



Rita O'Neil

June 17, 2017

Rita Annette O'Neil, a resident of Wallaceburg, died suddenly at the Victoria Hospital in London on Saturday, June 17, 2017 at the age of 85. Rita is the daughter of the late Paul & Yvonne Rose (Emery) Archambault. Predeceased by her beloved husband Donald Ignatius O'Neil in 2002. Loving mother of Colleen Keane (Gary), Kathy O'Neil (Andy Lehman), Maureen Walker (Ken), Sharron Murphy (Greg), Denise Cross (Mike), Brian O'Neil, Pat O'Neil (Penny), Dennis O'Neil (Katie), Allan O'Neil (Barb), Carolyn Nogueira (Dusty), Peggy Lee (George) and Ann Gascon (Leo). Dear grandmother of 32 grandchildren and 33 great grandchildren. Sister of Carol Beyer of Florida, Paul Archambault of Warren Michigan, Larry of Tennessee, Ron of Huntington Woods, Michigan, Fr. Don of Detroit and the late Mary Jeanne Berry of Onsted, Michigan. Rita was a dedicated and faithful servant first to her family and also to her friends, and community. She was an active member of Our Lady Help of Christians Parish for over 60 years serving the Catholic Women's League, Parish Council, Liturgy Planning Committee, Weekly Prayer Group and Eucharistic Ministry. Rita also crafted Liturgical Décor for the church and sanctuary for many years. Her service also included presidency of the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary, Meals on Wheels and many other community initiatives. Random acts of kindness punctuated each and every day of her life. Rita loved her family, her parish, gatherings of all shapes and sizes, her gardens and a good game of cards. We love you and will miss you. The family will receive relatives and friends at the HAYCOCK-CAVANAGH

FUNERAL HOME, 409 Nelson Street in Wallaceburg from 2-4 & 7-9 PM on Tuesday. The Funeral Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at Our Lady Help of Christians Church on Wednesday, June 21 at 11 AM with visiting at the church in the hour prior. Interment to follow at Riverview Cemetery. If desired, remembrances to Covenant House or Our Lady Help of Christians Church may be left at the funeral home. 519.627.3231. Online tributes may be left at www.CavanaghFuneralHome.ca

Tribute Wall



“ Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rita O'Neil



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - June 21, 2017 at 11:16 AM



“ Rita O'Neil

January 29, 2023 at 11:37 PM



“ Jacek lit a candle in memory of Rita O'Neil



Jacek - January 24, 2020 at 11:58 AM



“ Wayne Authier lit a candle in memory of Rita O'Neil



Wayne Authier - June 22, 2017 at 10:01 PM

CV

“ *Cathy VanDeVelde lit a candle in memory of Rita O'Neil*



Cathy VanDeVelde - June 21, 2017 at 04:38 PM

CV

Denise and family. So very sorry for your loss. You are in our prayers.

Cathy VanDeVelde - June 21, 2017 at 04:39 PM

HAYCOCK
CAVANAGH
FUNERAL HOME

“ 112 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - June 21, 2017 at 10:14 AM

LB

“ *Lyne & Bill lit a candle in memory of Rita O'Neil*



Lyne & Bill - June 21, 2017 at 08:37 AM

LP

Bill Norman & Lyne Poulin send their condolences

Lyne Poulin - June 21, 2017 at 08:39 AM

DB

“*My wife, Carol Beyer, has a favorite coffee cup. It reads MY SISTER HAS A GREAT SISTER. And it is true. Her sister RITA has a great sister. In fact both sisters are kind, sensitive, generous, loving, beautiful, giving, caring and deeply religious and above all family entwined. They both love to cook, bake and share a table, they both know no strangers and welcome all. They love a good fight and they love to win, at cards, at spats, and at love. I fell in love with and married one of them but didn't realize until now that I really loved them both and they me. I thank God for their French zest and their love of each other, and a hole has just been created that will never be replaced, only remembered. I realize that all of the Archambaults truly know the meaning of family. I also realize that I was fortunate to know Rita and know she took care of her own to the nth degree, no matter the cost or the pain. She knew her God, trusted him, believed in him,, and now is with Him. She was an inspiration, and I really know Carol and I will miss her. And if she was alive now she would give me a piece of her mind for saying all this, but I am a strong willed German, as well. And I like to win, too.. Rest well RITA. WE WILL BE SPATTING AGAIN, SOON. DR. DON BEYER*



Oh, by the way, did I mention opinionated.

