



Rita Frances Lesnau

February 6, 1928 - July 2, 2025

Rita Frances Lesnau, a beloved homemaker and dedicated community volunteer, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, July 2nd, 2025, at the age of 97, in Sterling Heights, MI residence. Born in Detroit, MI, on Monday, February 6th, 1928, Rita lived a life rich in love, faith, and family.

A cherished mother, Rita is survived by her children: Thomas (Liz), Marge (Mark), Paul (Liz), Dennis (Carol), and James (Kim). Her legacy continues through her grandchildren: Katelyn, David, Kristen, Kim, Joe, Jonathan, Nicholas, and Eric, as well as her seven great-grandchildren. Rita was also blessed with the love of many nieces and nephews.

Rita was married on May 13, 1950, in Detroit to her loving husband, Joseph J. Lesnau until his passing in 1985. She is preceded also by her parents, Martin and Delis Mullahy; her sisters, Mary Charboneau and Margaret Charboneau; her brothers, Dennis (Violet) Mullahy and George Mullahy; and her sisters-in-law Louise Lesnau and Leona VanCoppennolle. She leaves behind her dear sisters-in-law Mary Rachid and Gertrude Myers.

Throughout her life, Rita was an active member of the Rosary Club at St. Isidore Catholic Church and spent many years volunteering with the American Cancer Society. Her dedication and generosity touched the lives of many, and she will be remembered for her unwavering kindness and selflessness.

A memorial service to honor Rita's life will be held at St. Isidore Catholic Church in Macomb, MI, on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 10:00 am. There will be visiting starting at 9:30 am. Arrangements are being handled by Wasik Funeral Home in Shelby Township.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made in Rita's memory to the Capuchin's or St. Isidore Catholic Church.

Rita Frances Lesnau will be dearly missed by her family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing her. Her spirit of love and generosity will live on in the hearts of those she touched.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Road
Clinton Township, MI 48035

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 8. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Isidore Catholic Church
18201 23 Mile Rd
Macomb Twp, MI

Tribute Wall

RC

“ Dear Dennis, Carol and Lesnau Loved Ones: Sending my condolences in the passing of Rita. May she rest in peace in the palms of God and her spirit live on in the hearts of her Beloved.

Rosanna Crognale - September 07, 2025 at 03:44 PM

KH

“ My name is Kathie Lesinski Hilton and at one time Rita was my Mother in law. Rita was not only another Mom or house wife as was written she was a very special human being who gave her heart and soul not only to her family and friends but to all who knew her. She was the glue that kept everyone together! Life was not always easy but when Joe died she learned to drive and became engaged with helping others by volunteering. When I saw her at church or shopping Rita always asked my about my son's. I really wanted her to know that I am finally going to be a Grandma of a little girl due the end of the month. I am so blessed and Rita saved my life! I still am in contact with Chris Perlin, Mary Lou, Marie and Patricia Godoshian and would have been to the Mass if I had known sooner. We all have great memories that we shared about Rita from years ago and what a wonderful women she was. She will be in my thoughts and prayers



Kathleen Hilton - July 09, 2025 at 05:46 PM

JK

“ Both Kathy and I were deeply saddened to hear about your Aunt Rita's passing. She was such a remarkable woman and held a very special place in my heart — truly one of my favorites. Her warmth, positive outlook and kindness touched so many lives, and I feel so grateful to have shared so many wonderful memories with her over the years. Especially all the great memories of our time at the cottage in Port Huron and how she went out of her way to make Kathy feel part of the family since the early days when we were dating.

Love you Aunt Rita...you will be missed but all the our great memories together will never be gone.

John and Kathy Rachid

John and Kathy - July 08, 2025 at 10:27 AM

LB

“ So sorry to hear of Aunt Rita's passing. She was always so calm and showed great interest in everyone around her.
May she rest in peace.
Lisa (Hurst) Black and family

Lisa Black - July 07, 2025 at 10:20 PM

MD

“ Sending our condolences to the entire family. Aunt Rita was such a wonderful person, I am so lucky to have known her. Sending love and prayers. May she rest in peace.
With Love,
Mary (Santi), Jake, and Emma DePierre

Mary DePierre - July 07, 2025 at 06:42 PM

BC

“ On behalf of the Capuchin friars, I offer condolences to the family and friends of Rita Lesnau. I pray that Rita may rest in peace, and that God's healing mercy may console all those who mourn her death. The friars are truly humbled by memorial donations made in her memory. The Lord give you peace.



Br. Brenton Ertel OFM, Capuchin - July 07, 2025 at 10:50 AM

BI

“ My sincere condolences to the entire Lesnau family. Lovely lady indeed May she rest in peace and live forever in your hearts.

Barbara Ivers - July 07, 2025 at 09:03 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rita Frances Lesnau.

July 07, 2025 at 09:02 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Rita Frances Lesnau.



July 07, 2025 at 07:51 AM



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GS

“ *Gertie, Melinda, Pam and Steve purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Rita Frances Lesnau.*



Gertie, Melinda, Pam and Steve - July 06, 2025 at 09:05 PM

DP

“ *Aunt Rita was a special lady, kind, interested in what you were doing, how your family was and so in touch with what you were doing. She will be so greatly missed. I pray she is with our mom and all their siblings and watching over us all.*

Donna Perino - July 04, 2025 at 10:04 PM