



Rita D'Agostino

May 15, 1936 - January 9, 2025

Rita D'Agostino, 88, passed away on Thursday, January 9, 2025, surrounded by her loving family.

Born Friday, May 15, 1936 in Manhattan, she was the daughter of the late Richard and Anna Kuhland.

Rita was the beloved wife to the late John, who passed away in 2012. Loving mother to Kathy Russo (Joseph) and Diane D'Agostino. Devoted grandmother to Steven Russo (Penelope). Dear sister to the late Alice Ruggeri. Rita is also survived by loving nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. on Monday, January 13, 2025, at the John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd. (at Eltingville Station), Staten Island, New York.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Monday at Holy Child Church located at 4747 Amboy Rd Staten Island, New York 10312. Interment will follow in Moravian Cemetery, Staten Island, NY.

Cemetery Details

Moravian Cemetery

2205 Richmond Road
Staten Island, NY 10306

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 13. 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

The John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals, Inc.
28 Eltingville Blvd. (at Eltingville Station)
Staten Island, NY 10312

Service

JAN 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Child Church
4747 Amboy Road
Staten Island, NY 10312

Tribute Wall

LM

“ *Louis Marsicovetere lit a candle in memory of Rita D'Agostino*



Louis Marsicovetere - January 18, 2025 at 03:07 PM

KS

“ *Dad (Tom Ruggeri, Sr) and Aunt Rita getting down at Grandma Alice's surprise 77th birthday party.*



Kerry Shepherd - January 13, 2025 at 02:47 PM

KS

Dad (Tom Ruggeri, Sr) and Aunt Rita getting down at Grandma Alice's surprise 77th birthday party.

Kerry Shepherd - January 13, 2025 at 02:48 PM

KS

“ My earliest memories of Aunt Rita were of when I got to see her when Grandma Alice took me to work with her at Manufacturers Hanover and when Aunt Gloria and Uncle Bobby took my brothers and me to visit them there. Aunt Rita was always so sweet and full of love for us and then later, for my children too. Aunt Rita was loved by and will be missed by many.



Kerry Shepherd - January 13, 2025 at 01:04 PM

LR

“ Aunt Rita was a constant source of love and joy in our lives. She was always bringing a smile to those around her, and I will always be grateful for having her in my life. ❤️

Louis Ruggeri - January 13, 2025 at 10:35 AM

KR

“ I remember years back The Russos celebrated Christmas at Kathy and Joe's house. It was a beautiful day and I remember Rita's warm laugh and great sense of humor. I remember whenever I saw her over the years she always had a smile on her face. I have enjoyed the stories Kathy shared about her lovely mom over the years. I know she will be missed. Rest in peace Rita.



Karen Russo - January 13, 2025 at 12:21 AM

RR

“ Robert Ruggeri lit a candle in memory of Rita D'Agostino



Robert Ruggeri - January 12, 2025 at 10:57 PM

RR

“ Aunt Rita was always kind and caring, and whether you were taking her on an adventure or just sitting and catching up with stories she was a joy to be around. She was always warm, welcoming, and I miss her dearly.

Robert Ruggeri - January 12, 2025 at 10:57 PM

JL

“ Aunt Rita, you were such a loving and kind person who always had a smile on her face. I will always treasure all the good times we shared from holidays at home to vacations in the Poconos. Rest well and give my love to rest of the family, love always, Julian ❤️

Julian Lane - January 12, 2025 at 08:31 PM

CR

“ She was the best Aunt EVAH. Aunt Rita was kinder to me than my own mother, and I'll always treasure how she knew I wasn't just a relative by marriage, but a fully fledged family member. Be happy in the Undiscovered Country, Aunt Rita. I love imagining you with Uncle Johnny, Ma, and the pups. XXXOOO

