



Rita McGivern

May 31, 2022

McGIVERN: Rita Helen (nee Myers)

It is with profound sadness that we announce Rita's sudden passing on Tuesday, May 31, 2022 at the Chatham-Kent Health Alliance, Chatham Campus at the age of 78. A lifelong resident of Wallaceburg, she was the daughter of the late John and Bernadette (nee Lucier) Myers. Dear wife of the late Michael McGivern (2017). Loving mother to Jason McGivern (Sadia), Sean McGivern (Janet) and Ian McGivern. Dear sister to Donald Myers (Barb) and Dennis Myers. Aunt Rita will be also be dearly missed by Mary Lynn, Jay, Jeff and Beth Ann (Anderson) Myers and their families along with all the nieces and nephews of the McGivern Clan of Chatham-Kent. Dear sister in-law to Neil Seney, Pat and Leona McGivern, Theresa and Mike McDonald, Rose and John Johnston, Laura McGivern, Rita McGivern, John McGivern, Bernie & Brent Moore.

Rita was a retired Registered Nurse's Assistant working her entire 40 plus year career at the Sydenham District Hospital. For many decades she walked across the "back field" to her second home at the "SDH". She loved her job. Caring for the patients of the Wallaceburg Community until her tiny body could no longer rise to the demands of patient care. She equally loved her co-workers through the decades. Lifelong friendships were created at the "SDH". Mom was blessed with so many wonderful friends over her lifetime and loved them all dearly. Sharing the company of others was a simple pleasure she

enjoyed all her life. She was always up for a “mission” and to lend a hand when needed. She knew she was loved; she could call without hesitation knowing, her friends were there for her when she needed them. She loved her boys with all her heart and was a very proud mother.

Mom loved to run the roads, in constant pursuit of the bargain, a new store or just to go for the sake of going somewhere. She loved her dogs and anyone else’s pet. She shared in everyone’s love and heartache in their ownership.

Family and friends will be received at the HAYCOCK-CAVANAGH FUNERAL HOME, 409 Nelson Street in Wallaceburg on Thursday from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Per family request, MASKS will be required for visitation and service. Mass of the Resurrection to be celebrated at Holy Family Parish, 647 Murray St, Wallaceburg on Friday, June 3, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. Interment to follow at Riverview Cemetery. Memorial donations to honour Rita’s memory can be made to the Wallaceburg Pet And Wildlife Rescue would be appreciated by the family and left at the funeral home 519.627.3231. Shared stories and tributes may be left on Rita’s tribute wall at www.CavanaghFuneralHome.ca

Tribute Wall



“ *Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rita McGivern*



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - June 08, 2022 at 10:06 AM



“ *Rita McGivern*

January 29, 2023 at 11:37 PM



“ *Heather Herreweyers lit a candle in memory of Rita McGivern*



Heather Herreweyers - June 08, 2022 at 11:20 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss. My mother would be especially saddened, Rita, was a close cousin and friend. Thanks for sharing all the great photos which brought me good memories of Wallaceburg, and aunt Rita. Brian Deighton*

Brian Deighton - June 07, 2022 at 06:27 PM

BS

“ *Our Sincere Condolences to the Family. you are in our thoughts and prayers!!*



Brian and Elaine Shaw - June 07, 2022 at 10:16 AM

TB

“ *May you Rest In Peace RITA many good days at SDH. Thomas Brittain*

Thomas Brittain - June 06, 2022 at 08:56 PM

JH

“ *Jason Hedden lit a candle in memory of Rita McGivern*



Jason Hedden - June 06, 2022 at 07:21 PM

OR

“ *Condolences and prayers for Rita's family. She was a kind and special lady, and worked with my sister Brigitta Falconer at the hospital. ~Odra Riedl*



Odra Riedl - June 06, 2022 at 07:31 AM

TB

“ *Tim Bechard lit a candle in memory of Rita McGivern*



Tim Bechard - June 04, 2022 at 10:05 PM

MH

“ *Sean, I am so sorry for your loss. She sounded like a wonderful woman. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. ❤️*