Dr Don Beyer - June 21, 2017 at 06:11 AM

DB

“ *Dr Don Beyer lit a candle in memory of Rita O'Neil*



Dr Don Beyer - June 20, 2017 at 10:52 PM

JC

“ *Our loss is Heavens gain. Enjoy your well deserved Crown of Glory Rita.*



Janice Conway - June 20, 2017 at 09:28 PM

JM

“ *Jane McGill lit a candle in memory of Rita O'Neil*



Jane McGill - June 20, 2017 at 07:14 PM

BO

“ *Beth O'Flynn lit a candle in memory of Rita O'Neil*



Beth O'Flynn - June 20, 2017 at 06:34 PM

RS

“ Rick And Connie Sharrow lit a candle in memory of Rita O'Neil



Rick and Connie Sharrow - June 20, 2017 at 06:30 PM

CC

“ Carolyn and Denise and family. Scott and I would like to send our condolences. Our prayers are with you.
Scott&Cindy



Cindy Coll - June 20, 2017 at 06:29 PM

PM

“ Patrick & Rida Mcgee lit a candle in memory of Rita O'Neil



Patrick & Rida Mcgee - June 20, 2017 at 05:46 PM

PA

My condolences to the family

Patrick - June 20, 2017 at 05:48 PM

JO

“ *Jim O'neil lit a candle in memory of Rita O'Neil*



jim O'neil - June 20, 2017 at 03:30 PM

LF

“ *Ann and L do so sorry for your loss.*

Lorna Foster



Lorna Foster - June 20, 2017 at 03:08 PM

 Cindy Baxter

“ *Cindy Baxter lit a candle in memory of Rita O'Neil*



Cindy Baxter - June 20, 2017 at 02:46 PM

KK

“ *Carolyn and family. I am truly sorry to hear about the passing of your mom. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.*
Karen Kennedy

Karen Kennedy - June 20, 2017 at 12:25 PM

TW

“ *Tricia Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Rita O'Neil*



Tricia Wilkerson - June 20, 2017 at 12:09 PM

JH

“ *Joanne(Atkins) Houle lit a candle in memory of Rita O'Neil*



Joanne(Atkins) Houle - June 20, 2017 at 11:25 AM

PF

“ *Aunt Rita was a truly beautiful person and I have many fond memories of time spent with her. Whether it was playing cards or telling jokes or hanging out at family reunions, she brought people together and had a way of making them feel at home and special. I will miss her but know that she is reunited with Uncle Don in heaven. They may even be happily bickering right now as I write this. I offer my sincere condolences to the family, know that you will be in our prayers. Pete Frassrand, with Karina, Lucas and Kaija*

Pete Frassrand - June 20, 2017 at 11:08 AM

RG

“ *Rejean And Lisa Gascon lit a candle in memory of Rita O'Neil*



Rejean and Lisa Gascon - June 20, 2017 at 10:42 AM

MB

“ *Mike And Deb Bradie lit a candle in memory of Rita O'Neil*



Mike and Deb Bradie - June 20, 2017 at 09:29 AM

LV

“ *So sorry for your loss. Ryan and Lyndsay Vink*



lyndsay vink - June 20, 2017 at 08:50 AM

MB

“ *Marlene Bushey lit a candle in memory of Rita O'Neil*



Marlene Bushey - June 20, 2017 at 08:25 AM

"S

“ So sorry for your loss. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Brenda and Steve



