



Rita (Buttimer) Quinn

May 19, 1929 - April 1, 2020

UTICA - Mrs. Rita (Buttimer) Quinn, age 90, was rejoined with her beloved Jim when she passed away on Wednesday, April 1, 2020.

Born in Utica on May 19, 1929, Rita was the daughter of the late Joseph and Mildred (Lynch) Buttimer. Raised and educated locally, she was a graduate of Utica Catholic Academy/Class of 1946. In 1953 on Saint Valentine's Day, Rita married James F. "Jim" Quinn at Historic Old St. John's Church. Together they shared 63 years in a blessed and supportive union prior to his passing on October 3, 2016.

From 1962-1965, Rita worked for the Oneida County Health Department, and from 1965-1995 she served as Deputy Chief Clerk of the Oneida County Surrogate Court where she was valued and respected by her co-workers and superiors.

Rita and Jim loved to travel. At home, she enjoyed going to lunch with her friends and family members. She was a member of the Gamma Chi Sorority, the New York State Retired Public Employees Association, and the Maennerchor Club. Most recently, she was a communicant of the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, and previously a parishioner of Historic Old St. John's Church. Rita's greatest accomplishment was raising her four children to be respectful, productive adults who placed their trust in God's guidance.

Rita is survived by her daughters and son-in-law, Marianne and Hank Rickers of Waterbury Center, Vermont, and Sue Q. Bawarski of Deerfield, NY; her sons and daughter-in-law, Rev. J. Patrick Quinn, T.O.R. of New Smyrna

Beach, Florida, and William G. and Donna Quinn of Brewerton, NY; her grandchildren, Brian and Christie Rickers; Max and Kristin Bawarski, Willie and Olivia Bawarski, Ellie Bawarski and Patty Jenks; Randy and Bethany Quinn, Madison Quinn, Tyler Quinn, and Jason Plourde; her great-grandsons, Morgan Quinn, Dane Bawarski and Teddy Rickers.

The family extends sincere thanks to Carmen Laurey, Olga and Russ Palczynski, and Carolyn Montague, her faithful and devoted friends, as well as the nurses and staff at the St. Luke's Home/Barton West for their loving care. Due to the current health crisis, there will be a Memorial Mass offered in Rita's honor at a future date to be announced. By family request, please omit floral offerings. Expressions of sympathy in the form of donations may be directed to Historic Old St. John's Church Food Pantry, 240 Bleecker Street, Utica, NY 13501 or online at <https://historicoldstjohnschurch.weshareonline.org>. Interment will take place in St. Agnes Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

St. Agnes Cemetery

601 Arthur Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 732-8588

Tribute Wall

KO

“ I met Rita a few years back through bringing my Mom to Marion Nicolaichuk's hair salon. Rita became very dear to my Mom, my sister Karen, and I. She always greeted us with such enthusiasm and we grew to love seeing her once a week as we visited while Rita and my mom were getting their hair coiffed for the week. Rita was truly a lovely, warm, and humorous lady and we grew very protective of her as the years passed. I was so sorry to hear of her passing and sincerely hope she is at peace now. The last couple of years had been difficult for her but she always showed enormous resolve and strength. We will miss you Rita and know you were loved by our little community of Marion's salon family. You will be remembered fondly and with love.

Kathi O'Brien - June 10, 2020 at 06:07 AM

WG

“ I am so sorry to hear of Rita's passing. She was a great friend of mine and we enjoyed each other's company when we worked together and after retirement we remained friends. She and I had a lot of laughs together. She will be in my memories and also in my heart forever. Love to all.

Winifred Gilman - April 15, 2020 at 05:00 PM

DH

“ Father Patrick, George and I share our deepest condolences and look forward to the time when we can embrace you in person. Much love, Debbie Harrison and George Lopez

Debbie Harrison - April 12, 2020 at 10:02 AM

CL

“ Sue, Pat, Bill and families, we are so sorry to hear of your moms passing. She was a beautiful woman. Sending all our love and prayers to you all. God bless. Love Cher and Bob LaValley. Xo

Cheryl LaValley - April 06, 2020 at 11:52 AM



“ Rita was a great mentor during my time of learning the ins and outs of estate proceedings in Oneida County Surrogate's Court. She kept me informed and on task while also being supportive and never allowing me to feel discouraged. I never forgot anything she taught me in my over 25 years working with estates. Rest In Peace Rita....I'm sure God has you in the palm of His hand...Theresa Reale

Theresa Terry Reale - April 06, 2020 at 11:17 AM

SF

“ So sorry for your loss ,your mom was a very nice person ,respectfully Shawn flood

Shawn flood - April 05, 2020 at 09:07 PM

AS

“ Condolences to the entire Quinn family from Marg Stepanick



Anne Stepanick - April 05, 2020 at 02:07 PM

EL

“ To the family of Rita Quinn,
I am so sorry to hear about Rita. I really enjoyed her and your dad's visits when they came in for their eyeglasses. We would get into a lot of great conversations. She was a beautiful person and a pleasure to know. My prayers go out to her and to all of you.
Sincerely,
Ed Lasek

ED LASEK - April 05, 2020 at 12:11 PM

MZ

“ Bill and Donna, Very sorry for your loss. My deepest sympathy to you and your family. Maxine Zarski

maxine zarski - April 05, 2020 at 10:05 AM

JG

“ Rita was a kind and thoughtful women , in the short time that I knew her I really enjoyed her company ...she loved coming to my shop and getting her hair done by Marion. We will miss her. Our deepest sympathy to her family . Rita May you Rest In Peace and God Bless..

Janice Greer - April 04, 2020 at 09:57 PM

RM

“ Our sympathy and our prayers are with the Quinn family. Rita was a dear friend and always mentioned that she kept us in her daily prayer list. God rest her soul.



Rose and Karen Moylan - April 04, 2020 at 12:25 PM

GP

Happy Palm Sunday, Misses Moylan! You knew well for decades my Mom, Winnie Mitchell Plante. We Plante family grew up in the Old Neighborhood with Ed Cloonan and his sister Agnes Daniels. Blessings to the Quinn family. Rita is a wonderful woman. We are blessed she came our way.

Girard A. Plante

Girard A. Plante - April 05, 2020 at 09:45 AM

CT

Prayers of comfort to the Quinn Family

Cherese Torrence

cherese torrence - April 06, 2020 at 01:39 PM

KC

“ *Our deepest heartfelt sympathy to our friends Bill and Donna Quinn, as well as their entire family for their loss. Our prayers are will all of you. Kevin and Kimberly Crouse.*



Kevin Crouse - April 04, 2020 at 10:53 AM

TS

My thoughts & prayers are with the quinn family. I met your mom thru meetings & we become good friends. Toni Schaffer Herkimer

Toni Schaffer - April 09, 2020 at 11:49 AM