Christine Kath Ruggeri - January 12, 2025 at 01:53 PM

KF

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



kaitie fann - January 11, 2025 at 11:30 PM

KF

“ Aunt Rita was one of the kindest people I have ever had the pleasure to know. She reminded me a lot of my own grandmother in the sense that she always made you feel like family. She always had a smile for us when we visited and was always ready to boogie. I'm sure she has on her dancin shoes wherever she is now and is dancing up a storm. She will be missed sorely.



kaitie fann - January 11, 2025 at 11:22 PM

MS

“ My first memory of Aunt Rita is a friendly greeting, a warm hug, and a kiss to the cheek, and her behavior didn't shift once from that friendly introduction. She was always kind to me, always generous and gentle, if firm. I was a very angry child, and so many things around me felt unstable and unsafe but never around Aunt Rita. I always felt warm around her, and I always felt wanted. I could relax. I was safe.

Aunt Rita was a singular woman, and I will miss and love her for the rest of my days.

With all the love in my heart, Mal Sandy

Mal Sandy - January 11, 2025 at 05:36 PM

GR

“ *My Aunt Rita was also my godmother and second mother. She loved me since the day I was born. I loved her since I could breathe. She was always up for an adventure, whether it be Target or a Botanic Garden or even a corn dog. She showed so much courage throughout her life, especially in these last years battling so many health issues, but always "hanging in" as she would tell me. It is so difficult to imagine the world without her in it. I am grateful for every moment I had with her.*



Gloria Ruggeri - January 11, 2025 at 04:14 PM

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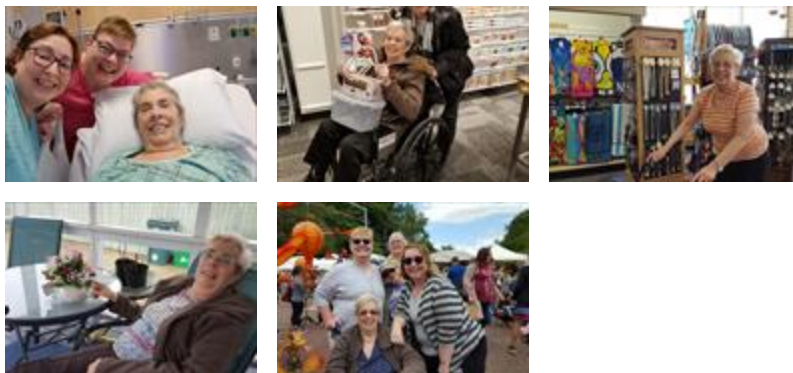
“ *Gloria Ruggeri lit a candle in memory of Rita D'Agostino*



Gloria Ruggeri - January 11, 2025 at 04:10 PM

GR

“ *11 files added to the album Memories Of Aunt Rita*



Gloria Ruggeri - January 11, 2025 at 03:58 PM

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“ Natoli’s and Orsini’s purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Rita D’Agostino.



Natoli’s and Orsini’s - January 11, 2025 at 02:29 PM

KP

“ While I didn’t know Aunt Rita personally, I feel like I knew her essence through her niece, and my friend, Gloria. I always loved hearing Gloria’s funny stories of the escapades when taking Aunt Rita out on an adventure. Hoping you all find peace in the memories of a life well lived.

Kelly Powell - January 11, 2025 at 10:07 AM

KO

“ I’m so sorry to hear about Aunt Rita’s passing. She was such a delightful person with a charming sense of humor. I know she’ll be missed by her loving family, and anyone who had a chance to get to know her.



Kathleen O’Malley - January 10, 2025 at 11:06 PM

LO

“ I met Aunt Rita a number of years ago when she came down to Virginia to visit Glora, Nannie and Kath at the holidays. We had the best time going to see Christmas lights, seeing Santa and walking through the botanical gardens. She was always cheerful and looking forward to the next adventure. I feel privileged to have had a chance to spend time with her and will always remember her smile and sharp wit. Rest in peace, Aunt Rita. I’m so glad I met you.

Lorraine - January 10, 2025 at 09:27 PM