"Brenda & Steve" - June 20, 2017 at 08:16 AM

PC

“ Carolyn and family, you are in my thoughts and prayers. I am so sorry for your loss.
Peggy Coppola

Peggy Coppola - June 20, 2017 at 07:14 AM

TK

“ Tom & Daryl Kinley



Tom and Daryl Kinley - June 20, 2017 at 05:10 AM

SB

“ Rita was always the kindest soul, constants giving a hand up when she saw a hand out. God Bless and keep her in his loving arms.
Rest In Peace RITA. Steve & Michele Brent

steve Brent - June 20, 2017 at 12:27 AM

JC

“ *Condolence to Colleen and Family,*

*Sorry to heas passing away of your mom and mother-in-law and
grandma. Know she is in better place.*

*Peace and Prayer
Jackie*

Jackie choudhry - June 19, 2017 at 09:34 PM

JB

“ *Judy Beresford lit a candle in memory of Rita
O'Neil*



Judy Beresford - June 19, 2017 at 09:23 PM


Anthony
Smith

“ *Anthony Smith lit a candle in memory of Rita
O'Neil*



Anthony Smith - June 19, 2017 at 08:56 PM

KS

“ *Kim Smith lit a candle in memory of Rita
O'Neil*



Kim Smith - June 19, 2017 at 08:48 PM

DD

“ *Dean & Karen Desangher lit a candle in memory of Rita O'Neil*



Dean & Karen Desangher - June 19, 2017 at 08:32 PM

RY

“ *Rose-Marie Yazbeck lit a candle in memory of Rita O'Neil*



Rose-Marie Yazbeck - June 19, 2017 at 08:25 PM

AG

“ *What an Honour, Privilege, and Pleasure it has been to call you Mom. You are the best Mom anyone could ever have hoped for. I will miss our many phone calls, chats, and catching up with each other on every little thing. You were my Mom, but also my friend, confidante, and guide. My world will be forever changed without you, but has also been forever brightened because of you. I will miss you dearly like everyone, but I am more than confident that you are already experiencing the abundant joy that you so selflessly gave to so many. Rest in Peace Mom. I Love You. Ann*



Ann Gascon - June 19, 2017 at 07:46 PM

GB

There are times when the right words just don't exist..when feelings are too deep to be expressed. Hope this will comfort you, knowing that we think of you and your family at this sad time of your life. May the good memories with your mom will help you heal with time.

Our sincere sympathie... Gemma and Yollande

Gemma Bolduc - June 20, 2017 at 11:09 AM

GB

Ann and Leo (family)

There are times when the right words just don't exist... when feelings are too deep to be expressed. You have been blessed having your mom for such a long time of your life. May the good memories you had with her will help you heal with time.

Our prayers are with you and your family.

Sincere SympathieGemma and Yollande.

Gemma Bolduc - June 20, 2017 at 11:26 AM

LC

“ *Larry & Lisa Campbell lit a candle in memory of Rita O'Neil*



Larry & Lisa Campbell - June 19, 2017 at 07:38 PM

LA

Colleen & Gary,

So sorry for your loss. You and your family are in thoughts and prayers. Hugs. xoxo

Larry - June 19, 2017 at 07:39 PM

AG

“ 4 files added to the album Rita & Don . . . Together again



Ann Gascon - June 19, 2017 at 07:31 PM

AG

“ 1 file added to the album Rita & Don . . . Together again



Ann Gascon - June 19, 2017 at 07:29 PM


Jocelyn
Lloyd

“ *Jocelyn Lloyd lit a candle in memory of Rita O'Neil*



Jocelyn Lloyd - June 19, 2017 at 07:20 PM

BS

“ *Thinking of you Ann & Leo and family
Hugs and prayers.... Bernadette and Daniel*

Bernadette Slogan - June 19, 2017 at 07:16 PM



“ Jackie Choudhry lit a candle in memory of Rita O'Neil



Jackie Choudhry - June 19, 2017 at 07:03 PM



“ Marie Beresford lit a candle in memory of Rita O'Neil



Marie Beresford - June 19, 2017 at 06:57 PM



Sorry for your loss. I am keeping your whole family in my thoughts.