- Megan Heersma

Megan Heersma - June 04, 2022 at 10:03 PM

TC

“ *Sean, Janet and family, so sorry to hear about the loss of your Mum.
Thinking of you at this difficult time.
With deepest sympathy,
Tracey, Stefan and Kristen xxx*

Tracey Calabrese - June 03, 2022 at 07:46 PM

SG

“ *Worked with Rita at the SDH.
Lovely lady.
Condolences to all Family and Friends.
Sandy Gibbons*



sandy gibbons - June 03, 2022 at 01:39 PM

JH

“ *Judy Hooper sent a virtual gift in memory of Rita McGivern*



Judy Hooper - June 03, 2022 at 10:24 AM

SA

“ *Sean, Janet and family
Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. May the happy memories comfort you and remind you of the special times with your mom.
Sandy & Gary Anderson*

Sandy Anderson - June 03, 2022 at 08:27 AM

MI

“ *Ian, we are so sorry to hear of the loss of your Mom. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you and your family. Keep the memories close to your heart, she will be the bright star in the sky watching down on you. Rick and Marg*

Marg Iwanchun - June 03, 2022 at 06:51 AM

TO

“ *Tom ONeil lit a candle in memory of Rita McGivern*



Tom ONeil - June 03, 2022 at 06:37 AM

LR

“ *Condolences and prayers for Rita’s family ,
fond memories of working with her at SDH.
Linda Richmond*



linda Richmond - June 02, 2022 at 06:21 PM

NN

“ *Nancy Negrave lit a candle in memory of Rita
McGivern*



Nancy Negrave - June 02, 2022 at 03:39 PM

LM

“ *Laura McGivern lit a candle in memory of Rita
McGivern*



Laura McGivern - June 02, 2022 at 02:50 PM

PL

“ *There are so many enjoyable memories working with Rita at
Sydenham Hospital and seeing her out and about. She will be
greatly missed by all. Condolences to the family.*

Gail Lucier

Pat&Gail Lucier - June 02, 2022 at 01:50 PM

LY

“ Sympathy and hearts go to all the McGivern family, she will be that special angel watching over you all 💕💕

lynn - June 02, 2022 at 10:58 AM

JD

“ Julie DeMeyer lit a candle in memory of Rita McGivern



Julie DeMeyer - June 02, 2022 at 10:58 AM

SM

“ Jason, Sean and Ian I am so very sorry for your loss. Your mother was a coworker, neighbour and great friend to my mom. She was so full of energy and brought a spark to every situation. I remember our great camping adventure to the East Coast and a trip to Disney World after that.

Scott Morrison

Scott Morrison - June 02, 2022 at 10:01 AM

LM

“ I have so many wonderful memories of Rita,my beautiful cousin.When young we were together all the time,and it was always fun,the best of times! So so many memories like the time their dog Lucky ate Mrs.Kellet's pie.....Rita and I secretly had a good laugh over that.I am deeply saddened over Rita's passing,right now I am at a loss of words.Love and Prayers sent to Rita's family,and Dennis and Don.

Lillian Myers - June 01, 2022 at 10:09 PM

LM

“ *Lillian Myers lit a candle in memory of Rita McGivern*



Lillian Myers - June 01, 2022 at 09:54 PM

JF

“ *Deepest sympathy to the McGivern family
I too worked with Rita for many years at Sydenham Hospital. Under
her gruff exterior was a heart of gold. May she Rest In Peace.
Joyce Feher*

Joyce Feher - June 01, 2022 at 09:16 PM

SM

“ *Your mother was a great friend, neighbour and co-worker to my
mother. I have many great childhood memories of our times
together on Highland Drive, our trips to the East Coast of Canada
and to Florida and lacrosse.*

I'm so sorry for your loss Jason, Sean and Ian.

