



## Rita (Pecord) Longenecker

October 28, 1926 - January 3, 2021

Rita (Pecord) Longenecker passed away with family by her side on January 3, 2021 at Otterbein Sunset House in Toledo, Ohio. Rita was born on October 28, 1926 to Oliver and Mary (Missler) Pecord in Toledo, Ohio.

From ages one to eleven years she lived in Sandusky, Ohio before moving back to Toledo to finish grade school and graduate from Central Catholic High School in 1944. After high school, Rita began nurses training at the St. Vincent's School of Nursing where her mother, Mary Missler, had graduated in 1925. She was sponsored by the US government as a Cadet nurse to prepare for becoming an RN in the armed forces during WWII, but the war had ended before her graduation on May 10, 1947. After graduation, Rita worked in the hospital's nursery until beginning her own family.

While in nurses training, she met her husband, Clinton R. Longenecker, Jr. through her father-in-law. Their first date was going dancing at a large popular 1940s dance hall with live bands and their love of dancing continued throughout their marriage. They were married on October 30, 1948 in the Rosary Cathedral chapel by Rita's uncle the Rev. Otmar Missler CPPS. In the 1960's, Rita returned to her nursing career doing private duty and then, in the early 1970's, worked again at St. Vincent's on a medical surgical unit. For twelve years ('77-'89), she worked at St. Charles Hospital and retired after 45 years in nursing in 1995 from the former Toledo Mental Health Hospital after working six years there. Following retirement, Rita and her husband, Clint, co-chaired the Blessed Sacrament Church Red Cross blood drives for seven and a half years and she also served as the parish nurse there for many years.

Rita volunteered at the St. Vincent's Medical Center beginning in 1990 and for ten years, starting in 2000, in the St. Anne's Hospital emergency room. She was a member of the St. Vincent's Alumni Association and a past vice-president of the Blessed Sacrament Seniors Association and the Salesian Club. Rita and Clint loved traveling throughout all 50 USA states and Europe. They enjoyed thirty happy years at their summer cottage near Reading, MI with their children and grandchildren.

Rita is survived by her four children, Marsha (Warren) Hunt, Dr. Clinton (Cindra) Longenecker, Dr. Paul (Susan) Longenecker and Richard (Deborah) Longenecker; as well as ten grandchildren, Neil, Ellen, Christopher (Katie), Adam, Laura, Clinton, Shannon (Nathan), Stephen (Gabby), Kayla and Jack; and three great-grandchildren, Katelynn, Christopher, and Oliver. Rita was preceded in death by her loving husband of 69 years, Clint, and daughter, Yvonne.

There will be no visitation. A memorial mass & graveside service will be held for immediate family. Donations can be made in Rita's name to Central Catholic High School and will be appreciated.

To view the video of Rita's Graveside Service, please click here(<https://vimeo.com/501874156/b064a1ff30>>).

# Comments

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“ Clint and family,

Very sorry for your loss. I will keep you and your family are in my prayers.

Pat Tuttle

Pat Tuttle - January 15, 2021 at 06:44 PM

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“ To the Longenecker Family,

I was saddened to hear about the loss of your Mom, Grandmother and Great Grandmother today. She has been a blessing to know. She certainly loved her family and was proud of all of you! I will miss her and already miss her. I haven't seen her since the early part of 2020.

We will be praying that each of you will receive the comfort, strength and peace that only the Lord can provide as you progress through this difficult season.

Marsha, thank you so much for taking the time to call today to let me know.

With warm and caring thoughts,

Ruth & Denis Nietz

Ruth Nietz - January 13, 2021 at 11:06 PM

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“ Our deepest sympathies to Rick, Jack, and the Longenecker Family. Rita and the family will be in our thoughts as her life is celebrated.

- The Brothers of Kappa Delta Rho

Nick Lombardi - January 11, 2021 at 01:09 PM

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“ Dear Clint and family,

So very sorry to read of your loss. We'll be praying for all of you as you celebrate her life.

Mark and Eileen Schreiner

Mark Schreiner - January 10, 2021 at 04:28 PM

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“ Clint so sorry for your loss. You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.  
Karen(Katafias)Stewart.

**Karen Stewart** - January 10, 2021 at 09:43 AM

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“ Our deepest sympathy and prayers to Rick, Clint and the entire Longenecker family.  
May Rita Rest In Peace in God's loving arms. Tom & Tammy Noe

**Tom Noe** - January 10, 2021 at 08:15 AM