Marie Beresford - June 19, 2017 at 06:58 PM

JM

“ To RITA's Beloved Children and their Families,
Ed & I send our heartfelt sympathy and Love.
This news came as a shock to us; but Heaven
was in charge not us.



I always told Rita that she was the BEST
LOOKING SENIOR in Holy Redeemer Parish
Cluster. That always brought a laugh from her, no matter how many
times I said it, or rephrased it. Your mom was a real trooper. I
remember at Steubenville and all the walking, some times going up
& down inclines but she would make the effort.

The RCIA Team will always be grateful for the care she took in
getting the right materials to sew the stoles for the People being
received into the Catholic Church. She forever decorated, with help,
OLHC Church, making banners and just finishing everything with
that artistic eye of hers. She will definitely be missed, her smile, her
generosity, her listening ear, and her faithfulness to God and her
Church. How she managed that group of different personalities in
her children, most of whom we taught. I remember marvelling over
the info when Maureen (in Gr. 8 at St. Thomas) told me how many
were in the family.

God bless all of you who gave such love and care to her. May her
example of faithful Catholic living be yours to imitate.

With Sympathy, Love & Prayers,
Ed & Janet McCarron

Janet & Ed McCarron - June 19, 2017 at 06:19 PM

CM

“ Pat, and family. We are saddened to learn of the sudden loss of your mother. There is strength in numbers, and at this time you all need to lean on one another. Our most sincere sympathy as you go through this very trying time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Cori and Rod McTaggart



Cori McTaggart - June 19, 2017 at 04:33 PM

CK

“ Ann and family, so sorry for your loss, you are in my thoughts and prayers
Colleen Kehoe

colleen kehoe - June 19, 2017 at 03:00 PM

JG

“ Janice & John Gonyou lit a candle in memory of Rita O'Neil



Janice & John Gonyou - June 19, 2017 at 01:08 PM

DC

“ I will really miss my monthly visits with Rita, I may have made her feet feel good but she always made my heart feel good and she grew better orchids then I could ! My warmest condolences to all of Rits'S family I know there will be a big space in All your hearts, she was an amazing lady and I will miss her very much.
Denise Childs



Denise Childs - June 19, 2017 at 01:01 PM

GM

“ George And Betty McGaffey lit a candle in memory of Rita O'Neil



George and Betty McGaffey - June 19, 2017 at 01:00 PM

MA

“ Dennis and Family

Our Deepest Condolences to all of you on the passing of your Mom.

Mike Alcock and the Huron County Road Supervisors.

Mike Alcock - June 19, 2017 at 12:56 PM

CH

“ Chris Heath lit a candle in memory of Rita O'Neil



Chris Heath - June 19, 2017 at 12:33 PM

RD

“ Rita was a dear friend to many people. My mother Julia will miss her dearly! I had a great visit with Rita last Thursday at Noon. I told her how great she looked and all that energy.... She said " well Thank you Randy.... You just made my day!" I will truly miss her rhubarb cake! GOD will have a special place saved for Rita.. she was a good and faithful servant!