Scott Morrison - June 01, 2022 at 08:18 PM

SC

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts
are with all of you at this time.*



Sherry & Dave Crowe - June 01, 2022 at 05:27 PM

LD

“ *Such a sweetheart ... Rest Peacefully Rita ✨
🙏🏻🕊️
My sincere and deepest sympathy to the
Family*



Luanne Dubuque - June 01, 2022 at 05:06 PM

SL

“ *Shannon LaMarsh lit a candle in memory of
Rita McGivern*



Shannon LaMarsh - June 01, 2022 at 04:27 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Rita's passing. She
was a amazing, not much ever slowing her
down, so friendly to all.*



Beth O'Flynn - June 01, 2022 at 03:46 PM

ED

“ *so sorry to hear of your loss I have great memories of working with
Rita at SDH those were the days!
Emer Dudley*

Emer Dudley - June 01, 2022 at 02:49 PM

DG

“ *David And Michele Garraway lit a candle in memory of Rita McGivern*



David and Michele Garraway - June 01, 2022 at 02:45 PM

TB

“ *Tim Bechard lit a candle in memory of Rita McGivern*



Tim Bechard - June 01, 2022 at 02:28 PM

SS

“ *Susan Stanley lit a candle in memory of Rita McGivern*



Susan Stanley - June 01, 2022 at 02:23 PM



“ 69 files added to the album Life Tributes

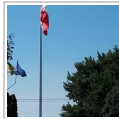


Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - June 01, 2022 at 01:24 PM

DS

Rita and I went to grade school together She was a dear friend then, unfortunately we moved to Alberta and lost touch. I saw Dennis once at Wambo, Loved her mom, Someday Praying we will meet again in heaven. RIP Dear Lady ❤️🙏🙏🙏

Deanne Savard - June 01, 2022 at 08:45 PM



A wonderful story of Rita ,her life and the family she loved. A Great tribute to to a warm hearted lady who will be greatly missed by me and many others

Liz Morrison - June 02, 2022 at 01:42 PM

TH

“ Tracey Houle sent a virtual gift in memory of Rita McGivern



Tracey Houle - June 01, 2022 at 01:13 PM

MF

“ *Mark Bechard And Family lit a candle in memory of Rita McGivern*



Mark Bechard and Family - June 01, 2022 at 12:45 PM

KD

“ *Karen Dessurault lit a candle in memory of Rita McGivern*



Karen Dessurault - June 01, 2022 at 12:28 PM

JB

“ *Judy Beresford lit a candle in memory of Rita McGivern*



Judy Beresford - June 01, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ *Lighting a candle for. Rita! Marie King*

June 01, 2022 at 11:39 AM

TH

“ Sean and family, Our sincere symapthy on the death of your Mom. May your memories help you through the times ahead.
Tom & Nancy Houston

Tom Houston - June 01, 2022 at 10:56 AM

HM

“ Jason, Sean and Ian - So sorry to hear about your Mom. I know she will be dearly missed.
Heather Morrison

Heather Morrison - June 01, 2022 at 10:45 AM

JR

“ Sending our sincere sympathy to the McGivern and Myers Family. I have so many memories of all our good times together, whether it was our trips to the Rondo dances, or our shopping trips, just as long as we were home before the kids came in from school. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Rita. Rest in peace.

