loss - great loss of your mom. Rita was one of a kind. Never a dull moment, or a loss of conversation while in her company whether while she was in my styling chair, or out socially. The stories of Rita and her sisters were priceless and lifted my spirits many times. I can still hear her laugh. Hold tight to your memories as only sisters and daughters can.

Linda Preisser Olthoff

Linda Olthoff - April 03, 2021 at 06:50 PM

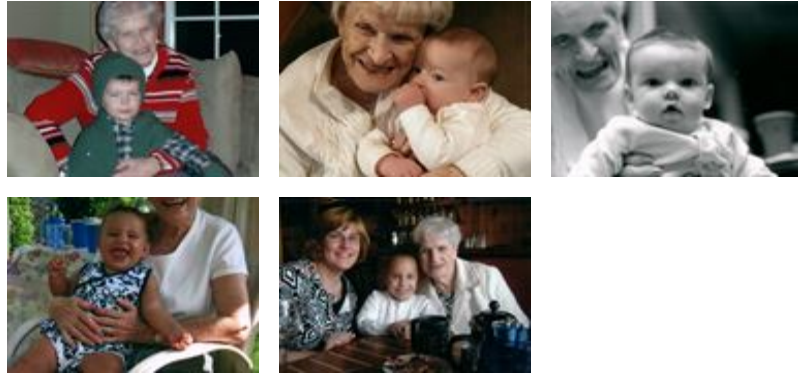
JM

Thank you Linda...we will miss her but have many fun happy memories of her to lighten our hearts.

Joanne Marchand - May 07, 2021 at 10:22 AM



“ 49 files added to the album Life Tributes



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - April 03, 2021 at 05:47 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rita Madeline Aviza.



April 03, 2021 at 09:40 AM