Randy Van Dorsseleer - June 19, 2017 at 12:21 PM

ML

“ Mel Lauwereys sent a virtual gift in memory of Rita O'Neil



Mel Lauwereys - June 19, 2017 at 11:26 AM

DN

“ 1 file added to the album Rita's Family



Dusty Nogueira - June 19, 2017 at 11:05 AM

JN

“ *Julie Nemeth lit a candle in memory of Rita O'Neil*



Julie Nemeth - June 19, 2017 at 10:33 AM

JT

“ *Joni Trembley lit a candle in memory of Rita O'Neil*



Joni Trembley - June 19, 2017 at 10:22 AM

MR

“ *Marylou Racz lit a candle in memory of Rita O'Neil*



Marylou Racz - June 19, 2017 at 10:01 AM

KL

“ *Dennis and family, my sincere condolences on the passing of your mom...what a wonderful lady she was serving both her community and family.*



Ken Lauppe

Ken Lauppe - June 19, 2017 at 09:42 AM

MR

“ Mike & Judy Regan lit a candle in memory of Rita O'Neil



Mike & Judy Regan - June 19, 2017 at 09:26 AM

BS

“ Our heartfelt condolences to all the Family. You are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.



Brian and Elaine Shaw - June 19, 2017 at 09:08 AM

BL

“ Bun and I send our sympathy to all of the O'Neil family. Rita and Don were good friends of ours. When visiting at her home there was always a wonderful aroma of freshly baked goodies or multiple jars of canning were in the making etc. Every day I think of Rita as I glance at a beautiful tray she made in decoupage which I have displayed in our home. It was a privilege to have taught many of her children who were always good workers and well behaved. Her loss is ours but heavens eternal gain. Rest in peace, Rita!!
Friends,
Bun and Rose Marie Lozon



Bernard and Rosemarie Lozon - June 19, 2017 at 09:03 AM

JE

“ Jean And Dave Elliott lit a candle in memory of Rita O'Neil



Jean and Dave Elliott - June 19, 2017 at 08:59 AM

DK

“ Denise, Mike and the kids. My heartfelt sympathy on the loss of your mom, and grandmother. And to the rest of the O'Neil family. Thoughts and prayers are will all of you at this sad time.

Sincerely,

The Kellett's

Denise, Jan, Curtis and Kevin



Denise Kellett - June 19, 2017 at 08:46 AM

EO

“ Sad to hear of your mom's sudden passing! Our thoughts and prayers go out to the O'Neil family. Rita was always so friendly and cheerful. She was a pillar at Our Lady of Help Church for years. Rita's many talents were always evident in the banners and decor she had made for our church. Her earthly works came to an end. She will now reap her eternal reward and be reunited with the loved ones who went ahead of her.

Ed & Odra Riedl



Ed & Odra - June 19, 2017 at 08:42 AM

AT

“ Heart filled thoughts and prayers to all of the
O'Neil family
Peace be with you



Anita Thomas - June 19, 2017 at 08:39 AM

SC

“ Sherry & Dave Crowe lit a candle in memory
of Rita O'Neil



Sherry & Dave Crowe - June 19, 2017 at 08:24 AM

MA

“ Prayers and thoughts with all of you. Heaven
just got a special lady.

MARG AARSSSEN



MARG AARSSSEN - June 19, 2017 at 08:17 AM

TF

“ Theresa Freeburn sent a virtual gift in memory
of Rita O'Neil



Theresa Freeburn - June 19, 2017 at 07:52 AM

PB

“ *Pat Baker lit a candle in memory of Rita O'Neil*



Pat Baker - June 19, 2017 at 07:18 AM

BC

“ *Bill And Kate Van Campen lit a candle in memory of Rita O'Neil*



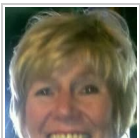
Bill and Kate Van Campen - June 19, 2017 at 07:07 AM

LR

“ *Linda and Don Richardson lit a candle in memory of Rita O'Neil*



Linda and Don Richardson - June 19, 2017 at 06:38 AM



“ *Beth Myers lit a candle in memory of Rita O'Neil*



Beth Myers - June 19, 2017 at 06:22 AM

DM

“ *What a pleasure it was when Rita was in town to Ann and Leo's and we visited with her. Her delightful stories, her laugh, her recipes, her amazing legacy of children, her basic love of life drew people towards her. She was a Mother who was gifted with wisdom and devotion. She now receives her gift.....*