Joyce and Tom Rooney

Joyce & Tom Rooney - June 01, 2022 at 10:39 AM



JR

“ Joyce & Tom Rooney lit a candle in memory of Rita McGivern

Joyce & Tom Rooney - June 01, 2022 at 10:34 AM



KE

“ *Kathryn Ewing lit a candle in memory of Rita McGivern*



Kathryn Ewing - June 01, 2022 at 10:03 AM

TL

“ *Our condolences to the entire family.*

*Gord & Tracey Lilley and Family
and the VanVaerenberghe Family (Highland Drive neighbours from
many years ago)*

Tracey Lilley - June 01, 2022 at 09:54 AM

KO

“ *Sending my sincere condolences to the entire McGivern family.*
Ken O'Neil



Ken O'Neil - June 01, 2022 at 09:37 AM

MP

“ *Mitzi Pearson lit a candle in memory of Rita McGivern*



Mitzi Pearson - June 01, 2022 at 09:17 AM

JA

“ *Don & Barb*

*My condolences to you
And to the whole family
Rita was a wonderful person..always had a smile and a laugh when
I knew her
She will be missed*

Jeannie Crundwell Amos

Jeannie Crundwell Amos - June 01, 2022 at 09:13 AM

MH

*My condolences to the family!
This kind hearted lady will truly be missed! Alway ready to leaned a
hand, but also tell you what's on her mind! I loved and respected Rita,
and loved working with her! She touched so many hearts❤️*

MariLynn Harris - June 01, 2022 at 10:07 AM

GM

“ *George And Betty McGaffey lit a candle in
memory of Rita McGivern*



George and Betty McGaffey - June 01, 2022 at 08:52 AM

TF

“ *So very sorry to hear of Rita's passing*



Theresa Freeburn - June 01, 2022 at 08:03 AM

TF

“ So very sorry to hear about Rita, she will be missed by many, hugs to her family ❤️



Theresa Freeburn - June 01, 2022 at 07:55 AM

SD

“ I am so sorry to hear of Rita's passing. My deepest sympathy to all her family.

Sherry Darling - June 01, 2022 at 07:20 AM



“ McGivern and Myers families sorry to hear about Rita. Rita and I were room mates when in nursing school, Many memories, laughter and fun times. Happy to call her my friend. may she RIP. Prayers being sent your way. 🙏❤️🌸🐾

Margaret Aarssen - June 01, 2022 at 07:15 AM

DM

“ I worked with Rita years ago at SDH. May she RIP. Condolences to the family.

Diane Morrison - June 01, 2022 at 06:47 AM

LP

“ Lauren Pettinger lit a candle in memory of Rita McGivern



Lauren Pettinger - June 01, 2022 at 06:18 AM

DA

“ *Our sincere condolences to all the family. You are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.*



Dennis and Anmarie Alexander - June 01, 2022 at 05:47 AM

MB

“ *Myrna Blake lit a candle in memory of Rita McGivern*



Myrna Blake - June 01, 2022 at 05:41 AM

TM

“ *Tammy McGivern lit a candle in memory of Rita McGivern*



Tammy McGivern - June 01, 2022 at 04:54 AM

JF

“ *Very sorry to the family for your loss.*



Jeff and Steph Fox - June 01, 2022 at 12:45 AM

LP

“ *Condolences to family and friends
RIP Special lady*



Lola Pamer - June 01, 2022 at 12:30 AM

MB

“ *Marcel & Christine Birch. lit a candle in
memory of Rita McGivern*



Marcel & Christine Birch. - May 31, 2022 at 11:29 PM

RY

“ *Rose Yazbeck lit a candle in memory of Rita
McGivern*



Rose Yazbeck - May 31, 2022 at 11:10 PM



“ Rita...Missing you. I am going to miss your Smile, laughter, your firecraker energy you brought to all of us..You will always be remembered and in our hearts ♡♡ .
Sending my thoughts and prayers to the McGivern Family. I hope you find peace and comfort during this time. Please accept my sincere condolences.
Lisa Parker ~WBURG XRAY!