Dan and B Martin - June 19, 2017 at 06:12 AM



“ *Lola Pamer lit a candle in memory of Rita O'Neil*



Lola Pamer - June 19, 2017 at 06:03 AM

CF

“ *Clarence & Cindy Feddes lit a candle in memory of Rita O'Neil*



Clarence & Cindy Feddes - June 19, 2017 at 04:22 AM

CR

“ *Colleen and Gary, Dan and Lisa, and the families. Our thought and prayers are with you all at this sad time. Love Always, Chyrl and Ted Roelans*



chyrl Roelans - June 18, 2017 at 11:22 PM

CH

“ Wallaceburg and area have lost a wonderful woman. Anyone who met Rita even once knew what a generous, kind, and talented woman she was. I second everything Jayne said in her tribute below. I have many recipes in my recipe box that are in Mom's writing but say 'from Rita' on them. I never make Mars Bar Squares without thinking of Rita. I will cherish these recipes even more now. I remember spending many memorable times at the O'Neils as a kid and also remember how wonderful Rita and all the family were when we lost Mom and Dad. I send my heartfelt condolences to all the extended O'Neil clan. My thoughts will be with you on Wednesday.

Cathy Hazzard

Cathy Hazzard - June 18, 2017 at 10:23 PM

J"

“ Jacquie And Jerry Soulliere " lit a candle in memory of Rita O'Neil



Jacquie and Jerry Soulliere " - June 18, 2017 at 10:21 PM

J"

Anne, we were so sad to hear of the loss of your dear mother. We will keep you, Leo, Yvonne , Noah and all of your family in our prayers. Holding all of you in our heart.

Jacquie and Jerry Soulliere " - June 18, 2017 at 10:25 PM

JW

“ So very sorry to hear about Aunt Rita. Thinking of all of you. Janice, Tim and Kate. xo

Janice (O'Neil) Wolsey - June 18, 2017 at 09:23 PM

AH

“ So very sorry to hear this sad news. Rita was a dear friend to our parents and a kind lady. My condolences to all of her family.



Anne Hazzard - June 18, 2017 at 09:06 PM

CR

“ Chris & Pat Reedy lit a candle in memory of Rita O'Neil



Chris & Pat Reedy - June 18, 2017 at 09:02 PM

GF

“ Gerry And Lu Flynn lit a candle in memory of Rita O'Neil



Gerry and Lu Flynn - June 18, 2017 at 08:25 PM

SG

“ Shirley O'neil- Gilliland & Doug send our condolences to Aunt Rita's family and a candle lite. Fondest memories.



SHIRLEY ONEIL- GILLILAND. - June 18, 2017 at 08:16 PM

JK

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Jim and Marion Kerwin

Jim and Marion Kerwin - June 18, 2017 at 07:40 PM

LB

“ Larry Brooks lit a candle in memory of Rita O'Neil



Larry Brooks - June 18, 2017 at 07:03 PM

J(

“ I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of such a wonderful woman, loving mother and grandmother, wife and friend to many. Rita was one of the kindest women I know, I remember with much happiness the hours my family spent with her family when I was a child and teenager. The O'Neill mobile with all the Hazzard's and O'Neill's pouring out of it at the beach one year, we astonished all the other beachgoers as 20 of us piled out of that vehicle with tubes, picnic baskets, towels. I know that there was a great reunion in heaven yesterday when she reunited with Don and my parents, who were the best of friends for 50 years. She will be truly missed. My thoughts go out to her family, I wish I wasn't so far away but I will be with you in spirit on Wednesday.

Jayne Schafer (nee Hazzard)

Jayne Schafer (Hazzard) - June 18, 2017 at 05:18 PM

RM

“ *Rob McGee Mary McGee lit a candle in
memory of Rita O'Neil*



Rob McGee Mary McGee - June 18, 2017 at 04:26 PM