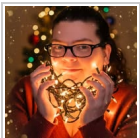
Lisa Parker - Wallaceburg Xray Family - May 31, 2022 at 10:47 PM



“ lit a candle in memory of Rita McGivern



May 31, 2022 at 10:33 PM



“ Jennifer Mallen-henderson sent a virtual gift in memory of Rita McGivern



Jennifer Mallen-henderson - May 31, 2022 at 10:25 PM

MG

“ *Condolences to her Family & friends!!
Sorry for your loss Ian & family!*

From Melissa & Shannon Goetz



Melissa Goetz - May 31, 2022 at 10:08 PM

EJ

“ *Eric & Sandra Johnston lit a candle in
memory of Rita McGivern*



Eric & Sandra Johnston - May 31, 2022 at 09:48 PM

KV

“ *So sorry to hear of Rita's passing..I was one of her
coworkers/friends had at our SDH. I have known her since I was a
youngling just starting my career. Rita was always there to lead a
helping hand. May she rest in peace.*

Karrie VanCaille - May 31, 2022 at 09:47 PM

TD

“ *It was such a pleasure to work with Rita over the years. I have so
many good memories from not only work but the many shopping
trips to the USA as well as visits to her place or out to our dock!!
She had a heart of gold and will be greatly missed. Rest easy my
friend!!! ❤️ Tammy Dobbelaar*

Tammy Dobbelaar - May 31, 2022 at 09:34 PM

MS

“ Rita I have enjoyed the journey through life with you at SDH & outside of it. You are so loved by so many especially your beautiful family. Our thoughts, prayers, hugs & love go to Jason & Sadia, Sean & Janet, Ian & your fur baby Sarah. Your mom was so proud of all of you & loved you more than words can say. ❤️🙏



Marjory & Rick Smith - May 31, 2022 at 09:30 PM

NA

“ Our wonderful neighbour... too many fun times and adventures to mention. Rita will struggle no more with pain and oxygen. Rest In Peace our dear friend and now reunited with Mike. Love, John and Nancy.

Nancy - May 31, 2022 at 09:05 PM

JN

“ Your mother was a wonderful woman and I feel blessed to have known her. She worked with my mom at SDH and she was truly a cherished friend to my mom. I am certain you have wonderful memories that will help comfort you during this time
Rest peacefully Rita

Jennifer Nutt - May 31, 2022 at 09:00 PM

KS

“ Kim Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Rita McGivern



Kim Smith - May 31, 2022 at 08:48 PM

GF

“ *Gerry Flynn lit a candle in memory of Rita McGivern*



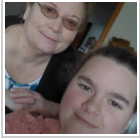
Gerry Flynn - May 31, 2022 at 08:40 PM

MC

“ *Mary Caron lit a candle in memory of Rita McGivern*



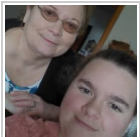
Mary Caron - May 31, 2022 at 08:19 PM



“ *Bonnie Mallen sent a virtual gift in memory of Rita McGivern*



Bonnie Mallen - May 31, 2022 at 08:12 PM



“ *i WILL MISS YOUR MOTHER MORE THAN WORDS CAN SAY We. WERE EACH OTHER SIDE KICKS AND ENJOYED BEING AND DOING THINGS TOGETHER,My beer buddy has gone to the Good place and one day we will meet again. I will always think of her.My Love yo the family..Rest in peace my dear friend*

Bonnie Mallen - May 31, 2022 at 08:10 PM

NM

“ Our thoughts are with you, Sean, Janet, and family at this sad time. Your mother sounded like a kind, hard working lady. These characteristics were clearly passed on to her children.

-Nathan & Amanda McKinlay

Nathan & Amanda McKinlay - May 31, 2022 at 07:55 PM

ST

“ Jason, Sean, Ian
I am so glad i was able to have a short little visit with her last summer. She was always so happy and bubbly. Keep those memories close in your heart forever.

Sincerely,

Sally & Lloyd Thompson (Seney)

Sally Thompson - May 31, 2022 at 07:30 PM

JT

“ Jack And Kim Thomaes lit a candle in memory of Rita McGivern



Jack and Kim Thomaes - May 31, 2022 at 07:23 PM

JM

“ Jane McGill lit a candle in memory of Rita McGivern



Jane McGill - May 31, 2022 at 07:23 PM